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conducting any investigation concerning the alleged beating received by EDMONDS.

The March 14, 1963, issue of the New Orleans States-Item newspaper carried a story quoting Jefferson Parish President, M. DAN HOGAN, as saying Jefferson Parish is the center of organized crime and he believes there is some sort of struggle going on for control of gambling, prostitution, and narcotics.

On the morning of March 15, 1962, New Orleans radio station WDSU broadcasted an "editorial" disclosing that the station had learned of the beating administered EDMONDS by unknown individuals. The announcer then referred to HOGAN's charges that Jefferson Parish is the center of organized crime and implied a connection between HOGAN's statement and the beating received by EDMONDS.

On March 15, 1963, NO 1207-C, who is an active bookmaker and gambler in Jefferson Parish who regularly frequents the Town and Country Restaurant and Lounge, furnished the following information concerning the beating received by EDMONDS. The informant talked to one of the bartenders at the Town and Country Lounge shortly after the beating incident occurred, about 4 or 5 a.m., March 10, 1963. The bartender informed him that EDMONDS had been drinking considerably and had been in the lounge with a very young girl who appeared to be about 17 years of age. While EDMONDS and this girl were in the lounge, an elderly man accompanied by a younger man entered the lounge at which time the girl ran from the lounge into the restaurant. EDMONDS accompanied the elderly man and the young man out on to the parking lot in front of the lounge at which time the elderly man struck EDMONDS in the face causing EDMONDS to fall to the ground. Thereafter the younger man administered a severe beating to EDMONDS, picking him up off the ground and striking him several times and kicking EDMONDS while the latter was lying on the ground.