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REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/29/48</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/5, 7, 8/48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ALTON M. BRYANT</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; First National Bank, Rosebud, Texas, November 14, 1947</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>BANK ROBBERY (BURGLARY)</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Suspect **JACK WARD** claims he was in Stamford, Texas, hospital on October 20, 1947. He was employed by **LON UNDERWOOD**, 749 Oak Street, as mechanic on 11/14/47. Associates of suspect **FRED ALEXANDER MACE** identified as **EARL LEE KINGS** and **ALTON RICKS** and subsequently identified by informant **SNOW** as individuals known to him as **RZA** and other individual who accompanied **MACE**. Description of fence in Dallas described by **SNOW** believed to be **OSBORN AUGUST HARRIS**, ex-convict and local gambler. Driver **OSBORN MURRAY**, Central Freight Lines, interviewed negatively.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of SA **ALTON M. BRYANT** dated 12/8/47, Dallas, Texas.  
Report of SA **RICHARD L. JOHNSON** dated 12/11/47, San Antonio, Texas.

**DETAILS:**

At Stamford, Texas:

It was ascertained from Chief of Police **GEORGE FLOURNOY** that suspect **JACK WARD** is presently incarcerated in Jones County Jail, Anson, Texas, on charge of burglary. Chief **FLOURNOY** advised that for considerable period of time **JACK WARD** had been in the vicinity of Stamford and that **WARD**, together with one **R. L. ARMSTRONG** and **JOHN W. LEIS**, was arrested at Stamford on November 26, 1947, and each charged with burglary. The chief stated that at the time of arrest the following burglary tools were taken from the car, a 1939 Ford, which they were driving:

- 1 - Large Sledge hammer, 15 pounds;
- 1 - Medium Sledge hammer;

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that he could not definitely identify this place but stated that it was located on Harry Hines Boulevard near a liquor store called "The Bottle Shop". He further described instant location of the fence as a joint near a vacant lot and some peach trees, and there are a number of trucks parked in this area. The fence as described by SNOW is a man about thirty years of age, about 5'7" to 5'8" tall, weight about 150 pounds, slender and freckled, and has a redheaded woman working for him in the beer joint who is believed to be his wife. A check of hangouts and individuals as described by SNOW in Dallas indicate that the place which SNOW is attempting to describe is a local gambler's hangout in Dallas County on Harry Hines Boulevard known as the "Alpine Inn" and that the individual whom he described as a fence is CECIL EUGENE HARRIS, with alias JAMES PERRYMAN, JAMES PERRINAN, RED HARRIS. The "Alpine Inn" is a gambling joint which has sprung up just outside the city limits of Dallas on Harry Hines Boulevard in the past five months. This Inn is operated by RED HARRIS and J. B. TURNER who are purported to have Sheriff's Office protection in the operations of their dice activities in this area. J. B. TURNER, one of the owners of the "Alpine Inn" is a well known gambler in Dallas and is described as a small-time snail before he opened the "Alpine Inn". He has numerous arrests at the Dallas Police Department for operating a bookie and dice games. CECIL EUGENE HARRIS, with aliases, has a long criminal record and has been handled for safe burglary and bank robbery prior to this time.

The following is a description of CECIL EUGENE HARRIS:

Born	March 11, 1914
	Lamar County, Texas
Height	5'10"
Weight	170
Hair	Red
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Peculiarities	Hooked nose
Present address	2113 Seewers
FBI No.	858341

A criminal record for HARRIS is not available in Dallas at this time but he is reliably reported by informants of this Office to have been sentenced to two years for Post Office Burglary in 1935, paroled in 1937 and parole revoked same year. On June 17, 1934, he was handled for robbery with firearms in Dallas and no billed by the Grand Jury on November 23, 1934.