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Report of: SA ROBERT ROSS REYNOLDS Office: Detroit, Michigan  
Date: September 29, 1966

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Title: JOHN CAESAR GROSSI

## INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE

Character:

Synopsis: Subject arrested by Canadian, Ontario Provincial Police 5/16/66, in Wawa, Ontario, Canada, in possession of a 1966 Chrysler. Subject rented instant auto in San Francisco, Calif., 4/8/66, to be returned 4/13/66. On 4/29/66, auto theft report made by owner. San Francisco PD held three warrants for subject. Sheriff's Office, Dallas, Texas, held bond forfeiture warrant for subject. Subject pled guilty in Canada on 5/19/66, on five counts. Subject sentenced 6/21/66, to total of 7 years and 30 days. On 8/23/66, San Francisco PD cancelled warrants against subject. Vehicle released to owner 9/7/66. USA declined prosecution. Recovery value \$3,575.00.

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DETAILSAt Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

On May 18, 1966, Constable JOHN CURRIE of the Ontario Provincial Police advised that the subject had been arrested by his department at Wawa, Ontario, Canada, on May 17, 1966, in possession of a 1966 Chrysler automobile bearing Ontario plates which were subsequently determined to have been stolen in Toronto, Canada. Located in this car at the time the subject

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was arrested a California license DAF 838, and a .380 caliber automatic pistol.

The San Francisco Office advised on May 19, 1966, that the San Francisco Police Department held three warrants for the subject: 1. grand theft - embezzlement; 2. grand theft - embezzlement and 3. forgery. Also that instant automobile bearing Vehicle Identification Number CL41G63112965 had been reported stolen by the Chrysler Leasing Corporation of 1230 Harrison Street, San Francisco, California. A stolen report was filed on April 29, 1966.

The Dallas Office advised on May 19, 1966, that the subject was apprehended on an Unlawful Flight Warrant by Bureau Agents in San Francisco, California, on October 26, 1965, and subsequently released to the San Francisco Police Department pending extradition to Dallas, Texas. The subject posted \$5,000.00 bail on October 29, 1965, and was to appear in Dallas, Texas, on April 26, 1966; however, he failed to appear.

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JOHN CAESAR GROSSI was interviewed at the Algoma District Jail by SA ROBERT ROSS REYNOLDS and Constable JOHN CURRIE of the Ontario Provincial Police. At the outset of this interview GROSSI was advised by SA REYNOLDS that he was not required to make any statement and any he might make may be used against him in a court of law. He was advised he had a right to counsel or could talk with anyone of his own choosing before saying anything whatsoever. He stated he was aware of this fact and had no intentions of discussing any material fact regarding any current investigation that might be going on in the United States. No promises or offers of reward were offered to him in exchange for any information.

He advised he took a 1966 Chrysler from California to Canada, the one in which he was arrested.

He said he took a 1966 Ford into Canada.

He said he took a car from Dallas, Texas, to New Jersey and back to Dallas, Texas.

He said he bought a .380 caliber automatic pistol in Nevada.

He would not elaborate on these statements.

He did say he served prison terms in Leavenworth Penitentiary for violation of the Dyer Act and served five years in Kingston Prison in Canada for Bank Robbery.

He advised it was his desire to remain in Canada.

The following descriptive data is as obtained from interview and observation:

Date of Birth	August 5, 1927
Place of Birth	Patterson, New Jersey

On 5/19/66 at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada File # 26-38758

by Constable JOHN CURRIE, Ontario Provincial Police and SA ROBERT ROSS REYNOLDS/AL Date dictated 5/20/66

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The Sheriff's Office in Dallas, Texas, advised on May 20, 1966, that they held a warrant for the subject charging bond forfeiture for failure to appear April 26, 1966.

On May 19, 1966, the subject pled guilty before Magistrate C. E. BOYD in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on June 21, 1966, on the following charges:

1. Theft,
2. Possession
3. Fraud
4. Firearms Without Permit
5. Liquor Control Act

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that he was under the impression that MARTHA BOLEN was not aware of any of subject's illegal activities, and did not know he was presently in jail.

CHILCOTT stated he has also determined from the manager of Hertz, San Francisco, Airport Office, who had gotten the information from the manager of the Hertz Detroit Office that subject had been released from jail.

In addition, JOHN ORCUTT, Airport Detail, San Francisco International Airport, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, Redwood City, California, advised that he had information to the effect that subject had used one L. SIMMONS, former residence 2033 North Curson, Los Angeles, California, as a reference. ORCUTT stated he had information that SIMMONS was possibly involved in a narcotics conspiracy ring involving the theft of credit cards and reproduction of phony identification in the names of the stolen credit cards. Inasmuch as subject is allegedly an expert photographer ORCUTT felt he may be involved with this ring as a friend of SIMMONS.

On June 8, 1966, Constable CURRIE advised that on appearing before the Magistrate on May 19, 1966, the subject was charged with possession of firearms, Section 90 (2); possession of stolen property, Section 296a; having liquor in a place other than his residence, Section 42-1; theft over \$50.00, Section 280a; and fraudulently obtaining food and lodgings, Section 307-1, all of the criminal code of Canada.

On June 24, 1966, W. JAMES, Governor, Ontario District Jail, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, advised that the subject appeared before Magistrate C. E. BOYD in Sault Ste.

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Marie, Ontario, on June 21, 1966, and was sentenced to three years on the first charge; three years consecutive on the second charge; six months consecutive on the third charge; six months consecutive on the fourth charge and 30 days consecutive on the fifth charge. All of these charges to be served in Kingston Penitentiary.

He advised that the total sentence of seven years and 30 days was the sum and total of individual sentences all to run consecutively.

The San Francisco Office was advised of the above sentences.

On July 29, 1966, Constable CURRIE advised that following the 30 day allowance period for appeal the personal property of the subject was returned to him. He said that the 1966 Chrysler was still presently stored at his detachment headquarters in Wawa, Ontario, Canada.

The Sheriff's Office in Dallas County, Dallas, Texas, was apprised of the sentence taken against the subject and the prosecutive action in Ontario and he advised the Dallas Office that he had filed a detainer against the subject with Canadian authorities.

The San Francisco Office advised on August 23, 1966, that on August 18, 1966, Inspector MIKE DOWER, Fraud Detail, San Francisco Police Department, was advised of the sentences imposed on subject by the Magistrate's Court, in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Inspector DOWER stated that he had previously issued warrants, and in view of the length of sentence imposed, he cancelled his warrant and detainer against the subject.

Constable CURRIE advised on September 7, 1966, that instant automobile had been released to JOHN GERALD CARR, 298 Shepherd Avenue, West, Willowdale, Ontario, who returned same to the Chrysler Leasing Corporation, 1230 Harrison, San Francisco, California.

On September 7, 1966, Assistant United States Attorney JAMES W. BARDLEY, Grand Rapids, declined prosecution in view of sentence received by subject in Canada.