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D. GAMBLING

OC-335-C, advised on March 18, 1958 that ~~WILBUR DARR~~ and HANK OTTO FREY operate a gambling game in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma with E. C. "SHORTY" COULSTON. FRED G. CAPSHAW is operating gambling at the V and V Billiard Parlor, 607 West California, Oklahoma City and PAUL LICHLITER is operating a gambling game at the Midnight Sun on 24th and South May Avenue, Oklahoma City, all on a small scale.

O. K. BIVINS, WA, State Bureau of Investigation, advised on March 24, 1958 that E. C. "SHORTY" COULSTON, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma gambler closed his gambling club 4 miles west of McCloud, Oklahoma early Saturday morning, March 22, 1958, turned on the ignition of his car and was blasted out of his station wagon as a result of an explosion and is now confined in Wesley Hospital, Oklahoma City. BIVINS stated COULSTON has refused to furnish any information concerning the bombing.

WAYNE W. HARBOLT, Chief of Detectives, Oklahoma City Police Department, advised on March 22, 1958 that he understood from an unidentified source in Dallas, Texas that GEORGE BARNES, former operator of the old Saddle Club, near El Reno, Oklahoma had in the first part of the year, 1958, contacted RUSSELL DOUGLAS MATTHEWS and CHARLES VERNON KULBETH of Dallas, Texas in an effort to get set up a deal to "bump off" a gambler in Oklahoma City. He stated this information is being considered by investigating officers in connection with the injury sustained by COULSTON.

On March 12, 1958, Sheriff GLENN BROWN, Tulsa, Oklahoma advised there is no organized gambling operating in Tulsa County to his knowledge.

On March 11, 1958, PCI [] advised she has not heard of any organized gambling in the City of Tulsa.

Sheriff BROWN stated that gambling on a small scale is being operated at the American Billiard Parlor, 1½ East 3rd Street, Boulder Billiard Parlor, 307½ South Boulder and at the Trenton Street Market, Tulsa.

On January 13, 1958, an article in the Tulsa Tribune reflected that four persons had been arrested on January 10, 1958 at 1027 East Young Street, Tulsa, and charged with gambling. It is to be noted this is a Negro neighborhood.

According to PCI [] and PCI [], gambling in Muskogee, Oklahoma apparently appears to be wide open at this time. Both advised that GLENN HOOG, who operates the Standard Club, 100 Block West Okmulgee, Muskogee, Oklahoma recently opened up gambling in his place which is a pool hall and that 21, poker and craps are played there. Both advised that BILL GILKEY who has a place on South Main, Muskogee, operates a poker game and craps.