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**DO NOT DESTROY**  
**HISTORICAL VALUE**  
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at 2482 Lowry Ave.

February 17, 1945

MEMO SAC:

RE: REV. JERRY OWENS with alias HARRY ROBERTS  
[REDACTED] VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

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During the stay of [REDACTED] at the home of the WALLERS which was approximately three weeks induration, [REDACTED] MILDRED WALLER that REV. JERRY OWENS was [REDACTED] as had been stated to WALLERS by OWENS when he [REDACTED] home. At this time victim [REDACTED] told MILDRED WALLER that subject had been trying to [REDACTED] and on other occasions had told her that he would divorce his present wife and [REDACTED]. Further, he allegedly had related to the victim that he had had an affair in California in the past with another woman when he was about 18 years of age but that this woman who caused him trouble had conveniently been run over by an automobile. This information caused the WALLERS some apprehension as to subject's plans as to the victim who had resisted subject's proposals for [REDACTED].

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Rev. Jerry Owen (inset), former football star at University of Southern California and now a northwest evangelist, and Frances McCarty, shown above at police headquarters, were sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$50 each in Portland municipal court Saturday on morals charges.

## Football-Evangelist, Girl Guilty on Morals Charge

BY WALLACE TURNER  
Staff Writer, The Oregonian

Rev. Jerry Owen, 31, ex-football player at the University of Southern California, non-denominational evangelist, was convicted of disorderly conduct involving morals in municipal court Saturday and Judge J. J. Quillin fined him \$50 and sentenced him to 30 days in jail.

Patrolman Ray Sims, police vice operative, testified that he and his partner, Burt Mulligan, arrested the minister in a hotel room in the downtown district in company with Frances McCarty, 22. Sims said the lights in the room were low and that Rev. Mr. Owen was wearing his trousers with no shoes or shirt. Miss McCarty wore her pajamas and a negligee, said the officer. The woman drew the same

fine and sentence as the minister.

Rev. Mr. Owen, who said he is married and the father of a child, maintained the arrest was part of a campaign on the part of jealous ministers to smear him. He said he has held revival meetings all over the northwest and had a sermon with radio hookup scheduled Sunday morning.

Patrolman Sims said he knocked on the door for more than ten minutes, but that no one answered. Leaving Patrolman Mulligan at the door, Sims said he went downstairs and called the room on the house telephone. The minister answered, Sims said, and agreed to open the door to the officers. In court Rev. Mr. Owen declared the woman had been associated with him since she was

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years old. He said he arrived in Portland on the 10 P. M. train from Tacoma Friday night and that she met him at the station.

#### Bath Just Taken

"She has been just like a sister to me," said the minister. "She's a good kid and has just got off on the wrong foot. When I got off the train she told me she was in trouble and wanted me to go to her hotel room and wait until her boy friend could come so I could talk it over with them."

Patrolman Sims said Rev. Mr. Owen explained his partly dressed condition with "I was just taking a bath when you called."

At the conclusion of the preacher's testimony, Judge Quillin asked, "You don't expect us to believe that, do you?"

Rev. Mr. Owen didn't reply.

The preacher said after the trial that he "was all through."

"This mess will ruin me," he declared.

Rev. Mr. Owen said he had been an evangelist for eight years and had played football at the University of Southern California before entering the ministry. He said he would probably appeal the conviction to circuit court.

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
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## OFFICER'S REPORT

TIME 3:00 AMCAPTAIN ShreveFebruary 17, 1945, 194

Arrested  
Frances McCarty Age 22  
Charge-disorderly conduct &  
hold for Health Department  
Photo and Prints-Hold for F.B.I.  
Oliver B. Ownes age 30  
Charge-disorderly conduct &  
Hold for F.B.I.  
Bail \$250 each set by Capt Shreve

Sir: Acting on information received from Mr. E. L. Barton of the Portland office of the F.B.I. we visited room #826 of the Mallory Hotel, 729 SW 15th where we found the aside two parties in this room in a partially undressed condition. We arrested them on a charge of disorderly conduct and brought them to the station where Capt Shreve set bail at \$250 each. They had registered for the room on 2-16-45 as man and wife. We also requested that Miss McCarty be held for the Health Department and that a photo be taken of her.

Additional holds for the F.B.I. were placed against both of them. We informed us that his office wished to talk to them.

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Portland, Oregon  
March 12, 1945

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

**OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was,**  
**[REDACTED] was, VICTIM.**  
**WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.**

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

<u>Name (inc. aliases)</u>	<u>City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.</u>	<u>Approximate date Fin- gerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of In- vestigation.</u>	<u>Fingerprint Classifica- tion.</u>
OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, F. McCarty	Portland PD Arrest No. 22115		

**[REDACTED]**, Portland PD  
Arrest No.  
A-1680

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge  
J. E. HOBBS

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Origin: PORTLAND, OREGON

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Made at PORTLAND, OREGON	Date 3-16-45	Period 2-17, 19, 24, 26, 27-45	Made by WILLIAM E. GELDER	VW
Title OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, with aliases, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED] with al [REDACTED] -VICTIM			Character WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT	

SYNOPSIS:

On 6-10-43 subject, an evangelist, wrote to victim's mother and sent \$50.00 for victim's transportation from [REDACTED] to Portland, Oregon. Subject arranged and furnished money for victim to travel from Seattle, Washington to Portland, Oregon on 2-25-45 for [REDACTED] in Portland. Victim stated to witnesses that subject was responsible for [REDACTED] and they stayed together at witnesses home in Portland on night of 2-12-45. Subject and victim arrested by PD, Portland, in undressed condition at the Mallory Hotel on 2-17-45 and sentenced to 30 days and fined \$50.00 on disorderly conduct charge. Subject and victim presently on \$250 appeal bond. Both subject and victim deny any immoral relationship.

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DETAILS:

AT PORTLAND, OREGON:

The following investigation is predicated upon a complaint made by Mr. and Mrs. HECTOR W. MACAFFREE, King Albert Apartments, 1899 S. W. 11th Avenue, who visited the Portland Field Division and advised that they had received information to the effect that the subject in this case was responsible for the victim [REDACTED] from Seattle, Washington to Portland, Oregon, for the purpose of [REDACTED]. These informants further stated that [REDACTED] in Portland, Oregon, and that on the night the complaint was made, February 16, 1945, the subject and the victim, it was learned through Mrs. W. D.

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WALLER, 1089 Westwood Drive, were registered as man and wife in Room 826 at the Mallory Hotel. This information was furnished to the Portland Police Department and they were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

The Officer's Report which was furnished to this office by the Portland Police Department and made out by Detectives RAY SIMS and A. C. MULLIGAN and C. E. WEYDEL, set out in substance that the victim, age 22, and the subject, age 30, had been charged with disorderly conduct, in view of the fact that they had been arrested in Room 826 of the Mallory Hotel, 729 S. W. 15th Avenue, in a partially undressed condition. This report further states that they were brought to the police station where Captain SHREVE set their bail at \$250.00 each. This report further sets out that they had registered for the room on February 16, 1945 as man and wife.

The writer contacted Detective RAY SIMS of the Portland Police Department relative to this case and SIMS related that that date at 1:30 A.M. he and the above mentioned two detectives proceeded to the Mallory Hotel and knocked on the door of Room No. 826. SIMS stated that after knocking on the door for a period of ten to fifteen minutes he left one of the other detectives to guard the door and proceeded to the hotel desk on the ground floor and there telephoned Room 826, at which time the subject answered the phone and agreed to allow them to enter the room. SIMS further stated that when he entered the room the subject was dressed only in a pair of pants and undershirt and stated to him that he had just taken a bath in the room while the victim had left the room for the purpose of obtaining some bottles of beer and sandwiches. SIMS stated that the victim had on a bathrobe, and added, that the bed in the room was in a mussed up condition and apparently had been slept in by two people. SIMS also stated that the room was dark when they first started knocking on it but that after the door was opened there was a light apparently coming from the bathroom. SIMS advised that he did not feel the bed to see if it was warm on both sides, nor did he check the condition of the bathtub to determine if it was still wet. SIMS added that he allowed the victim to pack her clothing and it was checked at the desk of the Mallory Hotel while the subject and victim were taken to the police department.

The writer was in the Municipal Court at police headquarters when this case came to trial. The victim plead guilty, as did the subject, and the presiding judge J. J. McQUILLIAN sentenced both of them to thirty days in jail and a \$50.00 fine. During the questioning of the subject and victim by the court, the subject stated that he had met the victim at the Union Station just as he was getting off the train at Tacoma, Washington, and that she had asked him to join her at her room at the Mallory Hotel in order that he might meet her "boy friend". The subject further stated that it was his opinion that there

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was some trouble between the victim and her boy friend "JOE", and that he had been called upon by the victim to straighten this trouble out. The subject further stated that the victim had been just like a sister to him since she was fourteen years of age and that she had lived in his home and was with his mother at Crystal Lake Park, Milwaukie, Oregon. During the conversation had between the court and the subject the court changed the subject's plea from guilty to not guilty inasmuch as the subject did not enter into immoral relations with the victim.

After the victim was returned to the women's quarters of the jail, the writer interviewed her in the presence of the matron at which time she denied any immoral relationship between the subject and herself but admitted that she had gone from Seattle, Washington to Portland, Oregon for [REDACTED], which was [REDACTED].

The victim further stated that a man by the name of JOE FOSTER was [REDACTED] but she could not advise as to where he stayed in Portland or Seattle, Washington, nor did she know for whom he worked. The victim also stated she knew nothing concerning his background and nothing which would aid in locating him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN E. HOLMES and the writer:

The following is a signed statement, which is being retained in the exhibit envelope relative to this case, which was furnished by the subject at the police department headquarters:

"I, OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, also known as JERRY OWEN, do hereby make this free and voluntary statement to William E. Golder and John E. Holmes who have shown me their credentials setting out that they are special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement and the only reason that I do so is because it is the truth.

"I was born at Ashland, Ohio on April 16, 1913 the son of BENJAMIN F. OWEN, deceased, and MURIEL C. OWEN, Crystal Lake Park, Milwaukie, Oregon. I graduated from High School at Metropolitan High School in Los Angeles, California and attended one year of school at University of Southern California in 1937.

"I am an evangelist with We the People, Incorporated, Crystal Lake Park, Milwaukie, Oregon and have had this group for over three years. I was the founder of the San Francisco Gospel Center in Los Angeles, Calif. and also founded the Victory Hour Broadcast, Incorporated in



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Tacoma, Washington. I buy time on radio stations to broadcast sermons.

"I first met [REDACTED] whose right name [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about Christmas in 1933 at the Open Bible Church in that city. I stayed there for about five weeks. My wife was in San Francisco, Calif. having a baby at the time.

"about a year later I saw [REDACTED] and at this time she said that she wanted to work for my wife and I as a secretary. I just stayed one day or so and then I left and did not see her for some time about June 1943. At this time I saw her at the Greyhound Bus depot. [REDACTED] had written to me and wanted to know if it would be alright if she came out to the Crystal Lake Gospel camp. She stayed all summer until about October when my wife and I took her and put her on the bus for [REDACTED].

"About Christmas time 1943 she came back to Portland, Oregon and she told me that she hitchhiked her way and as far as I know she has been here ever since. I would only see her occasionally when she came to the services at Crystal Lake. About September 1944 [REDACTED] stayed with my mother at Crystal Lake Park and she has stayed at my house with my wife when I was away on business.

[REDACTED] has worked at the Roosevelt Hotel, Benson Hotel as elevator operator and bell hop. This was about three or four months ago. EVELYN CAMERON, Milwaukie, Oregon told me that [REDACTED] was fired from the Roosevelt Hotel for being in a room with some service men. EVELYN CAMERON now has her job at the Roosevelt Hotel. She also worked at the Dagoon, a Chinese eating place, in Milwaukie for awhile. This was in September 1944. The only time that I would see her would be in the church meeting or she would come out to the Crystal Lake Park and ride my horses.

"When EVELYN CAMERON told me that she had been fired from the Roosevelt Hotel I made arrangements with Mrs. MARRION, Tacoma, Washington, phone Maine 1467, and who lives on Broadway about a block above the Buick garage, to take her in and give her a home and get her board and room in return for work that she did around the house. MRS. MARRION runs a home for wayward girls for the Police in Tacoma, Washington. It is a girls Christian home.

"I saw her about three time\_ at this house when others were present during January 1945. While I was in Seattle, Washington having meetings there I was talking to MRS MARRMON on the phone one day and she told me that [REDACTED] was taking [REDACTED]. The way I understand it some nurse had told her to do this. MRS. MARRMON called me on the phone and told me that I had told the girl [REDACTED] but I didn't give [REDACTED] any advice at all about [REDACTED]. I asked [REDACTED] later when I got back to Tacoma, Washington in front of MRS MARRMON, MRS HYDELL and a couple of other women that I don't know, who got [REDACTED] and she said it was some fellow that she was going with but she did not mention his name.

"About two weeks ago I saw her in Portland, Oregon on the street near the Bates Motoramp and she wanted to borrow a couple of dollars and she told me that she was waiting for a job or something. The next time that I saw her was at the train from Tacoma, Washington. I was at the depot and I saw her in the waiting room in the depot. She said that she had to see me that night and she told me to see her in room 826 on the corner of 15th and Yamhill streets. I got up there about 11:00 PM because I had to see a sailor off on the train. I can't remember the sailor's name that I was on the train with but I had to see him off for Los Angeles, California and I got something to eat and then went to see her.

"I went directly to the room that she had given me and she opened the door and I stood there in the door way for awhile and then went in. She told me that she wanted me to meet JOE, that he was out of the room but that she expected him in any moment. She didn't tell me JOE's last name but she wanted me to see him. I don't know what she wanted me to see JOE for but I think that she wanted him to ask me for some money. I have never met JOE but with the exception of RED UPTEGROVE, Milwaukie, Oregon and MRS. MARRMON's son I don't know anyone that she has gone with. After about 45 minutes of talking about my horses and little things of no consequence she went out to get some beer for herself. I noticed that one of the two beds in the room was messed up and she said something about being too lazy to make the bed when her old man left. She came back with some beer and made a crack about not offering me any. While she was gone I took a bath in the bathroom but I was dressed when she came back. When she came back she went into the bathroom and took off her dress and put on a red robe and got on the bed and drank some beer. It was one o'clock by that time and I told her that I had to go but she wanted me to wait for JOE. I was sitting on the couch and fell asleep. I hadn't put on my shirt



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or tie yet when the police came and knocked on the door. The police knocked on the door several times and then the phone rang several times and then they knocked again. It took about four or five minutes before she opened the door. When the knock came on the door she made a sign to me and told me that it wasn't JOE and she did not want to open the door. I believe that it was about 1 o'clock when the police came.

"I think that she was staying at the YWCA when she came back to Portland from Tacoma, Washington. If she wasn't staying at the YWCA I don't know where she was staying.

"I don't know why she came to Portland, Oregon except that I heard that she came here on the way to [REDACTED] after she had married some fellow but I don't know who she was going to marry. I don't know if she was running around much in Tacoma but she was free to come and go as she wanted while she was staying there.

"I have never had any [REDACTED] nor have I ever had [REDACTED]. She was just like a kid in the family or one of the flock. I have never taken her across a state line nor have I ever bought her a train or bus ticket or arranged for [REDACTED] to take any trips except as mentioned above. I have given her money but not over \$10.00 or \$15.00 all together. She always paid the money back.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and two other pages and it is all true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I realize that I do not have to make this statement or sign it and I have made this statement voluntarily and of my own free will and no threats or promises have been made to me. I have also been advised that this statement may be used against me in a court of law.

JERRY OWEN /s/

Witnessed:

JOHN E. HOLMES, Spec. Agent F.B.I., Portland, Oregon /s/

WILLIAM E. GELDER, Special Agent FBI, Portland, Oregon /s/ "

OWENS advised that he was registered with Local Board 95, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco, California, under Order No. 54, and that as of June 12, 1943, he was classified as 4-D. OWENS stated that he was not delinquent with his draft board and that his address at the above mentioned draft board would be 2615 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon. OWENS stated that he was first ordained as a minister at San Francisco, California just before Christmas, 1938, and that he was later ordained by Dr. BROCK at Hawthorne Temple, Portland,

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Oregon on December 2, 1941. OWENS stated that this is a Pentacostal Church and that his ordination could be substantiated by calling Dr. BROCK at telephone No. Lancaster 3449.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

W. SPRAGUE, Identification Officer, Portland, Police Department produced the records of that organization relative to subject and set out his physical description as follows:

Name:	OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN alias JERRY OWEN
Address:	2615 Harrison St., Milwaukie, Ore.
Age:	31
Born:	4-16-13; Ashland, Ohio
Citizenship:	American
Race:	White
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	212 pounds
Build:	Stout
Hair:	Brown (curly)
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Light
Scars & marks:	None visible
Occupation:	Minister with The People, Inc., Crystal Lake Park, Milwaukie, Ore.
Criminal record:	Arrested by Portland PD 2-17-45 for disorderly conduct under Arrest No. 22115
Wife:	Beverly A. Owen, 2615 Harrison St., Milwaukie, Oregon.
Mother:	MURIEL C. OWEN, Crystal Lake Park, Milwaukie, Oregon.
Son:	[REDACTED] (with wife)

R. W. SPRAGUE further produced the records relative to the victim which set out the following information:

Name:	[REDACTED]
Age:	22, (according to police but actually 18)
Born:	7-12-22, Des Moines, Iowa

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Race:	White
Height:	5 feet
Weight:	105 pounds
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium
Scars:	None noticeable
Occupation:	Singer, according to police records, but actually hotel bellhop and elevator operator.
Nationality:	American
Criminal Record:	Arrested by Portland PD on 2-17-45 for immoral conduct under arrest #A-1080.
Mother:	Mrs. EMMA ROATH
Sister:	Mrs. ROBERT E. DARR, 4008 6th Ave., Des Moines, Ia.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN D. HOLMES and the writer:

R. W. CLARK, Manager of the Mallory Hotel, 15th and Yamhill Street, upon interview advised that between 1 A.M. and 2 A.M. on February 17, 1945, while he was in his room, 830, he heard a pounding on the door of Room 826. CLARK further stated that shortly thereafter the phone in Room 826 began ringing, and he felt that it was disturbing the entire eighth floor. CLARK stated that this knocking and ringing continued for approximately fifteen minutes after which the same stopped. CLARK stated that he did not see the subject or victim at any time but produced registration card 8003 which was signed [REDACTED] Seattle, Washington". Examination of this card reflected that Room 826 of the Mallory Hotel was assigned to this party at five P.M., February 16, 1945. CLARK stated that he was not at the hotel desk at the time this card was filled out, but added that Mrs. HAZEL BELCHUS was the room clerk at that time and had advised him that the victim registered and had a small girl with her. CLARK also stated that GEORGE R. POFF, 8337 S. E. Foster Road, telephone Tabor 4709, was the bell boy on duty on the evening in question, and that N. W. DISQUE, 1222 N. E. Schuyler Street, telephone TRinity 0846, was the night clerk on duty at 2 A.M. on February 17, 1945.

JIM MURPHY, bell boy at the Mallory Hotel, upon interview advised that at approximately five P.M. the victim in Room 826 ordered two bottles of beer



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which he took to her room. MURPHY also stated that at approximately 6:15 or 6:20 P.M. on the same evening the victim ordered nine bottles of beer and that at 9 P.M. she left the hotel approximately one hour later alone. MURPHY advised that he knew nothing further concerning the activities of the subject and victim in this case.

The following signed statement, which was obtained from WENDELL D. and MILDRED WALLER, is being maintained in the exhibit envelope relative to this case.

"We, WENDELL D. WALLER and MILDRED WALLER make the following voluntary statement to WILLIAM E. GELDER and JOHN E. HOLMES whom we know to be Special Agents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We make this statement without fear of punishment or promise of reward. No threats, promises nor duress have been used to induce us to make this statement. We have been told that we do not have to make any statement; and that if we do, it may be used in a court of law. We make this statement believing it to be true.

"We met JERRY OWEN on Friday, January 19th, 1945, at the New Washington Hotel, Seattle, Washington, where we had Room 1202. He was introduced to us as a Reverend by a porter RAY MILLER of the New Washington Hotel and said he would perform our marriage ceremony at 8:00 PM that evening, which he did and left to preach a sermon and returned to our room about 11 o'clock where we were having a small wedding party. He introduced us to his wife at that time as BEVERLY and they stayed until quite late. He stopped by the following day while I was working as a salesman, and we saw him on several occasions for the next two or three days. Then on Monday, January 22nd, he told us that he had been introduced to a very cute little girl, whom a former friend of his thru college had [REDACTED]. He said this man's name was HARRY and that he knew him at the University of Southern California. HARRY was a married man with two children and he couldn't afford to take her [REDACTED], and this friend asked him if he would loan him \$200.00 to help him out, which JERRY said he was going to do. On Tuesday, January 23rd, JERRY called us on the phone to step across the hall to his room, 1207, and meet someone. So we did.

"He introduced us to [REDACTED] and said that these people are friends of mine. JERRY asked us if we knew a [REDACTED] in Portland who [REDACTED], and we said we knew of a [REDACTED]. His reason for wanting her to come to Portland was that some doctor she had visited in Seattle told her that inasmuch as she was two and one half months along, he was afraid to handle the case, but would for \$160, irregard-

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lews . I told JERRY that I thought that the Portland [REDACTED] would run about \$50.00. My wife suggested that if she didn't have any place to go, she could stay at our home; that we would be home on Friday, the 26th.

"The reason he was visitng this girl alone in this r om was that his wife had taken a boat trip to Victoria, B. C., Canada for a few days, but his little boy, four years old, named [REDACTED] stayed with JERRY. She, BEVERLY, left Seattle, Wn. on Sunday, January 21st. [REDACTED] was in the room at the time we met [REDACTED].

"We arrived home at the set time; [REDACTED] called in the morning on Friday, and Mrs. WALLER picked her up at the YWCA and brought her to our home. She stayed here until Tuesday the 30th of January before going to see the [REDACTED]. The reason it required that many days was that [REDACTED] in Portland wanted \$100 and she said that JERRY had only given her \$75.00 and that she only had 3/4 of that left, and she was waiting for JERRY to return to Portland in order to get the necessary difference. JERRY arrived here MONDAY, the 29th, I believe, called me and made arrangements for me to meet him, as he wanted to give the girl an additional \$50, but wanted to be sure to come alone and not bring her. We met at the Multnomah Hotel at 1:30 in the afternoon.

"I received the money, and gave it to her in the presence of my wife and the next day I have already explained [REDACTED] and stayed on at our house until the following Friday when she took the train alone and went to Tacoma.

"In the meantime, I had arranged to meet JERRY at the station when she was leaving on the 1:30 PM train. JERRY came down but didn't get out of the car, nor did he see her; while he had his clothes in the back of his car, he told me he was going to the Hawthorne Temple and change clothes, and catch the 4:00 PM train for Tacoma, where he was to preach that night. It later turned out however, that [REDACTED] was expecting JERRY on her train, and when the train failed to pull out with JERRY aboard she left the train at Vancouver, and called us back home to see if we knew why JERRY didn't get on. We learned of this at a later date as we were not home when she called. She took, then, the next train for Tacoma, and met JERRY at the Winthrop Hotel, Tacoma. However, I believe she said she went to his studio where he was preaching and walked with him from the studio to the Winthrop. She returned to our home unexpectedly on Monday, February 5th, stating that JERRY had insisted on her coming back to see [REDACTED] again as she wasn't

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feeling too well.

"She called [REDACTED], and he assured her there was nothing to worry about, but instead of going on her way, she stayed on here until Friday, February 16th. He charged her nothing for her stay here, but JERRY offered to pay us for any trouble we had been put to. JERRY visited her here on several occasions, altho it was on the pretense of seeing me, and would send her out of the room so that he could talk to me about getting her to go back to her Mother for his friend HARRY in Seattle no longer wanted her and that she didn't know that he JERRY, was a minister, but had represented himself as a salesman; this too, of course for my benefit--why I don't know. JERRY not knowing previously, [REDACTED] had told my wife and I that JERRY was [REDACTED] and that since [REDACTED] she had [REDACTED], but as in church work. She told us it was he that was the [REDACTED] and this was at [REDACTED]

"She went on to tell us that she lived with JERRY and his wife here in Portland at their home, but that his wife recently demanded that she [REDACTED], stay out of the picture as far as JERRY was concerned. Consequently that was why JERRY was keeping [REDACTED] hidden when his wife was with him in the various towns he preached in such as Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, B. C., and Portland, which was accomplished by having her go, as I understand it, most frequently to some home of one of the women in his congregation, and when he desired to be with her, would rent a hotel room.

"It was on one of these occasions of telling MRS. WALLER and I of her history with JERRY that he didn't dare try to leave her or try to get rid of her as she had too much on him, such as that he had sporting girls working for him in Los Angeles while he was driving a taxi cab. I believe this was probably nine years ago or more. However she went on to say he had even committed a murder; not knowing how true it is, I can't swear as to the statement, but it was supposed to have been some woman he met in Chicago and with whom he drove to Texas, and that she double-crossed him in some way, and in a fit of temper, did away with her, but the authorities believe it was a car accident. I am not positive, but I believe it was in either Dallas or El Paso, Texas. He took what money she had, I believe it was a sum of between \$6000 and \$7000, and left for Los Angeles."



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"So knowing all this from her, made me seem rather foolish when I would be in discussions with JERRY, and he would refer to [REDACTED] as "the little girl he was helping out" and that her boy friend probably never would pay him the money back that he had spent on her so far.

"Recently, Monday, February 12th, JERRY showed up at our home about 9:30 in the morning. [REDACTED] admitted him to the house, Mrs. WALLER and I were still in bed, and he came into our bedroom and said he wanted to talk to me. As I recall, it was nothing of great importance, so he spent the day here on the pretense of visiting with me, altho it was quite obvious that it was [REDACTED] that he wanted to see. They ate dinner with us here, and JERRY said he was going to leave shortly, but he wanted to talk to [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] that he was married and had a little boy, and that she couldn't afford to have designs on him. Frankly, [REDACTED] looked very down in the mouth and sad during the entire day. It was noticeable that she thought JERRY was trying to get rid of her, even tho JERRY thought we supposed he was simply being a friend, a small child could have seen there had been a long standing association between them. Anyway, Mrs. WALLER and I retired around 9 o'clock and at 1 o'clock we awakened and decided we would get a snack in the kitchen only to find that JERRY and [REDACTED] were also eating and JERRY told me at the time that he was going to leave right away. Feeling that he would, we went on to bed, and at 7:00 the next morning when we got up to get the children off to school, we found his car was still in our driveway, and Mrs. WALLER found they were using our guest room and had to awaken [REDACTED] to get JERRY to move his car so that we could get our car out of the garage. [REDACTED] told us that morning that JERRY had more or less kicked her out of bed because she laid too close to him all night and she was in tears over the affair.

"JERRY left our house then on Tuesday afternoon, which was February 13th, and after he left [REDACTED] told us that they had set up most of the night drinking; that he had gotten drunk and that he confessed to her that he had recently gotten rid of six or seven sporting women in Seattle that were working, for him, and that one of these were reported to be Japanese.

"At one time, [REDACTED] asked us to pick mail up for her at General Delivery. She said that she goes under the name of Mrs. JOE FOSTER. We asked her how come this name, and she said her mother thought she was married to JOE FOSTER who was in the service. Her sister I believe lives in [REDACTED], and her mother in [REDACTED].

"On Tuesday, February 13th, I asked JERRY if he wouldn't have her boy friend send for her for she was well and had been staying at the house far too long; the whole thing was getting on Mrs. WALLER's nerves. He said he would loan her the money to go back home, and that he was going to California the following week. She later told us that he arranged with her to catch the train and meet him in California.

"On Friday, the 16th of February, [REDACTED] asked me to make her a reservation at the Benson Hotel, which I did. JERRY called from Tacoma at noon or shortly thereafter and told me he was leaving then for Portland. He told me to tell [REDACTED] to make arrangements to catch "that" train Saturday. At that time, [REDACTED] took the phone and apparently he told her the same thing, because she said "No I have changed my mind. I am not going. I have made arrangements to check into the Benson under the name of [REDACTED]." JERRY said he was leaving and would be here very soon, so she said she would meet him at the hotel.

"She packed her bags and left in the car with Mrs. WALLER and myself as Mrs. WALLER was taking me to the station to catch the 4 o'clock train to Seattle. They took me to the station first and then Mrs. WALLER took [REDACTED] to the Benson where they couldn't accomodate her, but the management made arrangements with the Mallory Hotel, where Mrs. WALLER delivered her and went up to her room and visited for a little while.

"[REDACTED] told Mrs. WALLER that on Saturday night, February 10th, she had stayed at the Multnomah Hotel with JERRY. I do not know the name they used at this hotel, but JERRY registered first because he called her and told her to come on down to the Multnomah.

"I, WENDELL D. WALLER have dictated this statement from my best recollection of the facts. I MILDRED WALLER have contributed to this statement from facts as I recall them. We have both read the foregoing statement consisting of the four typewritten pages including this one and believe it is the truth. We have initialled any corrections and have initialled each page as evidence that we have so read it."

WENDELL WALLER /s/  
MILDRED WALLER /s/

Witnesses:

WILLIAM E. GELDER, FBI Portland, Oregon /s/  
JOHN E. HOLMES, FBI Spec. Agent, Portland, Oregon /s/

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Confidential Informant T-1 advised as follows: That the subject wrote to the victim's mother on stationery with the heading "We The People, Crystal Lake Gospel Park, Inc., Milwaukie, Oregon" on the date of June 10, 1943 as follows:

"Dear Mrs. [REDACTED],

"I suppose you were surprised to have no phone you long distance from Portland, but I know your girl was disappointed when she couldn't come out to camp last summer. I received the letter from you last summer, stating it was alright for her to come to Crystal Lake Gospel Camp. [REDACTED] can help Beverly quite a bit in watching out little boy and she can also work in the ice cream and pop stand here at camp.

"We have a beautiful fifteen acre christian camp just seven miles out of Portland in a little suburb town which is called Milwaukie. We have a tabernacle seating fifteen hundred and several cabins and cottages. We have thousands of people that come to the camp each summer. The camp opens July the fourth and runs ten and one half weeks until Labor Day.

"[REDACTED] can spend the summer here and return in time for school. I'm sure she will be a great help to Beverly because Beverly isn't very strong. You wouldn't have to worry about [REDACTED], because she will be with christian people all the time. If her school is out she can come right away. Send me a wire when she leaves [REDACTED] and we will meet her here in Portland at the Greyhound bus depot. Trusting you are all well and strong.

Sincerely yours,

Evang. JERRY OWEN /s/  
Jerry Owen

P.S. The bus fare is \$29.50 I believe  
Inclosure is a check for \$50.00 which will cover  
the buss fare and food, etc. "

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A photographic copy of the above mentioned letter and envelope are being retained in the exhibit envelope relative to this case.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the victim was at one time, under the name of [REDACTED], living at [REDACTED] telephone 65534, and employed under Social Security No. [REDACTED], as well as Social Security No. [REDACTED] while working at the Columbia Hotel, Keise, Washington. T-1 also stated that the subject under the name of [REDACTED] at one time lived at 2183 N. W. Hoyt Street, Portland, telephone Broadway 5847; that the subject had a birth certificate, register number [REDACTED] setting out that she was born as [REDACTED] on July 12, 1926 at [REDACTED], the daughter of FRANK H. [REDACTED] and EMMA [REDACTED] 933 7th Street, Des Moines, Iowa. That the subject has a sister Mrs. ROBERT E. DARR living at 4008 6th Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. That the subject sometimes received mail addressed to her as Mrs. J. FOSTER, 610 Broadway, Tacoma, Washington. That the subject has a close friend or sister by the name of MARY SMITH, 4374 James Street, Vancouver, B. C. That the subject frequently received letters addressed to Mrs. [REDACTED] c/o General Delivery, Portland, Oregon. That the subject received a letter so addressed and postmarked Mercer, [REDACTED], on February 8, 1945, signed "mother" with the return on the envelope being Box 208 Laidell, Iowa. That there was a W. O. McCARTY living at Lianville, Iowa. That the subject has a friend by the name of R. OGDEN, 216 6th Street, New Webster, B. C. and one friend MARY NOBLE, 5150 Balsom Street, Vancouver, B. C.

On January 19, 1945, Special Agent J. E. HOLMES and the writer when at Police headquarters saw the victim as she was being released from jail.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

ELEANOR KISSEL, Assistant Clerk of the Municipal Court, City Hall, upon request produced the Municipal Court docket 155 which set out on page 84 under date of February 17, 1945 that [REDACTED] was arrested by Detectives WEYDEL, SIMS and MULLIGAN, charged with disorderly conduct at headquarters; that a fine, receipt number 3-86864, had been issued; that she had pleaded not guilty, had been fined \$50.00 and sentenced to thirty days, the appeal bond being in the amount of \$250.00, and that complaint number F-45168 had been issued relative to her.

The Municipal Court Docket as described above was the same in all respects as to the subject. This docket also set out that R. W. BANKS, City Attorney, swore out the complaint charging in substance that on February 17, 1945, the subject and victim committed a disorderly act at the Mallory Hotel,



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Room 826, and that they were registered as man and wife and were in a state of undress when apprehended. This complaint was issued on February 17, 1945.

EDWARD O'DRANE, officer of the Portland Police Department at the City Jail, advised the writer that he had opened a letter addressed to the subject by mistake. This letter, upon examination, was postmarked Portland 4, Oregon, but bore no return address. The letter is as follows:

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"Dear Jerry:

Why in heaven's name did you get yourself into a mess like this. Honestly Jerry, when I read about it in the paper it cut and it cut deep. At any rate, I am not suspecting the worst, though I suppose I am crazy not to, and I am waiting for your release. No matter what happens I will be waiting because I have just got to see you. If you won't let me see you when you get out I'll go to your mother and tell her everything and find out where you have gone.

Please don't fail me again. I don't think I realized until all this happened, just what you meant to me. At first I was going to talk to you in person but I decided it would be best for me not to come down, remember, I want to see you.

As ever

Lillian "

O'DRANE further stated in regard to the victim's release that he had been advised by bondsman FRANK HOCHFELD that attorney WILLIAM DICKSON had taken the victim back into the court room before Municipal Judge J. J. QUILLIAN and the judge allowed the victim to change her plea and entered a plea of "not guilty" so that appeal bond might be made for her.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that JEAN KELLY, 538 South Fremont, Los Angeles, California, wrote an airmail letter postmarked at Los Angeles, California on February 23, 1945, addressed to the subject in this case, which is as follows:

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"Dear Jerry:

"After unsucesfully trying to locate you for two years, I pick up a local paper and read of your having some trouble in Portland which I am sorry but glad to be able to locate you.

"Our son is well and in good health thanks to me. But dont you think that your vacation is over? By that I mean dont you think it is about time you helped support him.

"Now I am going to be very brief and right to the point. I went to the F.B.I. today and know exactly what I can do.

"I dont want to cause you any trouble and I don't     anything only support for our son, which is only right. I gave you a fair trail and thought perhaps your conscious would make you do the right thing and help me with the Baby, but evidently you dont understand anything that is right.

"So I am giving you a chance to come to an agreement. So expect a letter by return Mail."

Yours truly

Jean"

A photographic copy of this letter is being retained in the exhibit envelope relative to this case.

The victim was located at the Fred Meyer's Company Drug Warehouse, 1709 S. E. 3rd Avenue, at which time she stated that she was residing with Mrs. FENES, Ballington Club, 138 S. E. 8th Avenue, and that she intended to keep this position until her case was appealed or disposed of.

On February 24, 1945, the victim was interviewed at the Portland Field Division in the presence of PETER J. MEANEY and Stenographer SHIRLEY KRESHEN, at which time she denied ever having any immoral relations with the subject, or that she had crossed any state lines with him or at his suggestion.

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Victim also refused to furnish any written statement concerning her past, and advised that her Attorney WILLIAM DIXON had counselled her that she was not obligated in the F.B.I. investigation in any way. No information of any value whatsoever was obtained from her during this interview.

W. F. KENNEDY, Assistant Manager; Mrs. JOE WARREN, desk clerk; CAROLINE FLETCHER, office employees of the Multnomah Hotel all viewed photographs of the subject and victim with negative results. The files of the Multnomah Hotel were checked by Miss FLETCHER under the names of OWEN and [REDACTED], ROBERTS, [REDACTED] and FOSTER, with negative results as to a room being rented by subject or victim in that hotel on February 10, 1945.

The following employees of the Multnomah Hotel were interviewed relative to the subject and victim and photographs of them exhibited with negative results: WILLIAM J. HOFFMANN, Associate Manager; VIRGINIA McBRIDE, desk clerk; FRANCES GOGGINS, cashier; WILMA TULLY, bookkeeper; PEGGY MINGO, mail clerk; JACK MURRAY, bell boy; FRANCIS SCOTT, JR., bell boy; CLIFFORD BRAULT, bell boy; CECIL BOWERS, bell boy; HANS LANGMEIER, bell boy; LEONARD WALD, bell boy; LEWIS BAIN, head porter, THELMA MORGAN, elevator operator, Mrs. MARTHA LYNCH, head elevator operator; ISABEL WALLIS, housekeeper, ELTA GRIFFIN, maid, ANNA MARIE GRISHIN, maid.

The following employees of the Washington Hotel, 1129 S. W. Washington Street, were interviewed relative to the subject and victim and photographs exhibited with negative results: FLAVEL W. TEMPLE, Manager; MRS. F. W. TEMPLE, desk clerk; Mrs. CATHERINE GRANDSTED, desk clerk; LEWIS ALEXANDER, bell boy and elevator operator. However, a review of the registration book reflected that the victim was a guest at the hotel on September 6 to 27, inclusive, under the name of [REDACTED].

J. K. NORMAN, Manager; Mrs. LUCY CROSS, desk clerk; and V. J. ELIZABETH VEAROUT, desk clerk, of the Carlton Hotel, 1405 S. W. Washington Street, were interviewed relative to the subject and victim and the photographs exhibited with negative results. The hotel records were checked relative to the subject and victim under their true names and aliases with negative results.

C. D. DAMASKE, Manager, and Mrs. R. SHUTE, desk clerk, Clyde Hotel, 1022 Stark Street, upon interview and display of the pictures of the subject and victim advised that the only information they had was that the victim under the name of [REDACTED] worked as a maid in this hotel during the period of October 1 to 5, 1944, at \$4.00 a day. Mrs. SCHUTE checked the hotel register but the same failed to reflect that the victim had registered there as a guest. However, she did state that the victim had on at least two occasions been registered at the hotel as a guest. Her employment record indicated

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that she was living at the YWCA at the time of her employment.

Mr. C. E. LAWRENCE, Manager of the Benson Hotel, 309 S. W. Broadway, upon interview and display of photographs of subject and victim stated he did not remember either of them; however, a check of the Employees Withholding Exemption Certificate issued under the victim's true name, Social Security Number [REDACTED] indicated under date of January 14, 1944, that the victim was living at the Clyde Hotel and had been employed as an elevator operator at the Benson Hotel on January 14, 15, 16, and 18, 1944. JACK DILLON, Superintendent of Service, Benson Hotel, 309 S. W. Broadway, advised upon interview and after viewing photographs that he remembered the victim but had not at any time seen the victim and subject together. DILLON also stated that the victim advised him that she was married to a traveling salesman working out of Tacoma, Washington. DILLON stated that there were no other employees presently at the hotel which were working there during the time the victim was employed, and that there whereabouts were unknown to him at the present time.

R. G. THOMPSON, Manager, Roosevelt Hotel, 1007 S. W. Park Street, advised upon interview that he remembered the victim working as an elevator operator and a check with his records reflected that the victim under name of [REDACTED] was so employed from November 10 to 24, inclusive, 1944. THOMPSON stated he had never seen the victim and subject together and that she had given her home address as being 218 Yarrhill. THOMPSON stated he sent the victim a letter to this address and it was returned to him marked "No such address".

GEORGE LEUCH, Head Bellboy, Roosevelt Hotel, 1007 S. W. Park Street, advised upon interview that he had been responsible for the victim losing her job as elevator operator at this hotel inasmuch as she spent too much time in the guests rooms. LEUCH stated, however, that although he had frequently seen her in a guest's room he had never found her in any compromising positions. LEUCH stated, however, that the victim told him that she had "approached" OWEN a number of times but he did not seem interested, and added that she was very interested in him. LEUCH said that he had never seen the subject and victim together to the best of his knowledge.

EVELYN CAMERON, 2502 7th Avenue, Milwaukie, Oregon, and employee of the Roosevelt Hotel, upon interview stated that in her opinion there was nothing between the subject and victim. Miss CAMERON stated that she had known both the subject and victim for about three years and had had occasion to travel with the subject while he was engaged in church work in the State of Washington. Miss CAMERON advised that the victim was at one time employed by Carstiens Packing Company at Tacoma, Washington, and also worked at the 15th Street Automotive Service, Portland, Oregon. Miss CAMERON also stated that the victim



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refused to tell her where she was living in downtown Portland while she was employed as an elevator operator at the Roosevelt Hotel.

The address of 2804 S. W. 9th Avenue was found to be fictitious.

Mrs. E. L. JAMISON, Manager of the Patricia Court, 2182 N. W. Hoyt Street, advised, after seeing the photographs of subject and victim, that she could not identify either of them. Mrs. JAMISON stated that she had been manager of the Patricia Court since September, 1944, and further, that the phone number BRoadway 5847 is the telephone listed in the name of Mrs. HELEN MATLOCK, who is a widow living in Apartment 10 of the Patricia Court.

Mrs. LEWIS ANKENY, Apartment 10, Patricia Court, upon interview advised that she is the sister-in-law of Mrs. MATLOCK and that she had only visited there for one day and hasn't lived in Portland for four years, and consequently, did not have an opportunity to meet either the subject or victim of this case.

Mrs. HELEN A. MATLOCK, apartment 10, 2182 N. W. Hoyt Street, advised upon interview that sometime during the months of April or May she met the victim while the victim was employed at the 15th Street Automotive Store located at 15th Avenue and Davis Street. Mrs. MATLOCK stated the victim was employed at this place as a window washer and it was her understanding that the victim had previously worked at the Washington or Carleton Hotels in Portland. Mrs. MATLOCK advised that the victim needed a place to live, and consequently, she allowed her to room at her apartment for about two weeks, at which time she left and went to live with the subject and his wife at Milwaukie, Oregon. Mrs. MATLOCK further stated that the subject brought his car to the 15th Automotive Service and the victim would show the subject's car to various employees at this establishment. Mrs. MATLOCK stated, however, that she had never seen the subject and victim together, but added that she was not at home all of the time that the victim was staying at her apartment. Mrs. MATLOCK stated that a Mrs. VALITON VICTORY, who was at that time employed by Dr. CHARLES GURNEY, Medical Arts Building, also roomed at her apartment and might possibly know some pertinent facts relative to this case. Mrs. MATLOCK stated that the victim made several telephone calls to the subject's home while she was living with her, and added that she had never seen the subject call for the victim at her house. Mrs. MATLOCK stated that the victim received mail in the name of [REDACTED] and that when she left she gave some post office box at Milwaukie, Oregon as a forwarding address.

The Bureau is being requested by letter for the subject's and victim's criminal records.

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ENCLOSURES:

TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE: 1 Photograph of subject.  
1 Photograph of victim.

TO THE SEATTLE OFFICE: 2 Photographs of subject  
2 Photographs of victim.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DES MOINES FIELD DIVISION

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Will contact victim's sister Mrs. ROBERT E. DARR, 4008 6th Avenue, relative to subject and victim's relationship.

Will also obtain from this sister the correct address of victim's mother Mrs. [REDACTED], so that she may be interviewed relative to the \$50.00 sent to her on June 10, 1943, by the subject for victim's bus fare from Des Moines, Iowa, to Portland, Oregon, and to subject's and victim's activities.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will check the office indices relative to a visit made by JEAN KELLY concerning her relationships with subject (KELLY stated in her letter to subject that she had visited the F.B.I. Office concerning her situation".

Will contact JEAN KELLY, 538 South Fremont, display photographs of subject and victim and thoroughly interview and obtain signed statement from her concerning subject's background and activities in view of establishing her as a victim in another case against the subject. It should be noted that she wrote subject a letter that he should contribute to the support of their child. The fact that this letter was intercepted should not be revealed to her as same might prove embarrassing to the Portland informant.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

Will obtain from Local Draft Board 95, 50 Oak Street, the subject's Selective Service status and background information under Order No. 54.

THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Will consider again interviewing victim, who is presently residing in care of Mrs. FENES, Ballington Club, 138 S. E. 8th Avenue, concerning instant case.

Will follow and report city prosecution in this case.

Will present this case to the U. S. Attorney for his opinion as to prosecution.

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INFORMANTS

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-1:

R. W. CLARK, Manager of Mallory  
Hotel, 15th and Yamhill Streets,  
Portland, Oregon.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-2:

Bond Officer LEE RUDDER of the  
Portland Police Department City  
Jail.



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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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The following is the record of FBI number 4261906

J. E. Hoover  
Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
FD, Long Beach Calif.	Oliver Jerry Owen #9303	3-28-30	Investigation of Robbery	Released 3-28-30
FD, Portland Oreg.	Oliver Brindley Owen, #22115	2-17-45	Dis. Cond.	Hold for Fed. Auth.

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Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Additional aliases; Oliver B. Owen, Jerry Owen			
	The above individual is identical with OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, subject of your letter dated March 12, 1945.			
	RE: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was, JACQUELINE JANICE ROATH, was, VICTIM. WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.			
CC: SAC, Portland				

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, OREGON**

FILE NO. **31-965**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DES MOINES, IOWA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-29-45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-27-45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM C. KILLEN</b> WCA:FS
TITLE <b>OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was; [REDACTED], was, - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. ROBERT E. DARR, sister of Victim, Des Moines, Iowa, knows very little concerning Victim's association with Subject and advised Mrs. H. K. BONDONE, mother of Victim, Mercer County, Missouri can give more complete details concerning such association.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent William E. Gelder, dated March 16, 1945, at Portland, Oregon.

**DETAILS:** AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Mrs. ROBERT E. DARR, 4008 6th Avenue, sister of the Victim, advised upon interview, that she knew very little of the Subject and Victim's association because the Victim corresponded with her infrequently and such correspondence that was received from the Victim contained practically nothing concerning her activities.

According to Mrs. DARR's best recollection the Victim first became acquainted with the Subject in the instant case about seven years ago when the Subject was holding Evangelist meetings at Des Moines, Iowa. The Victim became interested in the teachings of the Subject at this time to such an extent that although she was only about twelve years of age she refused to go to picture shows and after the Subject left Des Moines, Iowa, she corresponded with him and his wife.

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COPIES OF THIS REPORT  3 - Bureau 3 - Portland (1 USA) 2 - Kansas City (Enc 1) 2 - Des Moines		<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">31-4130-7</div> <div style="font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</div> <div style="font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 10px;">APR 4 1945</div> <div style="font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">PORTLAND FIELD OFFICE</div> </div>

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The Subject came back to Des Moines accompanied by his wife and child in 1941. During this time the Victim associated to a considerable extent with the Subject and his wife and upon leaving Des Moines, Iowa, around July, 1941 the Subject persuaded the mother of the Victim to permit her, the Victim, to accompany them to take care of their child and sing at the various meetings he was conducting. Mrs. DARR stated that she heard very little from the Victim after her departure and the first real knowledge she had of what the Victim had been doing was when the Victim returned to DES MOINES, Iowa, shortly after Thanksgiving in 1943. She stated that at this time the Victim spent approximately three weeks visiting at her home and at her mother's home, in Mercer County, Missouri and that during such visit the Victim was very secretive receiving all her mail and other communications through General Delivery rather than having them come to her at her residence. At this time the Victim told her that she was writing to one JOE FOSTER and that this individual wanted her to marry him; that she intended to return to the west coast to do so.

Mrs. DARR, however, stated that it was her belief that there was no such individual as JOE FOSTER and the Victim invented such an individual to partially explain the numerous letters which she wrote. Shortly before Christmas, 1943 the Victim left Mrs. DARR's residence without stating where she was going and returned to the west coast. Her whereabouts were unknown to Mrs. DARR and her mother until her arrival on the west coast inasmuch as Mrs. DARR and her mother had opposed the Victim's returning and she left without telling them in order to prevent their taking any action to keep her from going.

About Christmas of 1944 Mrs. DARR advised the Victim wrote to her mother and stated that she had married JOE FOSTER in February, 1944 but that such marriage had been subsequently annulled. Mrs. DARR stated that she couldn't give any exact dates or very much information concerning this alleged marriage as such correspondence from the Victim was directed to her mother and she had only the general knowledge which she received through correspondence with her mother. Mrs. DARR also advised that she had recently received a letter from the Victim in which the Victim told her that she had been arrested together with the Subject because he had been found in her hotel room. However, she gave no details concerning such arrest and Mrs. DARR was unaware of the Victim's

Mrs. DARR stated that the Victim was of excellent character before she left Des Moines and such immoral activities as reflected in the reference report were acquired after her association with the Subject began. Mrs. DARR stated that her mother's mailing address was as follows:

Mrs. H. K. BODOINE, Box 206,  
Lineville, Iowa.

She advised her mother resides in Mercer County, Missouri, four miles north

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of Mercer, Missouri, on the highway connecting Mercer, Missouri and Lineville, Iowa, and that her mother could give complete details concerning the association of the Victim with the Subject in so far as was known through correspondence and conversation with the Victim and Subject, that occurred between the Subject and Victim and members of the Victim's family.

ENCLOSURE TO KANSAS CITY OFFICE

A copy of the report of Special Agent William E. Gelder, made March 16, 1945, at Portland, Oregon is being forwarded to the Kansas City office as an enclosure with this report for guidance in their interview with Mrs. BORDONE.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Mercer, Missouri

*Will* Will interview Mrs. HL E. BONDONE, residing four miles north of Mercer, Missouri, on the highway connecting Mercer, Missouri and Lineville, Iowa, and obtain from her all information pertaining to the Victim's association with the Subject.


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Washington, D. C.

Mar. 24, 1945 1166

The following is the record of FBI number 4281820

J. E. Hoover  
Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Portland, Oregon		2-17-45	Dis. Cond.-H.D.	\$50 fine and 30 days
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Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Aliases: [REDACTED] The above individual is identical with subject of your letter dated March 12, 1945. RE: OLIVER BRIDLEY OWEN, was; [REDACTED], was, VICTIM WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.			

CC: SAC, Portland

SAC SAN FRANCISCO

4/8/45

11:35 AM

SAC DES MOINES

ROUTINE

OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, WAS, [REDACTED], WAS, VICTIM, WSTA, SS.  
REFERENCE REPORT SA WILLIAM E. GELDER, DATED MARCH SIXTEEN LAST AT PORTLAND.  
REVIEW OF SUBJECT'S SELECTIVE SERVICE FILE, LDB NINETY FIVE, SAN FRANCISCO,  
REFLECTS THAT SUBJECT IN SS QUESTIONNAIRE DATED NOVEMBER TWENTY FORTY, STATED  
HE WAS EMPLOYED BY REVEREND JOHN R. RICKEY, SUPERINTENDENT OPEN BIBLE STANDARD  
CHURCHES, INC., FOUR ONE NAUGHT FRANKLIN STREET, DES MOINES, AS AN EVANGELIST.  
USA SAN FRANCISCO, AFTER APPRAISAL OF FACTS, INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PROSECUTE  
SUBJECT ON SS VIOLATION IF ONE COULD BE ESTABLISHED, PROVIDING USA PORTLAND  
DECLINED PROSECUTION ON WSTA VIOLATION. SUTEL EMPLOYMENT STATUS.

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SACS KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, PORTLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, AND SEATTLE.  
ROUTINE

TENT. OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, WAS, [REDACTED] WAS  
VICTIM, WSTA, SS. REFER REPORT SA WILLIAM E. GELDER DATED MARCH  
SIXTEEN LAST AT PORTLAND. USA SAN FRANCISCO WILL PROSECUTE ON SS  
VIOLATION IF SUBJECTS CLAIM TO BE EMPLOYED AS EVANGELIST BY OPEN  
BIBLE INSTITUTE DETERMINED TO BE FALSE AND PROSECUTION ON WSTA NOT  
INSTITUTED AT PORTLAND. R. BRYANT MITCHELL, DEAN OF OPEN BIBLE  
INSTITUTE, DES MOINES, IOWA, ADVISES SUBJECT DID NOT ATTEND OR IS  
NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THAT ORGANIZATION. SUBJECT APPEARED AS AN  
EVANGELISTIC SPEAKER IN NUMEROUS OPEN BIBLE CHURCHES AGAINST WISHES  
OF INSTITUTE, UNDER AUSPICES OF JOHN R. RICHEY, FORMER FIELD  
SUPERINTENDENT OF OPEN BIBLE INSTITUTE WHO IS NOW RESIDING AT  
ONE ONE EIGHT FIVE NORTH MARENGO, PASADENA, CAMXX CAL. SUBJECT AT ONE  
TIME MINISTER IN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD BUT WAS DISCHARGED IN THIRTYNINE  
BECAUSE OF ADULTEROUS CONDUCT OCCURRING AT SAN FRANCISCO, AND HAS  
APPARENTLY NOT BEEN ORDAINED BY ANY ORGANIZED GROUP SINCE. KANSAS  
CITY AT PXX SPRINGFIELD, MO., AND SEATTLE AT SEATTLE, WASH. WILL  
CONTACT HEADQUARTERS OF ASSEMBLIES OF GOD ORGANIZATION AND OBTAIN  
FULL INFORMATION REGARDING ADULTEROUS CONDUCT OF SUBJECT WHICH  
RESULTED IN HIS BEING DISCHARGED AS MINISTER FOR PROOF OF CONTEMPLATED

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WSTA PROSECUTION AT PORTLAND. LOS ANGELES AT PASADENA WILL CONTACT  
REV. JOHN R. RICHEY AND ASCERTAIN FULL FACTS AND DATES OF ALLEGED  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND**

FILE NO. **31-5727**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/9/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/29,31/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN J. BRYANT</b>
TITLE <b>OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, Was.; [REDACTED] Was, VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** **JEAN KELLY** resided with subject 2 years, travelling with him throughout the U.S. as his wife. Resulting from this relationship a child was born to **JEAN KELLY** on 10/14/42. Subject and **KELLY** never married and subject has never supported child.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent **WILLIAM E. GELDER** dated March 16, 1945 at Portland, Oregon.

**DETAILS:** The indices of the Los Angeles Field Division reflect that on February 21, 1945, **GENEVA KELLY**, 538 South Fremont Street, Los Angeles, California, personally appeared at this Office and at that time she advised she had recently seen in the newspaper information concerning one **JERRY OWEN**, who was in custody at Portland, Oregon, for immoral acts. She stated that she had lived with **OWEN**, who was an evangelist, and had travelled with him throughout the United States. She stated that she travelled as his wife, although they were never married, and on October 14, 1942, a child was born to them. The subject admitted paternity of the child although he had never assisted in the support of this child. She advised that she went with him voluntarily and that no commercial prostitution was practiced by her.

Upon receipt of this information it was recommended by the Agent handling the matter that no action be taken.

**Miss GENEVA KELLY** was interviewed at her residence at 538 South Fremont, Apartment 305. At that time she advised that she had known the subject for a period of two years, first meeting him in the fall of 1940 in Seattle, Washington. She stated at that time he was conducting evangelist meetings in Seattle, and he called his church the "Little Church of the Wildwood."

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She advised that she was married at that time to one LEE WHEELER but had been separated from him for several months. She stated that no child resulted from her marriage to WHEELER. She further stated that she was employed as a chorus girl in one of the theaters in Seattle. She had several dates with the subject, after this meeting, and by mutual agreement it was decided that she would travel with him from Seattle, Washington, to various eastern cities where he was to conduct his evangelist meetings.

She said that she was not certain as to all of the states covered but in the ensuing two years they visited Des Moines, Iowa on two occasions; Denver, Colorado; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan, and various west coast cities. She advised that during these travels she was not employed and that the subject supported her and provided all of her expenses. She stated that she received various gifts from him and that when they arrived at new cities where he was conducting a meeting they registered separately in the hotel, although he generally stayed with her while there.

She stated that for appearance sake she was seldom publically seen with the subject and she never participated in any of his meetings. She advised that they were together almost continuously from December, 1940 to the time the baby was born in October, 1942. She stated that during this time she did not have intercourse with any other man other than the subject, and that subject readily admitted paternity of the child.

She advised that the time she became pregnant she was in Detroit, Michigan, and subject was in Seattle, Washington. She stated that subject, on this occasion, expected to return to Detroit to pick her up, then when she was aware of her physical condition she wired him. He forwarded her money so that she could return to Seattle. She advised that when she arrived in Seattle she remained with him for several days. He provided money for her to come to Los Angeles, which was then her home, so she could have the baby.

She advised that from approximately the first month she associated with the subject he had assured her that he would obtain a divorce for her from WHEELER and that they would be married. She said that she never questioned the subject's integrity in this matter until after his disappearance following the birth of the child. She said that subject never suggested to her that she have an abortion; that she would have never consented to [REDACTED] as it was contrary to her faith, she being Catholic.

She advised that the baby was born October 14, 1942 at the California Hospital in Los Angeles. She stated subject furnished all the money for expenses and that he provided the best of care for her in Los Angeles. Eleven days after the child was born the subject visited her at her home, saw the child and at that time stated the child did not look like him, although he admitted then that there was no question as to the fact that it was his child. She said that he told her he would return the next day; that they would make



arrangements then to be married and he would assume full responsibility for the child and her.

She advised, however, that the subject did not appear again and she had made every effort to locate him with success until the recent date when she saw the newspaper clipping in a local paper. She said that she immediately came to this Office and it was suggested to her by an Agent that she endeavor to contact the subject at the city jail in Portland, Oregon. She advised that the letter was not returned to her and that she received no reply from the subject. She admitted the relationship with the subject in the following signed statement; which statement is being forwarded to the Portland Field Division as an enclosure with this report:

Los Angeles, California  
March 31, 1945

"I, Geneva R. Kelly, also known as Jean Kelly, make the following voluntary statement to William M. Hawkins and John J. Bryant who I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement of my own free will and no force, threats or inducements have been made to me. I have been advised that this statement may be used in court.

"I was born in Muskogee, Okla., December 1, 1916. I have resided in Seattle, Wash. and Los Angeles, Cal. I was working in Seattle, Washington in October, 1940 and was introduced to Jerry Owens who is also known as "Curley" Owens. Owens was conducting an evangelist meeting in Seattle at that time. His church was known as the "Little Church of the Wildwood". Owens was conducting meetings in various cities in the United States.

"After having been introduced to him I had several dates with him. He told me that he was going East and asked if I would care to go. I said yes and he bought tickets on the train to Des Moines, Iowa. We left Seattle in November, 1940. I was married to Lee Wheeler at the time but we had been separated for several months. Owens paid all of our expenses and we traveled as man and wife. We stayed in Des Moines several months and returned to Denver, Colo. We were in Denver about six weeks. From Denver we came to Los Angeles. From Des Moines we traveled in an auto which he purchased in Des Moines. From that time on Owens supported me and provided for all of my expenses for a period of approximately two years.

"He proposed that I obtain a divorce from Wheeler and that we would be married. During this period that I lived with him we made 3 trips back East. I do not remember all of the cities we visited or the times when the trips occurred. However, I was with him when we



traveled from the West Coast to Des Moines, Minneapolis, Denver, Chicago, Detroit, El Paso, Bartlesville, Okla., Twin Fall, Idaho, Olympia, Wash., Tacoma, Wash., Portland, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, and Juarez, Mexico. While I was in Detroit I became pregnant which was around January, 1942. He had taken me to Detroit and while he was there he had to return to San Francisco. He expected to return to Detroit and get me. I wrote him of my condition and he wired money for me to return. I went to Portland where he was and he gave me train fare and money to travel to Los Angeles where I was to have the baby.

"During the period that I lived with Owens I did not have intercourse with anyone other than Owens. He accepted the paternity of the baby, and he said that he would sell his church in Oakland, obtain a divorce for me, and we would be married before the child was born. He provided all of my expenses which included doctor bills, hospitalization, and etc. The child was born October 14, 1942 at the California Hospital in Los Angeles, Cal., and I named him [REDACTED]

"He came down from Portland in October 1942, 11 days after the baby was born. He saw the baby and he told me that he would see me the following day and we would make all of the necessary arrangements. This was the last that I ever saw of him. I attempted to locate him without success, until I read in the newspaper about his difficulty in Portland on a morals charge. I wrote him then but did not receive a reply. He has never attempted to support the child after his birth. During the time I lived with Owens I understood that he was not married. I believed that he and I were to be married.

"I have a number of telegrams which Owens sent me which will confirm some of the statements made herein. I have received a photograph bearing the following inscription, "Portland, 22115, 2/17/45" and can positively identify it as being a photograph of Jerry Owens.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of 6 pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

S/ "Jean Kelly

Witnesses:

"W. M. Hawkins, FBI, Los Angeles  
John J. Bryant, FBI, Los Angeles"

Miss KELLY stated that she desired only to have her child supported and that she did not expect or want any money for herself. She said that during her relationship with the subject he was very good to her and furnished her with whatever she desired, and that all the sexual relations