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EDWARD STANLEY FREEMAN, aka, et al TFIS	15-8201 (R. O'Neill)
PETER LICAVOLI, aka, AR	92-217 (Montefiore)
ANTHONY "TONY" GIACALONE, aka, AR	<u>92-228</u> (Lunt)
MATHEW "MIKE" RUBINO, aka, AR	92-229 (Montefiore)
JOSEPH MASSEI, aka, AR	92-258 (Bickford)
CHARLES "CHICKIE" SHERMAN, aka, AR	92-557 (Iseman)
JOHN SERRA, aka, AR	92-562 (Shirley)
ABE RAHAIM, aka, AR	92-584 (Shirley)
POLICE CORRUPTION FILE	92-647 (Heystek)
HANK THOMAS, aka, AR	92-706 (Fitzpatrick)
DAVE EDWARDS, aka, AR	92-755 (Fitzpatrick)
NICK DITTA, aka, AR	92-833 (Transeth)
FRANK MUDARO, aka, AR	92-834 (Shirley)
CRIME CONDITIONS IN MICHIGAN	92-876 (Montefiore)
DANIEL COSENTINO, aka, AR	92-1053 (Heystek)
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Informant advised that JOHN DE FOREST finally got out on bond on the "meat case". He said that Dr. JOSEPH RASAK told him that on the day following DE FOREST's release DE FOREST came to him (RASAK) and demanded \$4500.00. Informant stated that DE FOREST apparently thinks that it was Dr. RASAK who "put him down". He said that obviously DE FOREST must have something good on RASAK, at least enough to "put RASAK in the grease", or else why the shakedown. Informant stated that DE FOREST demanded that RASAK have the \$4500.00 in DE FOREST's attorney's office by Friday afternoon, 4/5/63. Informant stated that he does not know the identity of DE FOREST's attorney nor actually, for that matter, that DE FOREST even had an attorney. Informant advised that Dr. RASAK pays "juice" weekly to SAMMY FINE on a shylock loan he has with JOHNNY SERRA.

Informant advised that he recently ran into Little EDDIE MORAN at the coffee house on E. Jefferson across the street from Fr. HEALEY's Antique Store near the Chrysler Expressway. He said that he mentioned to MORAN that he frequently sees MORAN's old "sidekick", DAVEY EDWARDS and MORAN pleaded with Informant not to mention to EDWARDS or any of EDWARDS associates that MORAN was in town. Informant stated that MORAN told him that he was now working with "some guys" in Youngstown, Ohio. Informant advised that he believed that EDDIE MORAN was "working the pigeon drop" or else "going with the switch", ie a type of con game, in Youngstown, Ohio.

Informant stated that LOUIE PETERS, who owns Master Realty, 13331 Mack Avenue, telephone VA 2-2600, had the real estate listing for HANK THOMAS' home. Informant said that PETERS told him that THOMAS pulled his house off the market recently. He stated that THOMAS is "in a world of trouble" as he has now "double-crossed" the Judge who sentenced him and who stipulated that THOMAS must move out of the neighborhood. Informant advised that, from stories he hears from PETERS, THOMAS' neighbors want to force THOMAS out of the Grosse Pointe area but THOMAS does not want to go. He said that THOMAS is considered to have plenty of money though he has moved his wife and children out of the family home. Informant stated that he heard that HANK THOMAS actually had been carrying on an affair with the mother of the young girl THOMAS was sentenced to jail for molesting and that THOMAS now intends to use this "affair" as a "big stick" to hold over the head of the doctor, who is the father of the young girl supposedly victimized by THOMAS and who was the one pressing the case against HANK THOMAS, in order to stay in the neighborhood.

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Informant advised that DAVE EDWARDS is married to LOUIE PETERS' sister and that EDWARDS works for PETERS at Master Realty. Informant said that he has been spending time around Master Realty as it has become "a den of thieves". He stated that EDWARDS has been a gambler operating mostly in the downriver suburbs most of his life. He said that when EDWARDS came out of the Army in early 1946 he ran a barbutte game in River Rouge for seven years. He stated that EDWARDS told him that for the first three years he operated alone, unmolested by "the outfit" and he made "a bundle". He advised that EDWARDS related that one night he was visited by PETE LICAVOLI who persuaded him to become 50-50 partners with him (LICAVOLI). Informant said that EDWARDS commented to him that for the next four years he was "in partners" with LICAVOLI and they were "splitting up" about \$12,000.00 a week from his barbutte game. He said that EDWARDS claimed that he faithfully sent PETE LICAVOLI his share downtown each week. Informant advised that EDWARDS blamed PETE CORRADO for putting him out of the barbutte business in 1952. Informant stated additionally that EDWARDS has booked both horses and numbers from time to time in the Detroit area. Informant advised that EDWARDS claims that "CHICKIE" SHERMAN pays off to the Detroit Police more money than any other gambler. He said that for years "CHICKIE" took money "out of his own pocket" to "pay the coppers" in many instances where "the outfit" wouldn't "come up with" the money. He stated that EDWARDS told him at length about a Detroit Police Sergeant, DAVE HARRIS, who is now assigned to the 13th Precinct, who "has to be" one of the richest cops in Detroit as he has been "shaking down" gamblers and hoodlums for years. Informant said that EDWARDS told him that years ago DAVE HARRIS arrested him on numbers and took \$6200.00 as "evidence" off him. EDWARDS claimed that when he "got off" the charge and went to get his money only \$1300.00 had been "booked in" by HARRIS at the police station. Informant said EDWARDS' claim is that Sgt. DAVE HARRIS has had "a license to steal" for years.

Informant commented on the recent police raid of DANNY COSENTINO's handbook operations and stated that COSENTINO is a nephew of JOE MASSEI, one of the former syndicate leaders in Detroit, and that COSENTINO is believed to be "on the lam" and hiding out in Florida. Informant stated that he understood that COSENTINO and a guy named "BREEZY" (LNU), who operates downriver, had the two largest horse handbooks in the Detroit area. He said that "BREEZY" reportedly had the biggest "action" in town and that RUBINO had a part of "BREEZY's" action. Informant

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stated that he heard that MIKE RUBINO supposedly "had a hand" in DANNY COSENTINO's operation too, although, Informant emphasized, he would think that COSENTINO's "book" belonged to TONY GIACALONE. He added that "BREEZY" can be found every Sunday in a restaurant on Dix owned by the brother of TOMMY KARAMANOS, a missing Greek-town gambler who is believed to be a victim of gangland assassination.

Informant advised that MIKE RUBINO formerly owned the Navahoe Bar on E. Jefferson Ave. but that a number of years ago he sold the bar to NICK DITTA and FRANKIE MUDARO. Informant revealed that DITTA and MUDARO worked the bar for a while and then DITTA burned the place down. He added that DITTA and MUDARO collected from the insurance company also.

Informant advised that ABIE RAHAIM is being sought by the Detroit Police Dept. following a numbers raid on an office on Orchestra Place which was operated by RAHAIM. Informant said that RAHAIM lives on E. Outer Drive near Harper Ave. He said that RAHAIM has worked for EDDIE WINGATE for several years and that he does much of WINGATE's betting on the horses and also handles WINGATE's "Layoffs" to the "horse books" around town. Informant said that RAHAIM has the "horse disease" and that he lives with the Negroes now, working in WINGATE's numbers and horse books and handling some of WINGATE's many race horses. Informant added that the talk is that RAHAIM is in Florida "on the lam" from the Detroit Police.

Informant revealed that the winning number comes out around 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. each night six days a week. He said that this is about the time that the last digit is received from the single action offices. Informant stated that the winning number is followed closely by numbers people, including workers and bettors, as it is "turned out" by the single action, the 1st digit, the 2nd digit, the 3rd digit, and so on. He said that, to get an idea of the enormity of numbers betting in Detroit, a person need only try to dial a WALnut exchange around the time the number gets out. He commented that the winning number gets around town in less than seven minutes and most of these contacts are by telephone. He advised that shortly after the winning number is "turned out" you sometimes wait up to three minutes for a dial tone in the WALnut exchange, which covers a predominantly Negro area in Detroit.

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Informant advised that he has long known of a device to "prostrate" the numbers in Detroit. He said that the numbers would be thrown into "complete turmoil" if someone (such as the FBI) should print up a phony "green sheet". Informant offered that this "green sheet" should be a duplicate of the numbers tip sheet printed up and distributed weekly by the syndicate in Detroit, although it should reflect that a number of "fancies" fell the previous week, numbers which are played daily on a very heavy basis by many bettors. These numbers, of course, would be printed in the "green sheet" in place of the actual winning numbers which had previously come out. Informant emphasized that the phone company would be tied up completely ten minutes after the phony tip sheet came out. He said that not a numbers writer in Detroit could show his face on the streets the following day. The volume of complaints from bettors, who used the "green sheet" as their "numbers bible" for twenty-five years and who hand't been paid on a "hit", as they can see it reflected in the phony "green sheet", would be staggering.

Informant stated that one could print up no more than 1000 phony "green sheets" which would be put out on Friday for just two weeks. He said that the "green sheets" came out wrapped 500 to each brown papered package with two 250 bundles to each package. Informant offered to distribute such a phony numbers tip sheet. He said that he would drop off four bundles of phony sheets at each of four locations in different parts of town. Informant advised that he would surreptitiously leave a bundle of 250 tip sheets at a blind pig on Canfield Avenue that he knows to be presently a "numbers beehive", another bundle of 250 at a blind pig on Brush Street, another bundle at a numbers headquarters in the barbershop he knows on 12th Street and the remaining bundle of 250 phony tip sheets on the back door step of the home of "SWEET CORN" (LNU), a big numbers man who lives near West Warren and 25th Street, Detroit.