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TITLE OF CASE DONALD LESTER JAMES, aka Jimmy James; ELDON JUNIOR LEGAN, aka Eldon Legan; JOSEPH ROBERT PROVENZANO (TN), aka Joseph Provenzano, Jr., Junior Provenzano;		REPORT MADE BY SA THOMAS L. COLARELLI	TYPED BY nmb
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Title is marked "CHANGED" to reflect PROVENZANO's true name.

REFERENCES: New Orleans teletypes to the Bureau, 5/22, 23/69.
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The following investigation was conducted at Gretna, Louisiana, on June 6, 1969, by Special Agent J. LEE SAVILLE:

Mr. JOE ODDO, Manager, The Malibu, 4th Street, Marrero (protect identity), advised that he had obtained his most recent Jefferson Parish Health Card from Dr. R. T. RIBANDO, approximately six months ago. ODDO stated that he had not undergone any tests for this card and that it had just been issued to him directly by RIBANDO. He stated that it was fairly common for RIBANDO to issue phony health cards to "characters" on the West Bank, most of whom were employed in bars in the 4th Street area.

On 5/24/69 PCI ART DIAMOND advised that he had talked to JUNIOR PROVENZANO that date and that PROVENZANO had provided the following information:

PROVENZANO, ELDON LEGAN, Dr. RIBANDO, Dr. CARUSO, and CLYDE BOURGEOIS had been swindled out of \$110,000 the previous Thursday in Ferriday, La. They had been planning to purchase some stolen diamonds. PCI asked PROVENZANO if he had been involved in the swindle. PROVENZANO stated he was not involved and that he had lost some money also. PCI asked if JACKI PIZZI was involved, and PROVENZANO also denied that. PCI noted that at that time PROVENZANO was not wearing his large diamond ring which contains a 5½ carat stone. PCI noted that PROVENZANO was not wearing the ring prior to traveling to Ferriday. PCI advised that BUDDY PIZZI was in Marrero about one week before the swindle took place. He stated that BUDDY and JACKI PIZZI are known to be swindlers and con artists. He has never seen the PIZZIS in direct contact with PROVENZANO; however, he observed BUDDY PIZZI talking to CHINK (LNU), who runs the middle bar in the Moulin Rouge for PROVENZANO. PCI believes that the PIZZIS are probably involved in the swindle, and that JIMMY JAMES may also be involved, since they have been known to work together.

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that JAMES and PIZZI pulled a swindle similar to the Ferriday swindle in Chicago sometime since December, 1968, in which they obtained \$140,000. MORRIS has no further details concerning that operation. MORRIS advised that JAMES is using that money to pay off his legal fees regarding a gambling charge.

JOE ODDO told PCI that the man who went to the Malibu Lounge Tuesday evening to get JUNIOR PROVENZANO was JOE MARCELLO. ELDON LEGAN had been picked up that same evening and they were not even taken back to the Malibu, but were dropped off at the hospital in Marrero, where LEGAN received medical attention for a cut arm. PCI also stated that one reason that CARLOS MARCELLO was unhappy about the whole situation was that JUNIOR PROVENZANO called ROCK HEBERT and CARLOS long distance the day the swindle took place in Ferriday.

NO 1734-C-TE advised on 5/26/69 that CARLOS MARCELLO received a telephone call from CLYDE BOURGEOIS, and MARCELLO left almost immediately to meet with BOURGEOIS at BOURGEOIS' residence. Source advised that MARCELLO was accompanied by NICK NUCCIO in NUCCIO's car. Informant stated that NICK NUCCIO is associated with CARLOS' brother ANTHONY MARCELLO in several newsstands in the city. He further advised that NICK NUCCIO is the brother of JOE NUCCIO, who in turn is closely associated with SAMMY MARCELLO, CARLOS' youngest brother. Source advised that NUCCIO drives a dark-colored Pontiac, and utilized this vehicle to take MARCELLO to the BOURGEOIS residence. Source advised that when MARCELLO returned from this meeting, he told the source not to get involved in the situation, and he himself was not getting involved, because there were too many people interested in the situation.

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On 6/9/69 ANTHONY BARLOTTA (NO 92-931) confidentially advised SA THOMAS L. COLARELLI and SA J. LEE SAVILLE that it was HAYES "DUKE" DUGAS (NO 92-882) who picked up JUNIOR PROVENZANO out of the Malibu Lounge on 5/27/69. He stated it was his understanding that DUGAS was acting on his own, rather than at CARLOS MARCELLO's direction, because DUGAS wanted "a piece of the action," meaning the loot. He stated that ELDON LEGAN has been out of town for three or four days, and he personally did not expect to see him return. However, since he has returned, he (BARLOTTA) has concluded that PROVENZANO must have gotten his share of the loot, because LEGAN and PROVENZANO are acting too much like guilty parties since the swindle.

He stated that it is LEGAN who is keeping PROVENZANO quiet. He stated that 'all you would have to do to get PROVENZANO to talk would be to lock him in jail for 72 hours and he would tell you anything you wanted to know.'

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