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is clean and straight forward and cannot be bought for any price; although he allows himself to be surrounded by inefficient personnel in whom he has the utmost confidence. These men are in responsible positions within the department. CHARLES SMITH heads up the Vice Squad and has made plenty of money on payoffs from gambling and prostitution. SMITH and his partner PINKERT make regular raids twice weekly on gambling games in the above mentioned hotels. He has allowed them to operate for years. He is paid off regularly by the operators.

Very recently, Ex-Chief of Police K. N. HOWARD returned from the service and demanded his old job as Chief back. HOWARD was Chief of Police from 1938 until he went into the service in 1942, at which time gambling was wide open in Ft. Worth. Strong pressure groups headed by the Ministerial Association and Civic Clubs came forward and appealed to the City council in behalf of Chief DYSART. As a result Chief DYSART won out and HOWARD came back into the Department as a Captain, replacing Captain HOWERTON, who was shifted to Traffic and Police Schools.

Informant advised that Captain ANDY FORNIER, of Detectives, is a brother-in-law of ALBERT DAVIS, who controls the Policy and numbers racket in Ft. Worth. DAVIS is a big time gambler. It is generally known in the Department that BERT WAKEFIELD controls gambling in the Blackstone and Texas Hotels. WAKEFIELD is assisted by an individual by name of STONEY, a former Ft. Worth Pimp.

There are no organized gangs in Ft. Worth and no organized connections from outside the city of Ft. Worth.

Informant said prostitution is practiced in all leading hotels. Though prostitutes are not allowed to stay at the Blackstone, Worth or Texas Hotels. Prostitutes stay at smaller hotels and receive their calls from the porters of the above mentioned larger hotels. Known prostitutes appear monthly at the city clinic for inspection. They either appear voluntarily or they are picked up and given an examination.

Confidential Informant DLS 944 advised that he is the owner and proprietor of the Maverick and Imperial Hotels and operates gambling games in both hotels. The game at the Maverick is operated by LEE JOHNSON. The game is directed at the Imperial by L. Y. PERKINS. He stated that his places have been raided regularly twice a month for past few months and the house always pays the fine. Informant stated that the team of SMITH & PINKERT, Vice Squad, had been broken up and that SMITH had been demoted to a motorcycle Officer. In the past he

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HAS had to pay off to SMITH on many occasions. He explained that he operated a dice and card game at both houses. The house covers all bids up to \$100. He further related that the DIANE hotel also operates a gambling game under the operation of individuals known as FLEMING AND RICHARDS. Gambling conducted at the Jefferson hotel is operated by JACK ASHLEY. Informant advised that BUDDY LUPER and CLARENCE LUPER operated gambling games at the Court Hotel in room 214. HOWARD LEE and BILLY JORDAN are operators of the game. It was ascertained that the gambling game in the Maverick hotel is located in room 202 and in room 6 at the Imperial Hotel. Policy rackets in Ft. Worth are controled by ALBERT DAVIS. Slot machines are largely under the control of BENNIE McDONALD, Lone Star Amusement Company. Gambling in the Stockyards Hotel is generally conducted on the second floor and the operator of this game is reported to be SAM MITCHELL. In addition to the above mentioned slot machines in Tarrant County the additional individuals are known to operate known machine devices in this area. BUSTER & TONY LUCIANO; BENNIE McDONALD; and WALTER THANNISH.

## NOTORIOUS TYPES AND PLACES OF AMUSEMENT

Confidential Informant DLS 951 advised that prostitution is practiced in the following Ft. Worth hotels:

ÉITTLE HOTEL, 1610 Main Street, operated by BENNIE MOORE, number of girls, 6 to 8.

REGAL HOTEL,  $1013\frac{1}{2}$  Main Street, operated by GERTRUDE HOLDEN, number of girls, 5.

ROSE HOTEL, 1012 Main Street, operated by BENNIE MOORE & HOLLIS (RED) HOLIDAY, number of girls, 6.

TOURIST HOTEL, 308 Main Street, operated by DOLORES SMITH, number of girls, 6.

TRINITY HOTEL, 1403 Main Street, Management has no connection with prostitution activities, number of girls, 4.

CORINNE HOTEL, 1403 Main Street, operated by BESSIE & JACK FUSTON, 3 to 4 girls.

BEES HOTEL, 1211 Calhoun Street, operated by BEATRICE PATTERSON, 4, girls.

YALE HOTEL, 111 E. 10th Street, operated by CHARLES (CHARLEY) FOOSHEE, 6 girls.

MAJESTIC HOTEL, 1305A Main Street, management not connected with prostitution activities, 3 girls.

JACKSBORO COURTS, Jacksboro Highway, operated by JACK PURSER, keeps 7 to 8 girls. ORA THOMAS is presently practicing prostitution at these courts and K. C. (JIGGS) HARRIS is her pimp. Two cab drivers, names unknown, also are acting as pimps for girls located at Jacksboro Courts.

DEL RIO LODGE, Jacksboro Highway, operated by FOREST JOHNSON, 7 girls.

VALLEY VIEW COURTS, Mansfield Highway, operated by JACK PADGETT, 4 to 5 girls.

MILNER HOTEL, 911 Main Street, management has no connection with prostitution activities, 4 to 5 girls. They reside at this hotel all time and hustle at the Texas, Blackstone and Westbrook, receiving their calls from bell boys.

Informant said that she herself keeps 5 girls. They receive their calls from the bell boys located at the Texas, Worth, Blackstone and Westbrook Hotels. Informant was interrogated as to which bell boys. She explained that all of the bell boys employed at the above hotels secure dates for her girls. She said that the bell boys at the Texas hotel were only paid \$1 per day and they had to depend on tips for their earnings. Informant said that the bell boys become acquainted with the girls and will call for certain ones. She said all her girls presently are local Ft. Worth girls. She charges them \$5 per day for board and room.

She explained that her girls have only a few dates at her hotel but for the most part serve the larger hotels. Informant says she does not allow pimps to stay at her hotel or allow any of her girls to use pimps.

In discussing the above hotels, informant said that BENNIE MOORE allows pimps to work for his girls at the LITTLE and ROSE hotels and does furnish some girls to the above listed larger hotels. The REGAL, and TRINITY are seldom called on my the bell boys of the larger hotels for girls. They operate more or less independently. The rest of the above listed small hotels furnish girls to the Texas, Blackstone, Westbrook and Worth, with the exception of the BEES HOTEL. This hotel caters to the lower class of whites and will allow Mexicans to come in for dates with girls.

Informant advised she has tried to keep the higher type of prostitutes

in her hotel. She explained that 4 of her 5 girls will not work for less than \$20 an hour and get as high as \$50 and \$100 for overnight. She said her girls are given an examination at the City Health Clinic every Monday morning. She has been operating at this location for more than two years. Informant states she practiced prostitution from 1939 to 1944 but no longer practices.

## V. GENERAL CRIME CONDITIONS IN WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS AREA:

E. A state Grand Jury investigation at Wichita Falls, Texas has condemned the practice of "a number of Police Officers loaning money to various, individuals in the lower income bracket" and that an excessive rate of interest is charged. The Grand Jury further compiled in its findings a recommendation that the alleged traffic in guns by members of the Wichita Falls Police Department be stopped immediately. The Grand Jury further went on record to call the attention of Police Administration to the reported failure to administer first aid to injured prisoners brought to the City jail.

An agent of this Field Division was recently in the Wichita Falls Police Department at which time a negro came into the Department and talk to Captain BOOHER, advising him that he had some money to give to L. G. Cook, a member of the Police Department. Captain BOOHER apparently did not approve of this and advised the negro that he was not collecting any money for anyone and that if he wanted to give the money to Mr. COOK he would have to do so himself. It was further noted by this office that COOK has been mentioned, along with Detective WILDMON, as being susceptible to bribery and to the acceptance of gratuities from offenders of petty laws.

# VI. GENERAL CRIME CONDITIONS IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS AREA

## A. ORGANIZED GANGS

As near as it can be ascertained, there are no organized criminal gangs presently operating in the Lubbock District.

# D. POLICE EFFICIENCY

The Lubbock Police Department, in addition to having FBINA graduates DON REEDER, Chief of Police, and COLEMAN MABRAY, Assistant Chief of Police, have PAT DAVIDSON, a Detective under Assistant Chief of Police MABRAY, a recent graduate of the National Academy. The Identification Section and Detective Division of this Department is rapidly increasing its popularity and efficiency.

operation in Lubbock, the Colonial, Knapp, and Logan Hotels have encouraged prostitution, and at the present time there is very little activity in the prosecution of such prostitution inasmuch as police officials, primarily COLEMAN MABRAY, Assistant Chief of Police, are compiling the necessary information which will be climaxed by an intensive drive on these three hotels, which will effect their being closed. This information is of a confidential nature at the present time, and the necessary details to close these places are being worked out by the police officers and District Attorney BURTON S. BURKES. The other hotels where prostitution is known to be going on on a smaller scale are at the Star, Texas, and Commercial Hotels. The Star and Texas Hotels are presently operated by FRED HALL, who has been a valuable source of information, and efforts will be made in the near future to develop him as a confidential informant in connection with prostitution and White Slave Traffic Act Violations.

### VII. GENERAL CRIME CONDITIONS IN THE TYLER, TEXAS AREA

#### A. ORGANIZED GANGS

There are no organized gangs operating in the Tyler Area.

#### B. INDIVIDUAL RACKETEERS AND MOBSTERS

Violation of laws primarily committed in this area constitute an evasion of liquor laws inasmuch as the Tyler Area is in Dry territory. The following individuals are considered by local law enforcement officers as the outstanding law offenders in this area, in near Palestine, Texas:

IACY ADAMS, Adams Drug Store.

AUBREY McMAHAN, Cash Drug Store.

SCARBROUGH MILLS "SUG" GAINES, Tennessee and Lacey Streets.

FOWLER BECKHAM, Tennessee and Lacey Streets.

PAT MORRIS, W. Oak Street.

ADAM CONE, Main and Tennessee Avenue.

BRUCE AUSTIN, Main and Tennessee Avenue.

TOTTS DEAN, Filling Station, Tennessee and Main Streets.

BOOTS McFARLAND, Tennessee and Main Streets.

IVY LEE MORRIS, Ex-Convict from Leavenworth, Kansas, Tenn. & Main Sts.,

MARSHALL MORRIS, Cash Drug Store.

The following are negroes, Palestine, Texas:

WILL SMITH, 200 Block, E. Dallas Street. ELIARD SMITH, E. Dallas Street.