

Information for Capt. Pinckard & Sgt. Hogue, concerning Inv. of the Cellar.

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Officers Burkhat & Farris assisted by Sgt. Hogue, arranged for this witness working at the Cellar, Karen Bennett, to meet with Narcotic Officer G.T. Cox at City Hall. During this meeting, Officer Cox, recognized this subject as being involved in a situation of this nature, 2 or 3 years back. During this situation, this Karen Bennett was supposed to furnish information for Narcotic Officers, but information furnished by her was common knowledge to investigating officers. Officer Cox describes this girl as being a prostitute, which he knows went on the Circuit, which is a group of Prostitutes who travel from place to place over the United States. When Officers first brought this subject to City Hall she would not co-operate with any information concerning the Cellar. The next day, this subject contacted Officer Burkhat stating she was ready to talk. This conversation was taped at City Hall, and concerned common knowledge which officers already and allegations concerning several Officers of the Police Department. Parts of this conversation are believed to be good information, concerning the Cellar. First doubts of the subject first started when this girl described an Officer, then quickly picked out his picture from the files furnished to her by Officer V. T. Sommers, as being Very Good Friends with Pat Kirkwood, and had been present at Kirkwoods Residence during Sex Parties. Officer Burkhat, in the presence of Sgt. Hogue last night, 5/17/63, again asked this Karen Bennett who this Officer was that attended the parties at Kirkwoods residence. She again gave this same Officers name. Burkhat then asked her how many times she had been to these parties at Kirkwoods residence, of which she stated once, then just for a few minutes, and when she saw what was going on left with Dick Mackey who also didn't want to stay. During the conversation that took place which was taped, this girl stated this Officer had been to several of Kirkwoods ~~parties~~ parties. This was the second occasion for Officers to doubt this subjects word. The first time was when she first mentioned the above occurrence with an Officer which Burkhat & Farris firmly believe to be an upstanding Police Officer. Third: During the taped conversation, and the other conversations with this girl, she has denied being a prostitute, but admits attending these sex parties, and leaving when the time comes to go to bed with the customers. Fourth: Kirkwood was suspicious of her co-operating with the Police enough that he supposedly struck her, but left no identifying marks on her. Fifth: She stated Kirkwood was dangerous but she was not afraid to return home and to the Cellar, after the Officers had warned her they would not give their permission, if everything she had said was the truth. Subj. did return to the Cellar, and was permitted to come and go as she pleased without being bothered by him. Up to this point, it was almost impossible for this subject to use the phone or get out of sight of these subjects. Officers do know this subject is addicted to narcotics, and has told conflicting stories. ~~Kirkwood~~ Sixth: Kirkwood knew of the Investigation, yet this subject accompanied by another girl from the Cellar, Carroll Hollis, came to our Office last night, 5/17/63, with information that Kirkwood, Dr. Nottingham and another girl were at the Cellar and each had a large amount of capsules and pills in their possession at the Cellar at this time. Both girls described the pills and capsules, and the exact color of box, and the exact location of each at the Cellar. Officers Burkhat & Farris firmly believe this subject is still working for Kirkwood, and is trying to find out what the Police know about the Cellar, and what is planned to be done. Officers further believe this information about the large amount of Narcotics at the Cellar last night was Kirkwoods idea for the Police to raid the place, and not finding anything as evidence on our search. ~~Max~~ No information has been obtained at this time that could be made into an arrest being made, and the original Complainant was informed of this upon which she agreed, having full knowledge of our findings and having the ~~opportunity~~ occasion to meet this Karen Bennett. Three prescription bottles with capsules, belonging to Karen Bennett, are in the Plain Clothes Office, after they were taken away from this girl by Comp. brother Billy.

Officers Burkhat & Farris, believe this subject should be questioned by the Internal Security Office, concerning her allegations made earlier of several Police Officers. Officers above findings are believed to show this subject as a prostitute and still working for Kirkwood, and are attempting to discredit some of these Officers.