

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Portland  
FROM : SAC, San Francisco

DATE: March 20, 1946

SUBJECT: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was.;  
[REDACTED], was - VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated March 12, 1946 at Portland. In this report a lead is set for the San Francisco Office to review the subject's religious connections as indicated in previous reports and present the facts to the Assistant United States Attorney, JOSEPH KARESH, relative to prosecution of subject OWEN under the Selective Service Act.

You are referred to the report of Special Agent CURTIS O. LYNUM dated January 17, 1946 at San Francisco, California. This report indicates that the facts have been discussed with the office of the United States Attorney and that prosecution has been declined.

This case is being considered Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin in the San Francisco Office.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**PORTLAND, OREGON**

FILE NO.

**31-4130**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PORTLAND, OREGON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-9-46</b> <i>D</i>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-8-46</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JULIUS A. BERNARD, ASAC</b>
TITLE <b>OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was., Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED]</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>
[REDACTED] <b>-VICTIM</b>			

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

All investigative leads completed. Prosecution declined by USAS Portland and San Francisco for violation of WSTA.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 31-71285;  
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER, Portland, Oregon dated March 12, 1946.  
Letter from San Francisco Office dated March 20, 1946.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PORTLAND, OREGON:**

From a review of the file in instant case, it is noted that the complete facts were discussed with Chief Assistant U. S. Attorney, J. MASON DILLARD, by Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER, the former of whom advised that after considering instant matter in its entirety, he, as well as Assistant U. S. Attorney VICTOR A. HARR, concluded no successful prosecution could be had on a White Slave Traffic Act charge in view of the lack of cooperation on the part of the victim as a witness against the subject.

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1010 Federal Office Building  
Omaha 2, Nebraska  
February 9, 1948

Mr. Maurice P. Donegan  
United States Attorney  
Des Moines, Iowa

Attention: Mr. Cloyd I. Level  
Assistant United States Attorney

Re: Oliver Brindley Owen, with aliases.  
[REDACTED], with aliases -  
Victim  
White Slave Traffic Act

Dear Sir:

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According to the victim she has not been transported in or to the State of Iowa since she departed the State of Iowa since on or about June of 1943.

The victim further stated that she did not desire to prosecute the subject should [REDACTED].

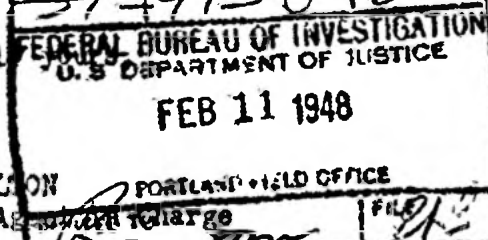
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