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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>July 18, 1923</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>July 12 to 18, 1923</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JACOB SPOLANSKY</b>
TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>DON OSBORN, alias H. L. PUTNAM; ROSE PUTNAM; R.G. alias O.W. alias "BLACKIE" MADSON; and J.A. alias JACK RYAN, alias GRAHAM.</b>			Violations: Section 32, U.S.C.O. - IMPERSONATION OF GOVERNMENT OF- FICER; Section 37, U.S.C.O. - CONSPIRACY; Section 145, U.S.C.O. - EXTORTION.

FACTS DEVELOPED:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

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Reference is made to the following telegram received by this Bureau Office under date of July 12, 1923, from R. J. CONNELLEY, Special Agent, at Springfield, Ohio:

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"R G MADSON ALIAS BLACKIE ALIAS O W MADSON ABOUT FIVE FOOT EIGHT INCHES GRAY HAIR GRAY MUSTACHE AGE FIFTY FIVE TO SIXTY WALES FEET OUT STOP JACK A RYAN AGE ABOUT FORTY WEIGHT TWO HUNDRED DARK HAIR EYES STOP MADSON WAS IN CHICAGO JULY FIVE TO EIGHT AT GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL TOGETHER WITH ROSE PUTNAM AND H L PUTNAM GIRL HAD ROOM NINE SIXTEEN PUTNAM AND MADSON ON SAME FLOOR RYAN WAS ALSO IN CHICAGO SAME TIME STOP ALL FOUR TO SPRINGFIELD JULY EIGHT MADSON AND RYAN TO COLUMBUS JULY TEN OTHER TWO IN CUSTODY HERE STOP MADSON ADVISED FROM COLUMBUS JULY ELEVEN TO GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL CHICAGO UNDER NAME GEORGE WEN STOP COVER HOTEL AND APPREHEND BOTH AND ADVISE CINCINNATI AND CERTIFIED COPIES WILL FOLLOW LETTER FOLLOWS CHARGE IMPERSONATION BLACKMAIL CLEVER HIGH CLASS CRIMINALS"

also to the following letter from W. N. WOODRUFF, Acting Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati Bureau Office, to this Bureau Office, dated July 12, 1923:

"In re; Don Osborn, alias H. L. Putnam, Rose Putnam, R.G. alias O.W. alias Blackie Madson and J. A. alias Jack Ryan, alias Graham; Violation Sec. 32 U.C.O., Impersonation of Govt. Officer, Sec. 37 C.O., Conspiracy, and Sec. 145, Extortion.

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"Please refer to telegram from Agent Connelley at Springfield, Ohio under above date:

"DON OSBORN of Hollywood, Cal. together with BLACKIE MADSON, Hollywood, Cal. in November, 1922, ap-

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"appeared at Springfield and MADSON representing himself as a Federal officer and DON OSBORN as H. L. PUTNAM, brother of ROSE PUTNAM, demanded and were paid ten thousand dollars by JOHN BUSHNELL, President of the First National Bank and very wealthy man under threat of prosecuting him for violation of the Mann White Slave Act.

"It seems, and as he admits, that MR. BUSHNELL who had picked up an acquaintance with ROSE PUTNAM in Boston in 1918 later corresponded with her and arranged for her in Jan. 1921 to come on from Los Angeles, Cal. and to meet him at Beaumont, Texas where they continued on to New Orleans and he registered into a Hotel with her for a night and then returned home and the woman to Los Angeles and then the correspondence continued and evidently was very friendly to say the least.

"Then in November, DON OSBORN who is an uncle to the girl and with whom he has been living with in Los Angeles as man and wife conceive the idea of shaking MR. BUSHNELL down for some money in November, 1922 and he together with MADSON planned a trip here and called at the bank and were paid the money.

"When this money had been exhausted they, that is the girl, who had not been east on the first trip, MADSON and JACK RYAN, decided to come east for another shake down of BUSHNELL and on July 2, 1923, OSBORN, ROSE PUTNAM and MADSON left Los Angeles coming to Chicago where all three, OSBORN as H. L. PUTNAM, and girl as ROSE PUTNAM registered into the Great Northern Hotel on about July 5, 1923, staying till Sunday. I do not know how MADSON registered but the girl was in room numbered 416 and MADSON and OSBORN had room on the same floor just around the corner in the hall. On Sunday all three came on to Springfield, Ohio, via Xenia, Ohio over the Penna. Ry. Either by communication or in person they picked up RYAN at Chicago who came on to Springfield via Columbus, all getting into Springfield late Sunday. They registered here as

J. A. RYAN,	Chicago,	Assigned room 407.
C. W. MADSON,	St. Louis,	" " 410.
ROSE PUTNAM,	Los Angeles,	" " 409.
H. L. PUTNAM,	"	" " 408.

"From Pullman stubs in the baggage of J. A. RYAN it seems he left Oakland, Cal. on July 3, 1923 for Omaha and on July 5, 1923 he left Omaha for Chicago which would get him to Chicago on July 6, 1923.

"Upon arrival at Springfield ROSE PUTNAM and OSBORN called at the First Nat. Bank and MR. BUSHNELL was out of town and on the following day they again called and OSBORN told him the two Federal men were back and were going to take him to New Orleans and

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"and send him to the Penitentiary and would take ROSE along as a witness unless he felt disposed to fix things up as the Chief over MADSON had not been satisfied with the small amount of ten thousand and would not return the balance of the letters as he had promised to do. At the time the ten thousand was turned over only part of the letters were returned to BUSHNELL and MADSON said he would mail balance from Chicago. BUSHNELL would not agree to anything in the matter as he had found in meeting after the first payment that OSBORN was the girl's uncle and living with her at Los Angeles. BUSHNELL allowed them to go then and said he would see OSBORN and the two Federal men at 1:30 P.M., this being July 10th and the other two, RYAN and MADSON, when told this by OSBORN would not go but sent OSBORN back and a private detective arrested him and the other two left, leaving the girl at the hotel. After they had secured OSBORN they called the Cincinnati office on the Phone and Agent Connelley immediately proceeded to Springfield but of course they had scared MADSON and RYAN away.

"On July 11, 1928 late MACKIE MADSON wired from Columbus to Springfield to the girl here who he evidently did not think had been apprehended as OSBORN would not tell what hotel she was at that;

"WRITE TO OUR FRIEND WHO RUMS SHEET METAL WORKS (this refers to one GEORGE WHE, Los Angeles) TO HOTEL IN TOWN YOU LEFT SUNDAY (this refers to Great Northern Hotel, Chicago) USE HIS NAME. 'B'

"The girl would not give any information and finally on Thursday morning it was learned what the meaning of the above telegram as per the above indicated translation was as the girl came through with the whole transaction.

"The description as given in telegram is the best obtainable. The girl and DON OSBORN are in custody and neither knew of the receipt of the above telegram.

"If the above two parties, MADSON and RYAN are apprehended, it being my opinion that they will call at the Great Northern for mail, wire me and Certified copies of warrant and complaint will be forwarded. Please give this immediate attention and if possible secure statements from these parties as they may involve others in an extended swindle along the above lines.

"R. G. MADSON has a wife living at the Louvre Apts., evidently 805 N. Washington St., Los Angeles or Hollywood, Cal.

"Thanking you for your appreciated cooperation in this and hoping that we may be successful in apprehending these two individuals. I remain,

Yours very truly, /s/ W. H. WOODRUFF  
Acting-Agent in Charge

"E.J.C.



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"P.S. As per another telegram that was sent J. A. RYAN was at Columbus at the same time that R. G. MADSON or BLACKIE was there. MADSON, RYAN, OSBORN and the girl planned the details of the trip sometime before making same at the house where OSBORN and the girl lived, 2575 Beachwood Drive, Hollywood, Cal."

This case was assigned to this Agent and Special Agents EDWARD KAHN and T. L. JEFFERSON of this Office.

On July 12, 1923, Agent with Agent KAHN called at the GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, Chicago, and ascertained that ROSE FUTHAM registered there on July 5, 1923, occupying Room 516; that R. G. MADSON registered as R. MADISON on July 5th, as did also W. L. FUTHAM, both being assigned to Room 906; that J. A. RYAN registered on July 6th, occupying Room 1016; and that all of the above-named individuals checked out on July 9, 1923.

Agents covered the GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL from July 12th to date, but the individuals sought did not put in an appearance.

Agents checked all the loop hotels in an endeavor to locate these individuals and GEORGE WEN, but without success.

On July 14, 1923, the following telegram was received by this Bureau Office from W. H. WOODHUFF, Acting Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati Bureau Office:

"NEVER LETTER AND WIRE DON OSBORN RE AL WESTERN UNION WIRE QUOTE SIXTEEN WIRE COPS 19 30 CHICAGO ILLS FOUR TWO FIVE P JULY TWELFTH SHANNON HOTEL SPRINGFIELD OHIO WIRING FOURTEEN DOLLARS FOR ROOM FOUR NAUGHT SEVEN SHIP BAGGAGE AMERICAN EXPRESS OFFICE CHICAGO TO RYAN J JONES ORIGIN J A RYAN UNQUOTE SUBJECTS BAGGAGE WILL NOT BE SHIPPED IT IS SUGGESTED THAT WHEN RYAN CALLS TO MAKE INQUIRY AS TO SHIPMENT AT EXPRESS OFFICE HE BE SHADOWED AS HE MAY LEAD TO R G MADSON BOTH UNQUOTE IN CHICAGO NOW THEY MAY SEND DRIFT FOR BAGGAGE

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July 12 to 16, 1928.

Agents ascertained that a Money Order and a telegram were sent via the WESTERN UNION, through their office located at 47th and Grand Boulevard, Chicago. July 12, 1928, the party giving his address as 4801 South Michigan Avenue - Apartment 3 - Chicago, and his name as J. A. RYAN.

Subsequently warrants were issued by United States Commissioner GLASS for J. A. RYAN and R. G. MADSON. Then, accompanied by Deputy United States Marshal HASETT, this Agent called at 4801 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, and entered Apartment 3, which is occupied by one CONNELLEY. Inquiries at this apartment, however, developed that no one by the name of RYAN or MADSON resided there, but that ROY JONES resided across the hall from Apartment 3, which would be 4803 South Michigan Avenue - Apartment 3. Deputy United States Marshal HASETT then took a position at the rear of the apartment while Agent rang the bell. A commotion was heard within the apartment but for fifteen minutes no one responded to persistent knocking at the door and ringing of the bell. Later a man appeared on the stairs, and when questioned by Agent, stated that his name was BERT WHITE and that he resided in the apartment Agent was endeavoring to enter. He then unlocked the door for Agent. Upon entering ROY JONES was found sleeping. There were also two women in the apartment. A search failed to disclose anyone else living in the apartment in question.

ROY JONES is a well known character. He has been in the wire-tapping game and has been mixed up in numerous police scandals in connection with the closing up of the "Red Light" District of this City. He slightly resembles J. A. RYAN, with the exception that he weighs about 140 pounds. When questioned as to the telegram and Money Order, ROY JONES pleaded ignorance. He was then taken downtown to the GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, but the Mail Clerk failed to identify him as the J. RYAN who called there for mail.

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The office of the "On Hand" Department of the AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS COMPANY, Chicago, was covered, and although ROY JONES telephoned there twice, inquiring for his baggage, and advised that he would call for it immediately, he failed to appear at the AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS COMPANY'S office.

Agents called at the General Delivery Department of the Chicago Post Office, where it was ascertained that they had no record of having received mail for either J. A. RYAN or R. G. MADSON, and that these men were not known there as callers.

At the Special Delivery Department of the Chicago Post Office Agents were advised that they had no record of having received mail for ROY JONES during the period, July 11 to 18, 1935.

At the Telephone Company it was ascertained that they had no record of any outgoing call for J. A. RYAN, R. G. MADSON or ROY JONES, and that they keep no record of incoming calls.

It was learned that during the time that J. A. RYAN was at the GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, Chicago, he called "Randolph 3861", which is the telephone number of CHARLES G. PALMER, an attorney, with offices in the First National Bank Building. MR. PALMER is out of town at the present time, and consequently could not be interviewed.

After a check of the incoming telegram records by the WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY, Agents were advised that none had been delivered to ROY JONES, 4801 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, during the period, July 10-14, 1935.

Agents secured tracings of the handwriting of J. A. RYAN as it appears on the register of the GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, and compared same with the handwriting on the telegram sent by J. A. RYAN to the SHAWNEE HOTEL, Springfield, Illinois, but there is no resemblance whatever.

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A further investigation is being made with a view to ascertaining ROY JONES' connections, and a further search will be made for J. A. RYAN and R. G. MADSON.

The AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS COMPANY and the GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, this City, are being covered, and if SUBJECTS appear at either place, they will be held under a suitable pretext and this Office immediately notified.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

Bert Badgley, R. R. #2, Dayton, O.,  
Howard A. Webster, Sheriff, Montgomery County, Dayton,  
Benjamin Lange, 216 Burkhardt Ave., Dayton, Ohio,  
Alleged Laxity in  
Custody of Federal  
Prisoners, Possible  
Contempt.

FACTS DEVELOPED:

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At Dayton, Ohio.

Reference is made to this agent's report under date of July 16th, 1923, entitled

Don Osborn, alias H. L. Putnam,  
Rose Putnam,  
R. O. alias C. W. alias Blackie Madison and  
J. A. Ryan alias Jack Ryan alias Graham,

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Via. Sec. 32, Impersonation,  
Sec. 37, C. C.,  
Conspiracy, Section 145,  
Extortion.

On Saturday, July 14th, ROSE PUTNAM, Federal prisoner who had been committed the night of July 13th to the Montgomery County Jail in Dayton after hearing before U. S. Commissioner LEMZ on charge of conspiracy, having entered plea of not guilty, waived examination and was held to the Grand Jury under \$15,000.00 bond and in default of which she was committed to jail as above, was taken on July 14th from this jail without authority from the Court or District Attorney's office to the office of the County Prosecutor at Dayton, presumably for the purpose of filing a charge against John L. Bushnell for violation of the Mann White Slave Act. Assistant U. S. Attorney MAU, happening in at the office of the County Prosecutor, saw this Federal prisoner there with Deputy Sheriff Benjamin Lange and, of course, ordered them back to jail with the prisoner.

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At the request of Assistant U. S. Attorney MAU agent, together with U. S. Marshal STANLEY BORTHWICK, interviewed HERT BADGLEY, Justice of the Peace, Van Buren Township, living R. R. #2, North Ave., Belmont, Dayton, O., who had been connected with this <sup>incident</sup> transportation. He advises on Saturday morning, July 14th, he was at the County Jail and Sheriff HOWARD A. WEBSTER called his attention to DON OSBORN who was then in the Sheriff's office advising him that this party wished to file an affidavit. At this time he advises DON OSBORN was in the office of the Sheriff and was being interviewed or questioned by several parties. He advises he then talked with DON OSBORN and Sheriff HOWARD A. WEBSTER left the jail. He advises DON OSBORN requested that he be allowed to file affidavit against JOHN L. BUSHNELL for violation of Mann White Slave Traffic Act and made reference to his niece, ROSE PUTNAM, and he told him probably ROSE PUTNAM would be the one to file such affidavit; therefore he went up to the top of the jail where ROSE PUTNAM was confined and asked her as to whether or not she cared to file the affidavit in question and suggested that they go to the County Prosecutor's office to do this as he was not sure of the procedure himself in the matter. He advises there were a number of newspaper reporters on the outside with cameras who were anxious to secure picture of the prisoner and he advises he then requested BENJAMIN LANGR, Deputy Sheriff, to take this prisoner to the County Prosecutor's office, the Sheriff himself not being present at this time. He advises he, together with BENJAMIN LANGR, the Deputy Sheriff, and the prisoner, ROSE PUTNAM, proceeded to the County Prosecutor's office and that he stepped out of the

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office and upon his return learned that Assistant U. S. Attorney MAU had ~~indicated~~ directed that the prisoner be returned to the County Jail as she was a Federal prisoner. He insists this is the first he knew that this party was a Federal prisoner. He also advised he was not aware of the fact that he would have no jurisdiction in this matter although DON OSBORN told him the alleged violation of the Mann Act had taken place in Texas. Subject, BADGLEY, is not an Attorney.

Deputy Marshal JOEL H. WAGNER issued passes to the following newspaper men to see the above two referred to Federal prisoners;

J. E. Purple	July 16th
Cliff Mosie	July 16th
Sam Ballard	July 16th
Annie Goldrick	July 16th.

*reporters*

Agent, together with Deputy Marshal JOEL WAGNER, interviewed Sheriff HOWARD A. WEBSTER as to this matter and he advises on Saturday morning, July 14th, the Deputy Sheriff in charge of the jail, PEARL ANDREWS, called him on the phone advising that there were a number of parties there evidently newspaper men who wanted to take the pictures of the two prisoners; that they evidently had passes from the Marshal's office for this and he wanted to know whether or not he should allow them to come in and to do this on the passes in question. He advises he then proceeded to the jail and upon arrival there there were a number of newspaper men inside who had passes from the Marshal's office, at least part of them had passes, among which were evidently CLIFF MOSIE, MR. HUNT of the News, a Journal man, and on the outside there were three or four men with cameras for the purpose of taking the picture of subjects.



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DON OSBORN. He advises that the three newspaper men told him they had passes from the Deputy Marshal's office to take pictures of subject; that he went upstairs and asked DON OSBORN to come down and OSBORN refused and asked whether or not it was compulsory that he do so. He advised him this was not necessary. However OSBORN came down and thru these three men engaged in interview of OSBORN and he started to give out some kind of a story and mentioned that he was desirous of filing an affidavit charging MR. BUSHNELL with violation of the Mann Act. He advises he then referred Squire Badgley to this man as he believed he could handle the matter and take his affidavit for filing the charge against BUSHNELL. He advises he then left the jail and did not know they intended taking the prisoner away from here. On Monday upon arrival at the jail he found two newspaper reporters upstairs interviewing the prisoners and there were three other newspaper reporters downstairs. He advised there was also a man who evidently had a pass and said he was from the Cincinnati Enquirer to see the prisoners on Friday night. He does not know just how many of these parties on Monday had passes but is satisfied that a man and woman called at the jail with passes on Monday and that two of the other men had passes. He advises also JOHN REAN, Attorney, called at the jail with a pass issued by CARSON PRATT, Deputy Sheriff, who is off duty at this time sick.

BENJAMIN LANG, the Deputy Sheriff, advises that on Saturday Squire BADGLEY advised he had a woman to take over to the County Prosecutor's office and that the Jailer on duty, PEARL ANDREWS, went upstairs and got the prisoner and brought her down to him and that he,

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together with BADGLEY, then took this prisoner to the County Prosecutor's office, BADGLEY leaving the prisoner with him, and that shortly after arrival at the County Prosecutor's office Assistant U. S. Attorney MAU appeared and told him to take the prisoner back as she was a Federal prisoner. He denies he knew she was a Federal prisoner previous to this time. He advises he has never taken any other prisoners over under these circumstances for BADGLEY but he has taken other prisoners to the County Prosecutor's office evidently state prisoners for signing of bonds, etc.

As will be noted above BADGLEY and LANGE deny they knew this party was a Federal prisoner. However, inasmuch as the papers on Friday night and Saturday morning were full of this information as to these people being arrested by the government, it is believed they should have had knowledge of this matter that they were Federal prisoners by the above is as per their statement.

Sheriff WEBSTER advises that about one week ago U. S. Marshal STANLEY BORTHWICK had called his attention to the fact that Federal Prisoners should be kept within the jail due to the fact that he had two Federal prisoners outside cleaning up. He advises however previous to the time that he became Sheriff the first of this year and while JAMES R. CUSICK was Sheriff two Federal prisoners, namely RALPH KING and JOHN BERST, both released about the 1st part of June serving sentence under a Postal charge as Federal prisoners, were allowed by Sheriff CUSICK to go to his place and help in the work on the construction of a bungalow he was building up the river from Dayton outside of the jail.

He advises that also recently one PHIL JERKINS, living

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out on the Troy Pike from Dayton, was serving a sixty day sentence at the Miami County Jail, Troy, Ohio, on a Federal charge and was allowed to come unaccompanied to Dayton, Ohio, while serving such sentence and was seen on the street by one FRED SMALL.

He advises he believes PHIL JERKINS, RALPH KING and JOHN BERST, if called in this matter, would testify that they were outside of the jail on liberty as above indicated.

He advises at the present time the wives of FRED APKING, REENDER KUHN and ADAIR, Federal Prisoners, have continuous passes by which they visit these prisoners at the jail, these being Federal prisoners serving sentences at the Montgomery County Jail at the present time.

The above information, as per copy of this report, furnished Assistant U. S. Attorney MAU for his information and such action as he deems advisable in the matter.

Incidentally Assistant U. S. Attorney MAU has ordered the removal of DON OSBORN and ROSE PUTNAM to the Miami County Jail at Troy, Ohio, where they are at present confined.

It is very evident that subjects, DON OSBORN and ROSE PUTNAM, who are very convincing talkers, convinced the parties at the jail that they were evidently muchly wronged in this matter and they were exerting every effort to assist them and as result by the publicity given to the matter at that time greatly hampered the government in their efforts in the apprehension of J. A. RYAN and E. R. G. MADSON, the accomplices. These parties also probably convinced them they had con-



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siderable means to back them up.

Unless further information is requested, matter will be considered as to this phase of the investigation ~~by the investigation~~ by the Cincinnati office as

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APPROVED

*J. H. Eckhart*

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE: <u>DON OSBORN, alias H.L. PURMAN</u> <u>ROSE PURMAN</u> <u>R.G. alias C.W. alias BLACKIE MADSON</u> <u>J.A. RYAN alias JACK RYAN alias GRAHAM</u>			<u>Vio. Sec. 33, Interspionage</u> <u>Vio. Sec 37, O.C. Conspiracy</u> <u>Vio. Sec. 32, Vio. Sec. 145</u> <u>Extortion.</u>
FACTS DEVELOPED: <u>K.C. 10303. Attention Mr. Hoover-2.</u>			

At Kansas City, Missouri. 47-1293

With reference to letter of Agent in Charge  
J.F. ZOKHART, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated July 10, 1923 in above entitled  
matter.

On July 23, 1923 Agent in Charge EBERSTEIN re-  
ceived long distance telephone call from Agent in Charge BRYN, of  
Omaha, Nebr. office in reference to one FRANK S. MATTESON who had been  
interviewed by that Bureau office in reference to above case, at Omaha  
on July 22, 1923.

Agent called at Mushlebach Hotel and examined the  
registry sheets of above hotel and found where one said FRANK S.  
MATTESON was registered in room 342. Said FRANK S. MATTESON was not  
in his room nor at the hotel, and this Agent interviewed the mail clerk  
at this hotel who stated that the above mentioned MATTESON had called  
for his mail about 11 AM and further stated to Agent that he MATTESON  
had been delivered a telegram from Postal  
Telegraph office at time mail was de-  
livered to him.

Agent called at Postal  
Telegraph office and was shown telegram

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by Mgr. P.D. TIFTON, delivered to FRANK S. MATTESON, which telegram was one congratulating MATTESON on contracts made in Chicago on "Bondage" and notifying him that mail and pictures were being sent St. Louis, this message was dated Hollywood, Calif. July 20, 1923 and was from Sanford Production Co.

Agent not being able to locate the said FRANK S. MATTESON returned to bureau office and the following letter was mailed to Agent in Charge, LEON BONE, Los Angeles, Bureau office, also letter to J.J. McLAUGHLIN, St. Louis Bureau office:

"Letter to Agent Leon Bone, Los Angeles:

"There is a party here registered at the Muehlebach hotel under name of FRANK S. MATTESON, but who does not fill description of said J.A. RYAN, nor C.W. MADSON either in looks, nor does his signature compare.

He received a message from the Sanford Production Co. Hollywood, California, congratulating him upon contracts made in Chicago on Bondage.

It may be well to investigate as to who the Sanford Production Co. as they may probably furnish some lead as to the said J.A. Ryan or C.W. Madson, as set out in above mentioned report.

This party was interviewed by Bureau office, Omaha, Nebr. but we have not received report from that office."

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"Letter to Agent McLaughlin, St. Louis, Mo."

"There is a man registered here at the Muehlebach Hotel as FRANK S. MATTESON, but, who does not fill description furnished of J.A. Ryan or C.W. Madson, neither in looks, nor does his signature compare.

He is representing the Sanford Production Co. of Hollywood California, he received a message from the above company, congratulating him on contracts made in Chicago on Bondage. The message further stated that letters and pictures were being forwarded him St. Louis, Mo.



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You will note by route sheet in this case that party will register at Martinique Hotel. It may be well enough to cover this trail which may probably give some lead as to the said J.A. RYAN and C.W. MADSON.

This party was also interviewed by Bureau office at Omaha. Mr. [redacted] has not received report from this office yet."

Agent on July 24, 1933 located FRANK S. MADSON at Hotel, but as this party had been interviewed at Omaha, office, Agent did not interview him and as he did not fill description of either MADSON or RYAN mentioned in letter of Agent ECKHART. Agent only shadowed him. Agent with house officer examined his suit case for any evidence that might connect this party as being connected with the MADSON & RYAN mentioned in this case, FRANK S. MADSON's laundry mark on collars, shirts and pajamas was M364; while at hotel this party was wired \$50 by FRANK M. SANFORD, Sanford Productions, 1442 Beachwood Dr. Hollywood, Calif. the registry shows that FRANK S. MADSON checked out of Muehlebach Hotel on Monday night, at 8 P.M. leaving no forwarding address.

Unless further requested this case will be considered

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE

○ DON OSBORN, alias H.L. PUTNAM } In Custody at  
○ ROSE PUTNAM, } Cincinnati, Ohio.  
○ R. G. alias C. W. alias BLACKY MADSON } Whereabouts  
○ J. A. alias JACK RYAN, alias GRAHAM } Unknown.

: VIO. SEC. 32 C.C.  
: IMPERSONATION GOV-  
: ERNMENT OFFICER;  
: VIO. SEC. 37, C.C.  
: CONSPIRACY VIOLATE  
: SEC. 32; VIO. SEC.  
: 145, EXTORTION.

At Los Angeles, Long Beach, and San Diego, Cal.

Reference is made to numerous prior reports in this matter, and especially to report of Agent E. J. Connelley of the Cincinnati Bureau Office, under date of July 16, 1923.

Upon receipt of the following telegram this case was assigned to this Agent for investigation:

"LEON BONE, DEPT. JUSTICE, LOS ANGELES.  
ROSE PUTNAM AND DON OSBORN OF 2575 BEACHWOOD DRIVE HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA UNDER ARREST HERE WERE LIVING THIS ADDRESS WITH GEORGE WEB SUBJECTS TOGETHER WITH R G MADSON ALIAS BLACKY MADSON AND JACK RYAN CHARGED CONSPIRACY IMPERSONATION BLACKMAIL STOP BLACKY MADSON ABOUT FIVE FOOT EIGHT INCHES GREY HAIR GREY MUSTACHE AGE FIFTY FIVE TO SIXTY VERY DARK COMPLEXION OR SUNBURNED HAS WIFE LIVING EITHER LOUVRE APARTMENTS OR 605 EAST WASHINGTON STREET HOLLYWOOD OR LOSANGELES WIFE IS SMALL BLONDE WOMAN MUCH YOUNGER STOP COVER WIFE FOR RETURN SUBJECT AND APPREHEND SUBJECT FOR CINCINNATI ALSO APPREHEND ACCOMPLICE JACK RYAN AGE ABOUT FORTY WEIGHT TWO HUNDRED DARK HAIR AND EYES ALSO FROM LOSANGELES DO NOT ALLOW FRIENDS OF SUBJECT TO KNOW YOU ARE ENDEAVORING TO LOCATE THEM REPORT FOLLOWS GIVING DEFINITE DETAILS MADSON AND RYAN HEADED WEST JULY 13th. WOODRUFF ACTING."

On July 17, 1923, this Agent with Detective Lieutenant Trainer of the Los Angeles Police Department, called at the residence of R. G. MADSON, at the Louvre Apartments, 605 East Washington Street, Los Angeles, California.

Agent was informed by MRS. C. D. GORHAM,

owner of the Louvre Apartments, that

MADSON rented Apartment 204 on January 10, 1923,

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for the sum of \$50.00 per month; that owing to the fact this apartment was in the rear and there were three entrances to the apartment house, only on one occasion did she see Madson and his wife enter by the front entrance; that they always used the rear entrance while residing there; that at no time had she ever conversed with Mr. or Mrs. Madson.

Agent was advised by Mr. Gorham that Madson had a Nash car. Agent arranged with Mr. Gorham to go to Madson's apartment on the pretext of being a City Health Inspector, in an endeavor to learn if Madson was in the apartment. The apartment door was tried and no response received. A bottle of milk and a box of Bull Durham tobacco stood outside the door; the milk was soured which indicated that Madson's wife had left the apartment two or three days previous to Agent's visit on July 17th.

Mr. Gorham promised that should Madson or his wife appear he would immediately notify the Bureau office or the Police Department.

On July 19, 1923, Agent called at the State Motor Vehicle Department in an endeavor to ascertain the license number of Madson's Nash car, but was informed by the inspector that there was no record of any such car belonging to R. G. Madson.

On July 23, Agent with Detective Trainor, again called at Madson's Apartment at 605 Washington Street, and found the door of the apartment unlocked. Agent and Detective Trainor, with the permission of the landlord, entered the apartment and made a thorough search of Madson's personal effects and found the bill of sale for the Nash car, showing that he had paid \$250.00 for it and that there was a balance due of \$600.00 to the Pacific Finance Company, Sixth and Olive Streets, Los Angeles.



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Agent immediately took the matter up with Mr. Edward M. Rider, Assistant Manager of the Pacific Finance Corporation, and instructed Mr. Rider to notify the Bureau office should payment, which was due that day, be received from Madson, either from Los Angeles or from out of town.

Agent and Detective Trainor returned to Madson's apartment and found three very expensive suits of clothes, as well as a number of men's hats and shoes and various other men's furnishings. In the clothes closet were all of Mrs. Madson's clothes, including some very expensive gowns.

Under the door of the apartment Agent found two cards, the handwriting on which compares with that of the tracings of handwriting of J. A. RYAN, forwarded to this office from the Cincinnati Bureau Office. The first of these cards reads as follows:-- "May for gods sake call me up rite away -- (signed) Jack". The other reads:-- "What is the matter here, I am here to see you - and you are not here please phone me -- (signed) Jack".

In a box of writing paper was found a letter which had evidently just been started by Mrs. Madson, addressed Della Barnett, Garfield, Ark. Route #2, Box 15. There were no photographs or other writing to be found.

On this date, the owner of the apartment took all the personal belongings of Madson's wife and placed them in the basement where they will be held until rent is paid, as same is now 30 days overdue.

Agent calls daily and is informed that neither Madson nor his wife have made their appearance at the apartment and no one has inquired for them during the past three weeks.

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It will be noted that the leads secured from the personal effects of ROSE PUTNAM, as set forth in Agent Connelley's report of 7/16/23, Page 11 thereof, have been investigated under suitable pretext by Detective Lieutenants Reed and Schaffer, who have been assigned to this Agent by the Chief of Police to assist this department in the apprehension of Ryan and Madson.

Agent consulted the records of the California Laundry Company at 1025 Vine Street, Hollywood, California, and received information, thru laundry marks, that RYAN had received laundry at 1816 Parkview Street, Los Angeles. Agent proceeded to this address and was advised by MRS. V. HOGLAND, landlady, that RYAN and wife had rented and lived in an apartment at that address from April 21, 1923, until June 25, 1923, leaving no forwarding address, and at no time had they ever received any mail at this address.

A number of other leads were investigated, but proved of no value in locating RYAN or MADSON.

On July 24, records were consulted at the Los Angeles Police Identification Bureau, but no record was found of any one answering the description of RYAN or MADSON or DON OSBORN.

On July 25th, Agent called at the WESTERN AVENUE SHEET METAL WORKS COMPANY for the purpose of interviewing GEORGE F. WEH. Agent was advised by B. H. MELLONS that he had bought WEH's half interest in the sheet metal works, and that Weh was now on his vacation, but that some information might be received from MRS. JENNIE McDONN, at 1731 South Normandie Avenue, as to Weh's present whereabouts.

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Agent proceeded to this address and was informed by Mrs. McBowd that Mr. Weh did not inform her as to where he would spend his vacation, but she expected him to return in a few days and would advise Agent by telephone upon his return. On this date Agent called at the SANFORD PRODUCTION COMPANY, 1442 Beachwood Drive, Hollywood, California, and interviewed FRANK M. SANFORD, President of the Company, with reference to subjects OSBORN, RYAN and MADSON.

Mr. Sanford stated he was not acquainted with MADSON or RYAN, but knew OSBORN slightly as the latter had been employed by his company temporarily at various times. Mr. Sanford seemed very indignant over the fact that FRANK S. MATTISON, a young man employed as salesman on the road for him and who had acted as director for him in the past, was being stopped in various cities in the Middle-West by government officers who suspected him of being R. G. MADSON. Mr. Sanford said Osborn's former associates about the studio were shocked to hear the news of his arrest as a blackmailer at Springfield, Ohio, as published in the Los Angeles papers.

LEONARD CLAPHAM and LEO MOLONEY, who lived directly across the street from OSBORN's residence at 2575 Beachwood Drive, stated they had met Osborn in the pictures and became friendly with him, attending a number of parties at his home, and that they had had a great deal of respect for him and his niece, ROSE PUTNAM, who resided with him as his housekeeper. They stated they were surprised to hear of his trouble and CLAPHAM stated to Agent, "You can imagine the position Osborn has put us in, in the community and with the neighbors, as being associates of his and Rose Putnam. Mr. Moloney and his wife, as well as my wife,



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and myself have been placed in most embarrassing circumstances, and if you can convey word to Don Osborn, you might tell him that it will not be well for him or Rose Putnam to show their faces in this neighborhood or in Los Angeles Again."

August 2, 1923, Agent with Detective Trainor, called at 1731 South Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, and found that GEORGE F. WEH had returned from his vacation. He was taken to the Bureau office and questioned by Agent, who was of the opinion that he would throw a good deal of light on this case. However, Mr. Weh advised Agent that he had been running around with Madson's wife for sometime unknown to Madson and that he was never closely associated with Madson and was unaware what his business was. He told Agent to consult Police Records at San Diego, California, as information could be secured there regarding MAY RYAN, supposed wife of Madson.

Agent questioned Mr. Weh in regard to the letter mailed to J. R. BUSHNELL, from Los Angeles on December 20, 1922, signed EARL FRANK DUSTIN, General Delivery, Los Angeles. Weh denied that he ever wrote any such letter or that he was aware of the fact that Osborn and Rose Putnam were blackmailers.

A sample of Weh's handwriting is being attached to copy of this report to the Cincinnati office, and it is requested that Weh's writing be compared with the signature of Earl Frank Dustin.

Agent has had a cover placed on the mail of EARL FRANK DUSTIN at General Delivery, but up to this date no such person has called for mail.

There is a question in Agent's mind as to whether or not WEH is

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the writer of this letter, and should his handwriting be found to compare with that of the letter in question, he will be invited to Bureau office and requested to tell more of his past activities and association with Osborn.

Following is WEH's statement:

"My name is GEORGE F. WEH, residing at 1731 South Normandie Avenue. I am 53 years of age. I met Don Osborn at Sultan Hammond Baths, 6th and Hill Streets, about two years ago, since which time I have been more or less friendly with him. I went to his house in South Pasadena when he was living there, and also at his house at 2575 Beachwood Drive, Hollywood where he had occasional drinking parties. There I met Rose Putnam, a niece of his.

"I met Blacky Madison about 9 months ago. I have been acquainted with his wife about 11 years. I met her at San Diego and she was known as May Ryan, a notorious prostitute. She is well known there now, where she has done six months. It is doubtful whether she is married to Blacky Madison.

"I never heard of Jack A. Ryan, and know very little of Blacky Madison, nothing about his business or any of his associates.

"Don Osborn and Rose Putnam lived at Beachwood Drive and my impression was that they carried on a rather fast life.

"The last time I saw May Ryan was July 19th, at 603 East Washington Street. She said her husband had gone East on business, and that I might use his Nash car while he was away, and while he was away I took her out several times.

"I was unaware of anything wrong going on; all I know is what I have seen in the newspaper. I always thought them to be all right and considered her a fine little lady, with the exception that sometimes she drank a little too much. I believe that all of his friends were unaware that he was a blackmailer.

"I received two letters from Don Osborn in which he said he wanted to sell his house on Beachwood Drive for \$4500, and asked me to look in his desk on the sleeping porch and get the contract and pay \$30. He stated in one letter he had placed the matter in the hands of a real estate man, asking him to sell the house for \$6000. I did not do anything about the matter as after reading the papers I felt that I did not care to get mixed up in his affairs."

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On August 6th, 1923, while Agent was in San Diego on other investigations, he called at the San Diego Police Identification Bureau and learned that MRS. MAY RYAN, alias MRS. MAY WINHAM, was arrested as a prostitute and hop-head on November 29, 1917, with a man by the name of R. G. DUKE. Photographs of both were secured. Photograph of R. G. DUKE, alias JOHN COLE SHERIDAN, was identified by salesman GEORGE W. LERRE of the W. P. HERBERT COMPANY (Used Car Department), 1100 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, as that of R. G. MADSON.

August 9th, Agent and Detectives Reed and Schaffer of the Los Angeles Police Department, proceeded to Long Beach, California, and consulted the records at the Police Identification Bureau and ascertained that Madson was arrested there July 11, 1922, under the name of J. P. WILLIAMS, for a race game. Agent procured four photographs of Madson taken in 1922, five years later than the photograph received at San Diego.

On returning to Los Angeles, Agent immediately called at the Louvre Apartments, 605 East Washington Street, and photograph of MADSON, alias WILLIAMS, was positively identified by C. P. GOREHAM, owner of the Louvre Apartments, as being R. G. MADSON who had resided at this place.

Following is Police record of R. G. MADSON secured from the San Diego Police:

JOHN COLE SHERIDAN - S.D. Cal. #2533, aliases R. G. ASHTON, RICHARD G. SHERMAN, R. G. DUKE, ROSS G. ANDERSON and J. B. WILLIAMS.

John Cole Sheridan, 2533, S.D. Cal. 7/30/15. Vag. Bunco, Stanley & Wisler. 7/31/15 Rel. with W.C. Davis #2534, were playing the match game here and in Tia Juana, Mex.

" " " 2533, S.D. Cal. 8/14/15. Vag. Bunco. Chief Wilson. 8/17/15. \$180 or 180 days S.S. Hrs.



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John Cole Sheridan, 2533, S.D. Cal. 6/15/17. Vag. Bunco, Snelling & Boisseree, 6/28/17, Disch. Twp. #2. A known bunco and when searched had a phoney roll on his person.

R. G. Duke 2523, S.D. Cal. 11/29/17. Vag. Doty et al, 12/1/17 \$180 6 Mos. Prob. P.O. Was living with Mrs. May Winham #2115, a known prostitute and hophead at 867 10th St.

R. G. ASHTON, 759, Long Beach, Cal. 9/2/16 Vag. Bunco. 9/7/16. Fined \$50 & 6 Mos. S.S. Is one of the bunch of three that have been trimming suckers on match game, others got away. Det. 11/16/16.

Richard G. Sherman, 14674, Los Angeles. 9/11/16. Susp. Bunco. 9/12/16. Released. Hrs. Carroll & Williams.

Ross G. Anderson, 367, Bakersfield, Cal. 5/21/18. Vag. Kast.

John C. Sheridan, San Diego, Cal. ~~WANTED~~ 5/15/19, G.L. BUNCO C-7922 (cancelled). With Ed Loftus, Chas Dilley & Lawrence E. Miller. Buncoed a Tourist out of \$16,000.00 thro a fake stock exchange.

" " " 2533, S.D. Calif. 4/24/22. G.L. Bunco. Sears & Chadwick, 5/3/22. Disch. Twp. #2.

J. B. WILLIAMS, 2149, Long Beach, Cal. 7/11/22. Vag. (Bunco) 7/20/22 15 days Co. Jail S.S.

SO NOT  
CAUGHT

Mr. McCOMBELL, Manager of the IMPERIAL HOTEL, Los Angeles, Cal., who is well acquainted with subject J. A. RYAN -- Ryan having lived at this Hotel -- has volunteered to go to the Los Angeles Police Identification Bureau and with the assistance of Detectives Reed and Schaffer will go through the "Bunco Book", where every known bunco man's photograph is registered, and endeavor to identify Ryan, as he is not known to the police under that name.

Quoted below are two letters received by MRS. SARAH LAMAHAN from ROSE PUTNAM:

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"Wednesday night.

"Lannie dear:-

"Have not written before, because I had expected to have something definite to write, but we are still waiting for our attorney, due to our removal from the Dayton Jail to the Troy Jail.

"You poor kid, you must have been worried to death, with questions and men, etc. Just finished reading in the paper that the house had been searched, did they bother you much?

"This surely is a dickens of a predicament, but if they haven't put over any funny business with the two they claim to be looking for, everything will be all right for Don and me. Can't tell you anything about it, Honey, its such a mixed up "mess" and my mental faculties seem paralyzed. Dont worry, Honey, its all horribly unfortunate on account of this publicity, but it cant be helped now, and really, Lannie, "jail life" is not half as bad as my subconscious conception of it, because everyone has been so nice to us. If it were not for the family, I really wouldn't feel badly, but oh its just terrible when I think of Dad and Mother knowing about all this. Honestly, Lannie, I dont ever want to see my dear family again and I'm trying to think how to tell them to please just forget all about me, and gee! how it hurts! Of course I'll see my little sister again some day, because nothing in the world could make any difference to her, but it will be a long time I guess. You see we have to wait until the Grand Jury meets in November! Because our bonds are so high -- thirty thousand for the two of us. And if we cant use Los Angeles property, we are out of luck, that's all, but we wont know anything till we see the attorney.

"So Lannie, you plan to stay at the house just as long as you want to -- do you mind being alone, Honey? How is Jerry? Does he stay home pretty well, and does he keep strangers away? Hope he has not gotten over his habit of growling -- if he barks be sure to cuff him. Do you mind cooking his dog-meat for him?

"Thank Heavens, we have bath tubs, and as that counts more than anything, I guess we will live through this. If only it were not for Dad and Mother!!

"If you have time some evening and are not too tired do write me how you are getting along, Honey, and I hope to be able to write you some good news before long. But dont worry about us, Lannie. -- Dad and Mother are the only ones to worry about.

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"Oh! have you seen George much? Did he take you out there that first night and show you about the gas heater?

"Much love dear, and Don would send his best if he knew I were writing to you.

"Forgot to ask if you had heard anything from Rae. Can imagine how broken hearted she is over this affair.

"Always your loving

"Rosebud"

"Wednesday P.M.

"Lannie dear:-

"Forgot to give you our address -- just Box 87, Troy, Ohio.

"We have just finished our dinner, so guess I'll read a while. By the way, Honey, while I think of it, will you please send me that piece of embroidery and the floss and needle that's in that flat sweet grass basket on the living room table? I might as well be working on it while I'm sitting here waiting for the Grand Jury to meet. Have you seen much of Genevieve and Leo, or Edith and Leonard? Has Leo started work on his new contract yet? and which did he take? Will write Genevieve as soon as I find out what is going to happen. Its all a mistake anyway, but of course we will have to wait for the Grand Jury just the same, because they set our bonds so high. Gee! but November is a long ways off, but at least we are comfortable and can keep clean. Also have our own electric toasters and percolators and can send out for anything we want -- isn't that nice? If it only wasn't for Dad and Mother!!

"Well, Honey, hope you will find time to write one of these days, and do hope you are getting along all right at 2575 Beachwood. Has Jerry run away any, and are he and Bullets (Leo's dog) and better friends?

"Write soon -- lots of love to me dear Lannie.

"Always your Rose.

"P.S. Lannie, would you mind hanging my blue evening wrap and my sealskin coat out on the clotheslines when you are going to be there all day? Be sure to let the sun hit the collar on the wrap as I do not want the moths to get into those things. Thanks, Honey.

"Love,  
Rose."



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MRS. LANAHAN, is a middle-aged, refined woman, who is employed as a saleslady at the HAMBURGER DEPARTMENT STORE, Los Angeles. She stated that she met ROSE PUTNAM more than a year ago; that ROSE PUTNAM called at the Department Store on or about July 1st and asked Mrs. Lanahan if she would mind going to her home at 2575 Beachwood Drive, and look after the house and care for the dog for a period of three weeks, as she intended going East on a business trip and expected to leave about July 2nd; that on this day she complied with Rose Putnam's wishes and is of the opinion that Osborn and Rose Putnam left about July 2nd or 3rd. Mrs. Lanahan stated that this was the first time she had ever been in Osborn's house and from all indications it would be the last, stating, "One cannot tell nowadays whom one is associating with".

As the result of request left by Agent at the residence of MRS. MABELLE OSBORN, divorced wife of DON OSBORN, she called at the Bureau office and made the following statement:

"My name is MRS. MABELLE OSBORN, but I am known by my maiden name, MABLE ANDERSON. I was born in Chicago and am 24 years of age. I met Don Osborn in Los Angeles in February, 1917, and married him on August 9, 1917. During all the time I lived with him he never held a steady position.

"I first met Rose Putnam in April, 1922, when she came here from the East. She is Osborn's sister's daughter. We were living with Osborn's mother in Highland Park. We moved to 1533 Bronson Avenue in the last part of April, 1922, and were there until about August 1st. One night during this time I came home from work at the Local Theater on Main Street at about 12 o'clock and found Don and Rose and Jack Nelson, a moving picture director, and his present wife, Stella Horner, having a party and all were intoxicated. I went on to bed and let them go on with their party. About three o'clock in the morning I got up and looked out of my bedroom door and through the other bedroom door and saw Don and Rose in each other's arms. I became suspicious then and called to Osborn and he made all sorts of excuses. The next morning I did not feel very well, but managed to leave for work at about nine o'clock. Rose was supposed to have left at 7:30. I was taken sick about 11 o'clock

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and came home and when I reached home I found Don and Rose in bed together. I did not speak to Don for several days. One night when I came home he was swinging a gun around in the air and cursed at me and ordered me out and I got out as quickly as I could and went to the Police Station. Two officers took me back to the house and told me to stay that night and they would watch the house. I went away the next morning and didn't come back for four days and then my husband started looking me up. By that time my friends talked me into starting a divorce, so I did. He got after me and said he would not let me go through with it. He was afraid because I had seen him and Rose together, and feared the scandal. When he found out I was going to bring these charges against him he said he would get even with me. He wrote terrible letters about me to my people; the letters were typewritten and he did not sign any name.

"One night he came to the hotel where I was staying and told the clerk that he and another man who was with him were detectives and were watching me. When I came in that night I saw his handwriting on the register and saw they were registered as father and son, I forget under what name. I always looked at the register for Osborn's handwriting for I was afraid that he would find me. They had the room right across from me. I knocked on the door but received no answer, so the following morning I knocked again and asked him to leave the hotel or I would have to leave. They replied that they did not know me and for me to get away from the door.

"Osborn then filed a cross complaint naming some man whom I did not even know and stating that there was a man in the room with me at the hotel and that he had witnesses.

"Some time after that I dismissed the case and we went back to live together. Then I went East and when I returned I found out that he had gone through with his action for divorce and had been granted an interlocutory decree. I was informed by friends that Osborn was living at 2575 Beachwood Drive with Rose Putnam as his housekeeper. I watched the place for three or four nights and saw them getting undressed and getting ready for bed and then turning out the lights. Then one night I knocked on the door and Osborn opened it. When he saw me he said, "I think I should open the door and there you stand." I stayed for about a half hour and talked to Don about the divorce, then he said he had to meet someone and he took me to the car. I met him four or five times after that in reference to my divorce.

"With reference to the Cadillac Hotel affair, I only know what I have been told. I was told that JIM BRYSON, a moving picture actor, and another man and ROSE PUTNAM registered at the Cadillac Hotel on Main Street on night and were going to San Diego in the morning. Bryson was to marry Rose in San Diego and the other man was to go along as witness. I understand that Osborn went to the hotel and had Bryson

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arrested and took Rose to South Pasadena, where he was at the time. That is all I know about the matter. Bryson may be located through the Motion Picture Service Bureau or at Universal City. If Bryson is located he can probably give all information in reference to this matter.

"I am sure that Osborn's associates in Hollywood and in the motion pictures were unaware that he was a crook and blackmailer. I do not know whether they knew that he was having relations with his niece. They may have suspected it. Some of Rose's lady friends knew it. Mrs. Lanahan knew it and a lot of the girls in Hamburger's knew it. She went there and spent a lot of money after Osborn returned from the East. I never got any money from Osborn. I have always worked.

"I saw a letter Osborn wrote to a friend while he was in Chicago in November or December, 1922, and the return address on it was "Boyce (or Royce), 1922 Washington Boulevard, Chicago."

"I am now working with the telephone company and residing with Mrs. O. D. Mangus at 965 West 43rd Place, and have been there since November 9th. Osborn's people have not called on me since his arrest for the reason that they do not know where I am located.

"I did not know that Osborn or Rose Putnam were engaged in black-mailing or buncoing schemes.

"I am willing to assist the government by giving any information I have."

Agent desires to say that it is very evident that if Mrs. Osborn had had any information of value she would gladly have given it to Agent as she seems to be very bitter against her former husband and Rose Putnam.

Agent will endeavor to locate BRYSON for the purpose of ascertaining what took place between himself and Osborn and Rose Putnam at the Cadillac Hotel.

Photograph of R. G. MADSON is being attached to copies of this report to the Bureau at Washington, the Cincinnati, Chicago and San Francisco Bureau offices. Agent expects to have a photograph of J. A. RYAN during the coming week and will immediately forward same



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to the offices interested.

Detectives Reed and Schafer of the Los Angeles Police Department, who have been assisting Agent in the investigation of this case, are of the opinion that MADSON may be in the vicinity of San Francisco, and that RYAN may be operating either at Redondo Beach, Venice or Ocean Park with a number of well-known bunco men. Surrounding beaches will be covered during the coming week in an effort to apprehend Ryan.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUED.

APPROVED  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge  
August 11, 1927