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5) Will report outstanding investigation from auxiliary offices as received.

6) Will consult with Departmental Attorney JOSEPH TAFE re the possibilities of presenting this case to a Federal Grand Jury.

INFORMANTS:

On 6/6/69 NO 1796-C-TE advised that RICHARD HEDD advised him that he had seen ELDON LEGAN and JIMMY JAMES together in Biloxi, Miss., two or three days after JUNIOR PROVENZANO had been picked up by an unknown person at the Malibu Lounge.

On 6/13/69 NO 1774-C advised that there have been a number of rumors circulating on the West Bank concerning the swindle of CLYDE BOURGEOIS. One rumor indicates that JOHNNY MACK PATTERSON had something to do with the swindle; however, source does not believe he is intelligent enough to have been involved. Another rumor is that JOE MARCELLO picked up JUNIOR PROVENZANO at the Malibu Lounge several weeks ago. Source stated that there was no apparent confirmation for this information as far as he could determine.

On 6/13/69 NO 1796-C-TE advised that he was unable to recognize either composite photograph of the two Unsubs. He stated that JUNIOR PROVENZANO had told him that he (PROVENZANO) had been in Chicago to buy a horse during the first part of that week.

On 6/23/69 NO 1796-C-TE made available JUNIOR PROVENZANO's personal pistol, which is a .38 caliber Rohm revolver with a blue finish. He advised that after the alleged shooting on 6/19/69, JUNIOR became worried and gave the pistol to JOE ODDO, who then placed it in source's automobile. Source advised he was planning to return the

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pistol on 6/23/69. The serial number is 156262. Source advised that to his knowledge, the weapon is the only one that PROVENZANO owns. He has heard that PROVENZANO bought the weapon from JERRY SAN FELIPO.

Source advised that the man who runs the Tropical Trailer Court on Chef Menteur Hwy., two blocks towards New Orleans from the Interstate 10 interchange, is a friend of JUNIOR PROVENZANO and a very close friend of NELLO PACINI. The owner's wife was said to have personal contacts with the Louisiana Governor. PACINI advised source that she obtained PACINI's citizenship papers for him through her contacts. A number of people from the "Gold Medal Shows" carnival live at that trailer court on various occasions.

Source advised that on 6/20/69 he was in Biloxi, Miss., and it was reported that someone shot up JIMMY JAMES' home. Source was unable to obtain any info re the incident, but he feels there is the possibility that it may have been a result of the swindle JAMES was allegedly involved in at Vidalia, La.

RAY COCKFIELD is an employee of the Bank of the South in Gretna, La., where JUNIOR PROVENZANO does all of his banking. COCKFIELD gets a kickback on cars sold by Jefferson Auto Sales, and their subsequent financing through that bank. JUNIOR co-signs all loans on the Jefferson Auto Sales. PROVENZANO told source that the bank has a \$100,000 life insurance policy on JUNIOR PROVENZANO, and the bank pays the premiums.

Four or five months ago, PROVENZANO told source that he was signed for approximately \$125,000 worth of notes from Bank of the South. Source advised that he bought a green and white Cadillac from JUNIOR, and he paid \$4,500. A cash payment of \$1,200 was made to JUNIOR PROVENZANO, and \$3,400 was financed through the

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Bank of the South. Source made \$150-a-month payments for seven months for a total of \$1,050. When the car was sold to JOHNNY MACK PATTERSON, source went to the bank to pay off his loan and found that he still owed either \$4,200 or \$4,400. Source believes that the president of the bank has knowledge of these activities.

Source advised that ELDON LEGAN is in Danfield, Va., with a carnival, Gold Medal Shows.

Source advised that CONRAD SALUTO has a trailer on Avenue B, Marrero, around the 1600 block. He advised that to find the trailer, go away from New Orleans on the Westbank Expressway and turn left on Avenue B. The trailer is on the left hand side of the street and has a carport with a For Sale sign displayed. Source has heard that SALUTO has stolen property stored at that location; however, source believes that the goods were stolen locally. He has no info re specific items stored there.

On 6/27/69 NO 1796-C-TE advised that since the alleged shooting incident between JUNIOR PROVENZANO and CLYDE BOURGEOIS, he has talked with JOE ODDO several times while ODDO was extremely intoxicated, and at no time has ODDO indicated that any shooting actually took place. Source believes that ODDO would have let it slip had there been any truth to the shooting allegation. Based on this information, source does not believe a shooting took place.

On 6/18/69 NO 1283-PC advised that he is familiar with JIMMY CHEHARDY, whom he regards as a con man, promoter, and pimp, who recently skipped town after selling his bar, Jimmy & Deb's, to an individual who works at Holmes. He stated that CHEHARDY owes BILL CHRISTMAS, manager for BOB NIMS' Lucky Coin Amusement Co., about \$20,000, which the latter had invested in the bar for CHEHARDY. PC advised that he has known JUNIOR PROVENZANO for several years and has heard that PROVENZANO and LEGAN are involved in the

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swindle with JIMMY JAMES. He stated that he has heard who it was that stabbed LEGAN, but he wants to verify this information before furnishing the name of the individual. He stated that the situation which has evolved on the West Bank as a result of the swindle has caused CARLOS MARCELLO a lot of undue "heat," which is unjustified because MARCELLO has nothing to do with PROVENZANO.

On 6/17/69 NO 1793-PC advised that he had observed VINCENT MARCELLO enter Jefferson Auto Sales in Marrero, where apparently a meeting was taking place between MARCELLO, JUNIOR PROVENZANO, NUNZIO PROVENZANO, and most of the bar owners recently affected by the pressure being brought by the local authorities in the Marrero area such as JOE ODDO, RAYMOND FABRE, and others. He recognized ODDO and FABRE at the meeting. He stated he sat across the street in front of the location for about an hour, but did not enter the meeting himself.

On 7/11/69 NO 1796-C-TE advised that the latest information he had was that SIDNEY KERN is living in an apartment located adjacent to a motel on Chef Menteur Hwy. on the outskirts of New Orleans. He believes the apartment is located on the right side of the highway going away from New Orleans. He believes the motel might be Quality Courts Motel.

PCI JFK Act 6 (4) furnished the following information to an Agent of the Jackson Office:

Source advised that all women who are proficient in the pigeon drop operation are trained by JIMMY JAMES' wife on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Source advised the wife is the best in setting up drop operations.

Source advised there were three pigeons which were set up by JAMES on the evening of 7/1/69 in Jackson, Miss., in the following manner:

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PCI [] furnished the following information to SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES on 5/26/69:

He was in Caesar's Palace, a Biloxi, Mississippi, nightclub located on U. S. Highway 90, about 11:00 PM on the night of 5/25/69, at which time DONALD LESTER JAMES came into the club. He and JAMES drank for a considerable period of time and he paid for most of the drinks because JAMES did not appear to have any money, or at least he made no effort to pay for the drinks.

Informant advised he had never seen JAMES driving a 1965 - 68 brown Oldsmobile. JAMES usually drives a Cadillac and his wife drives a Bonneville Pontiac.

PCI [] furnished the following information to SA GRAVES on 5/27/69:

He telephoned the residence of DONALD LESTER JAMES, 401 Evergreen Lane, Biloxi, Mississippi, at approximately 1:00 PM on 5/21/69 and was advised by JAMES's wife, CAROLYN, that he was not home and that he was out trying to arrange bail for JUDY CAROLYN KAY, who was in the Harrison County Jail, Gulfport, Mississippi. (KAY was arrested by Agents of the FBI in Biloxi on 5/19/69 on a UFAP warrant out of Illinois. She is the girl friend of CLIFFORD HUGH FULLER, who is an associate of JAMES. FULLER was arrested in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on 5/16/69, and he was in the Forrest County Jail, Hattiesburg, during the period 5/18-22/69.)

Informant advised he called the residence of JAMES later on that date and talked with JAMES, and then went directly to his residence. He assumed the time was between 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Present at JAMES's residence at that time were the following individuals:

DONALD LESTER JAMES

CAROLYN JAMES (wife of DONALD LESTER JAMES)

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JUDY CAROLYN KAY

C. J. INABINET (bondsman for the United Bonding Company, Gulfport, who arranged bond for JUDY CAROLYN KAY on that date).

Informant advised he called JAMES's residence on 5/22/69 in an effort to locate JAMES, and he was advised by JAMES's wife that he was at the Edgewater Gulf Hotel Golf Course, which is located in Biloxi. Informant then went to the golf course club house, which he thought was between 4:00 and 5:00 PM. As he entered the club house, he saw JAMES in the snack bar, and at the time, he was under the impression JAMES had just come off the golf course. He stated JAMES was wearing slacks and a sports shirt, but he could not recall if he was wearing golf shoes.

Informant talked with JAMES a few minutes and noted that the following individuals were also in the snack bar sitting at various tables:

HERSCHEL DYER

RAY GREEN and his wife (reside in Gulfport)

NORWOOD HEDGE

Informant advised he talked with these individuals for approximately 20 to 30 minutes and departed. JAMES remained at the snack bar when he left.

Informant advised he had never known JAMES to drive a 1965-68 brown Oldsmobile, and he did not know of any of his associates who drive such a vehicle.

Informant advised he was in contact with JAMES on 5/16-17/69, but he does not recall being in contact with him on 5/18/69.

This same informant advised on 5/28/69 that at approximately 12:40 PM on 5/28/69, he observed a white

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four-door Pontiac Executive, bearing 1969 Mississippi license 18-D-224, parked at the residence of DONALD LESTER JAMES.

JN 10-C-TE furnished the following information to SA GRAVES on 6/18/69:

Informant was shown photographs of JOSEPH PROVENZANO, ELDON LEGAN, and JOSEPH CHIMENTO, aka "Zip," and he stated he could not identify any of these individuals as being associates with DONALD LESTER JAMES.

Informant saw JAMES on the night of 5/31/69 at Gus Stevens' Restaurant, which is located on U. S. Highway 90 in Biloxi. Informant did not have an opportunity to talk to him; however, JAMES appeared to informant to be drinking heavily.

Informant heard that JAMES had been playing golf during the past few days with ANTHONY MAZARA, LARRY "RIP" POULAS, and NORWOOD HEDGE. Informant heard that HEDGE had sold some property and had quite a bit of money, and JAMES and the others were trying to win some of his money.

Informant did not know any individual by the name of JOE GOLDBERG who associates with JAMES.

JFK Act 6 (4)

PCI [redacted] was shown photographs by SA GRAVES on 6/10/69 of the following individuals, and he advised he had never seen these individuals on the Mississippi Gulf Coast or in the company of DONALD LESTER JAMES:

JUNIOR PROVENZANO
ELDON LEGAN
JOSEPH CHIMENTO

Informant advised he did not know any individual by the name of JOE GOLDBERG who associates with JAMES.

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JN 10-C-TE furnished the following information to SA GRAVES on 6/30/69:

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Informant played golf with DONALD LESTER JAMES approximately two weeks ago, and at that time JAMES did not wear a diamond ring on his left ring finger. JAMES has been playing golf with NORWOOD HEDGE, ANTHONY MAZARA, and ROY BRANNING during the past few days. JAMES had a golf game with some individuals at the Edgewater Golf Club in Biloxi, Mississippi, in the recent past and the stakes were rather high, so he called ROY BRANNING, a good golfer from Jackson, Mississippi, and had him come to Biloxi and play in the game as his partner so they might win their game and split any winnings.

PCI [] advised SA GRAVES on 7/1/69 that DONALD LESTER JAMES had not frequented the lounge at the Admiral Benbow Motel, located on U. S. Highway 90, Biloxi, during the past couple of weeks. She said she had not seen any of his associates in the lounge during the past couple of weeks either.

PCI [] furnished the following information to SA GRAVES on 7/1/69:

On 6/23/69 at the hearing in Justice of the Peace ROY MATTINA's court in Biloxi, CLIFFORD HUGH FULLER, JR., was fined \$25 for possession of gambling equipment (dice table). He thereafter left Biloxi and returned by plane to Atlanta, Georgia. HERSCHEL DYER was going to New Orleans on that date and FULLER rode to New Orleans with him and then caught a plane to Atlanta.

The cause of the shooting at the residence of DONALD LESTER JAMES on the night of 6/21-22/69 was because JAMES had telephoned FULLER in Atlanta and told him not to return to the Mississippi Gulf Coast or he and his associates would take care of him. FULLER, being a hothead, afterwards got into his vehicle and drove to Biloxi and shot into the

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residence of JAMES. FULLER told informant that the cause of the trouble was that MILTON FAIRCHILD, a Gulfport attorney, had been dating his girl friend, JUDY CAROLYN KAY, after FAIRCHILD had represented her when she was arrested by the FBI on a UFAP charge in Biloxi on 5/19/69.

On 6/23/69 when FULLER's car was released by the Harrison County Sheriff's Office, FULLER did not want to drive the car because it had the gunshot hole in the right door and he asked the informant to put it in a local body shop and have the hole repaired. He stated that that night he heard that the Biloxi Police Department was looking for the car, and he turned it over to Biloxi Chief of Police LOUIS ROSETTI.

When FULLER left the Biloxi area, he seemed to have forgotten about his problem with JAMES and made no indication that he would return to the Biloxi area and cause problems for JAMES or FAIRCHILD.

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