

Agency Information

AGENCY : FBI  
RECORD NUMBER : 124-90088-10039

RECORD SERIES : HQ

AGENCY FILE NUMBER : CR 62-75147-44-590

Released under the John F. Kennedy  
Assassination Records Collection Act of  
1992 (44 USC 2107 Note). Case#:NW  
64578 Date: 12-14-2022

Document Information

ORIGINATOR : FBI  
FROM : SU  
TO : HQ

TITLE :

DATE : 01/10/1955  
PAGES : 4

SUBJECTS :  
BENJAMIN BINION

DOCUMENT TYPE : PAPER, TEXTUAL DOCUMENT  
CLASSIFICATION : Unclassified  
RESTRICTIONS : 4  
CURRENT STATUS : Redact  
DATE OF LAST REVIEW : 07/14/1998

OPENING CRITERIA : INDEFINITE

COMMENTS : MEMO

*Ne 1213*  
~~GENE~~ WARNER, a reported jewelry and fur fence from Los Angeles, California, has also been observed very frequently at the Sands Hotel and it is reported he is a very close friend and associate of CARL COHEN, a part owner and Pit Boss at the Sands Hotel. *Ne 1311*

MARSHALL CAFAIANO, wa., Johnny Marshall, previously mentioned, has been observed around the Desert Inn.

JACK and LOU DRAGNA and JOE and FRED SICA have been reported to be in Las Vegas on numerous occasions in the past few months.

Of the lesser lights that have been in the vicinity of or have been residing in Las Vegas, Nevada, in the recent past are MURRAY BOARD of the Board Gang and JAMES PENNINGTON, one of the members of this operation, and they have been closely associating with ROY JETT, previously convicted for Armed Robbery. According to PCI FRANK ENGLISH, JETT has also been associating with JIMMY WILLIAMS, well known to the Las Vegas Police Department and Sheriff's Office as a stickup man and burglar. WILLIAMS and ALFRED LEO ROONEY, wa., "Mike" Rooney, were arrested for the burglary of the safe at the Derby Turf Club. This case was continued on two occasions, and during the time it was continued WILLIAMS and ROONEY pulled an armed robbery of Roxie's, house of prostitution on the Boulder Highway, and obtained an undetermined amount of money. Both were arrested and charges filed on this armed robbery; both were released. Shortly after this robbery a hearing before Justice of the Peace JOHN LYTLE was held and the burglary charge was dismissed. Both individuals are still out on bond on the Armed Robbery charge.

BENNY BINION, wa.  
FBI Number 206216

*Ne 1311*  
BINION is presently incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, having received a five-year sentence in December of 1953 for Income Tax Evasion. BINION was fined at that time \$540,000.00. Just prior to his being sentenced on this charge he was the principal owner of the

Horseshoe Club in Las Vegas, Nevada, and, <sup>12</sup>as previously reported, the Horseshoe Club was sold to JOE W. BROWN, New Orleans hotel man, gambler and breeder of thoroughbred horses. The sale price was reported to be \$850,000.00. The Horseshoe Club has been completely remodeled by BROWN.

*NEV.* SU 283-C advised that he received information from ROBERT H. "DOBY DOC" CAUDILL that a contribution had been made by BENNY BINION to the campaign of Governor SHIVERS of Texas, and that this contribution was for the express purpose of having BINION's five-year sentence which he received in State Court in Texas reduced so he could apply for parole from the Federal Prison at Leavenworth the first time the Parole Board meets and BINION has done sufficient time to be eligible for parole. "DOBY DOC" CAUDILL has made the statement that BINION should be eligible for parole in August, 1955.

<sup>16</sup>  
PETER BRADY, was,  
Pete Brady, Pete Genchi

PETER BRADY has been mentioned on numerous occasions by Lieutenant LLOYD BELL of the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, as being one of the bigger fences for stolen merchandise in the Las Vegas area. BRADY formerly was a Pit Boss in the Gambling Casino of the Desert Inn Hotel. His former homes were Detroit, Michigan, and Cleveland, Ohio. At the time the new Showboat Resort Hotel was constructed on the Boulder Highway and the gambling operations of the casino in this hotel were taken over by the "Cleveland Mob", who are the operators of the Desert Inn Hotel, PETE BRADY was transferred from the Desert Inn to the Showboat as a Pit Boss.

It has been noted that BRADY and MARSHALL CAFAIANO, alias Johnny Cafaiano, have been associating together around the Desert Inn Hotel. *Ill nev.*

PCI DOROTHY SCHWEITZER, who is a telephone operator at the Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, advised that BRADY is called on many occasions from Los Angeles, California, by women and that he has made numerous reservations for girls at the Desert Inn and other hotels. SCHWEITZER is of the opinion that BRADY is having some of these girls come in over week ends to practice prostitution. However, no further