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Chief of Police MARTIN DARDIS, North Bay Village advised he arrested RUBIN WEINER, Miami Beach PD Number 7666, for vagrancy at the Treasure Isle Motel, North Bay Village, as previously reported in Miami letter to the Bureau January 17, 1958, and again arrested him at the same motel on January 27, 1958, for bookmaking. DARDIS stated on both occasions an investigator from the Florida Hotel Commission and investigators from the State's Attorney's Office assisted in the arrest. He said that when WEINER was arrested on the first occasion the officials of the Treasure Isle Motel were informed that WEINER had been bookmaking on their premises, and they were requested to see that WEINER terminated his residence there. He further stated that the officials of the motel did not ask WEINER to move and condoned his bookmaking operations which resulted in the second arrest of WEINER.

DARDIS mentioned that WEINER, on the second occasion, was charged only with bookmaking, although he was also engaged in running a dice game at the motel. DARDIS related that the Florida Hotel Commission is considering the revocation of the license of the Treasure Isle Motel for thirty to sixty days for permitting WEINER to remain as a guest at the motel and also permitting him to operate as a bookmaker. This information he said was furnished to the officials of the motel who have since been considering

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various means to have the matter squashed. DARDIS related in strict confidence that one of his sergeants was approached by HARRY LASSER, one of the owners of Chary's Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge, North Bay Village, to determine if he, DARDIS, could be approached with a proposition. LASSER indicated that he was acting as a middle man in an effort to get this matter squashed. DARDIS commented that his sergeant told him a sum of \$15,000.00 would be paid to DARDIS if he would see to it that the matter was dropped. DARDIS also said his sergeant learned from LASSER that LASSER was acting in behalf of SAMUEL SCHLAR, owner of the Treasure Isle Motel. He remarked that his sergeant has set up another meeting with LASSER and at that time LASSER will be told that DARDIS will only talk to SCHLAR regarding the matter.

DARDIS further stated that he has discussed the matter with DANIEL P. SULLIVAN, Operating Manager of the Miami Crime Commission, and the State's Attorney's Office. He said the State's Attorney's Office is making plans to secure adequate evidence with the view toward prosecuting SCHLAR should he make the \$15,000.00 offer to DARDIS personally.

DARDIS also advised that another similar payoff proposition is beginning to move beyond the rumor stage. He said one of his men was approached by one TOMMIE THOMPSON, whose identity or background is unknown to DARDIS, as to the amount of money that would be needed to pay off the Chief of Police so that gambling would be permitted at the Harbor Spa Hotel, North Bay Village. DARDIS related this proposition is moving much slower than the one previously explained, and as a result he is concentrating on the Treasure Isle deal and hopes to obtain satisfactory evidence for prosecution of SCHLAR. *no loc*

DARDIS is a new Chief of Police at North Bay Village and a former New York state trooper. SAMUEL SCHLAR is originally from Chicago and the Treasure Isle Motel has been regarded as a criminal hangout.

POTENTIAL CRIMINAL INFORMANT
SID WILD, PCI, advised that he observed ABE ZISKIN, a detective of the Miami Beach police force, enter the grocery store of SALVATORE FALCONE in Miami carrying a small envelope. He said ZISKIN immediately went into the back room of this establishment, indicating that he had previously been *FLA*

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in the store, knew his way around, and was acquainted with the personnel. FALCONE has FBI Number 1697794 and is a Top Hoodlum of the Miami Division.

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Captain JOHN CONNORS, Hialeah Police Department, advised that ~~KNIX RUGGLES~~, a Hialeah policeman, was shot and seriously wounded on January 24, 1958, in a gun battle with ~~CURLEY EDISON ESTES~~, an ex-convict who robbed and terrorized patrons at the Politician Bar in Hialeah. He related ESTES was also wounded in the left leg and was apprehended a short time later in Miami Springs. ESTES has been charged with armed robbery and attempted murder.

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The "Miami Herald" newspaper of January 24, 1958, reported that lie detector tests were ordered for five members of the Coral Gables Traffic Bureau on January 23, 1958, after a discrepancy of \$10.00 was noted between the amount turned in to the Traffic Bureau and the amount paid by an individual who violated a traffic ordinance. The article related that ~~RICHARD N. RACO~~ of Miami violated a traffic regulation and produced a receipt for \$35.00 written by ~~DONALD M. DOOLEY~~, Coral Gables Police Department, on a slip of plain white paper. RACO was skeptical of the receipt because it was not written on a printed receipt form. The receipt was charged against the summons on file at the Police Department and it was found that only a \$25.00 fine was recorded. The article indicated that there was evidence of erasure on the ticket in the Police Department, which altered the offense from driving sixty miles an hour in a twenty-five mile zone, to fifty miles an hour. This article pointed out that the penalty for a sixty mile violation was \$35.00 and the penalty for a fifty mile violation was \$25.00.

Chief WILLIAM G. KIMBROUGH, according to the article, stated Patrolman DOOLEY's work sheet reflected a sixty-mile-an-hour entry, which apparently clears DOOLEY. The five employees, according to KIMBROUGH, who agreed to the lie detector tests had access to the Coral Gables Traffic Bureau cash register. KIMBROUGH also commented with respect to the receipt issued by DOOLEY that the Department had run out of regular receipt forms.

CRIMINAL RACKET ACTIVITIES

MM 369-S advised the National Labor Relations Board hearing was held on January 14, 1958, at Miami relative to a *(2)(4)*

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