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Chattanooga Chief Charges U.S. Frameup

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 16 (UPI)—Chattanooga's police chief charged today that he was framed on moonshine charges by Federal authorities because he blundered unwittingly into their plot to put Teamsters' chief James R. Hoffa behind bars.

Police Commissioner James (Bookie) Turner said Federal officials set out to "get" him because he started a crack-down on prostitution and arrested a bellhop who turned out to be an undercover informer for the Government.

In a statement read to reporters, Turner said, "... One of the Washington lawyers lost his temper and triggered an all-out effort to get me and accuse me and the Chattanooga Police Department with interfering with the post-Hoffa trial investigation. Nothing could have been further from the facts."

He identified the Washington lawyer as Charles Shaffer, former U.S. attorney who now practices law in Rockville, Md. (Shaffer declined to comment on Turner's charge, saying he never comments publicly on matters pending in court.)

Turner, who is seeking reelection this year, was indicted March 22 by a Federal grand jury that accused him of making and selling illegal liquor and taking protection payoffs from moonshine runners.