

TRAFFIC RECORD

Character check DATE Nov. 27, 1963 TIME 2:00 P. M.  
T. H. # STATE #

Character and wanted check on Harry L Power of 127 North univesity Avenue San Antonio Texas. No age or description of subject.

Auth. Det. Schoffstall

*10:34 P.M. 11/28/63 No wanted returned re Harry L Power with RP from Antonio Tex.*

Thomson

Opr. \_\_\_\_\_ Opr. \_\_\_\_\_ Opr. \_\_\_\_\_

CX date \_\_\_\_\_ 196 CX reason \_\_\_\_\_

Opr. *Walters* \_\_\_\_\_ Opr. \_\_\_\_\_ Opr. \_\_\_\_\_

MH 29 8-61-ML

by this subject in the two day's that he was at the hotel, we then for the Technician in order to try to get what finger prints that we could, however we found that the maid had already cleaned the room and everything had been wiped clean. We also called the F.B.I. office and advised them of what we had found, they in turn sent F.B.I. Agent Ken Phelps to make an investigation of this matter. On November 26, 1963 Harry L. Power made a phone call from the Hotel to Poff's Gun Shop located in Twelve Points this City, and in checking with this Gun Shop we found that Power was trying to sell this gun, and when he could not get the price that he thought that the gun was worth tried to purchase amunition for it. We were also advised by Chief of Police Middle that he thought that he had seen this subject in the American Sports building and at that time Power was trying to purchase amunition, but was unable to get it. We also learned that this subject had no baggage or clothing other than what he was wearing, which was a Dark Blue Suit, and a discription was given as follows: FAIR COMPLEXION, STOCKY BUILD, SANDY OR LT. BRN. HAIR, 22 to 23 years of age, 5'6" W/H, NEATLY DRESSED, COMBED HAIR STRICHT BAG.

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*John O'Leary*  
CHIEF OR COMMANDING OFFICER

*4-7-64*  
DATE

Det's Schoffstall-aton *4-7-64*  
INVESTIGATING OFFICER DATE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Complainant

Serial No.

Address

17 HARRIS AVENUE

Phone

Offense

INVESTIGATION

Reported by

MR. VANALLEN

Address

Place of Occurrence

TERRE HAUTE HOUSE HOTEL

Room No.

Report Received by

O'LEARY

at 2:00 P.M.

Date

Nov. 27, 1963

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How Reported

Phone

Date and Time Offense Committed

Nov. 26, &amp; Nov. 27, 1963

Officer Assigned

Det's Schoffstall, Eaton

Persons Arrested

None

On November 27, 1963 the undersigned officers were assigned by Chief of Detectives John O'Leary to investigate a gun which had been found in room 705 at the Terre Haute House Hotel, 7th & Wabash in this City.

At approximately 2:30 P.M. November 27th 1963 the undersigned Detective's arrived at the Terre Haute House Hotel where we talked to Mr. VanAllen manager of the Hotel, and who showed us to the room which had been occupied by one Harry L. Power, who gave an address of 127 W. University Ave. San Antonio, Texas. In our investigation of the room we found a German Mouser 7.65 P.M. torn apart lying across the arms of a chair, this gun had been cleaned and well taken care of., serial # 0-2686. Mr. VanAllen then gave these officers the registration card and the phone calls made by this subject in the two day's that he was at the Hotel. We then called for the Technician in order to try to get what finger prints that we could, however we found that the maid had already cleaned the room and everything had been wiped clean. We also called the F.B.I. office and advised them of what we had found, they in turn sent F.B.I. Agent Ken Phelps to make an investigation of this matter. On November 26, 1963 Harry L. Power made a phone call from the Hotel to Poff's Gun Shop located in Twelve Points this City, and in checking with this Gun Shop we found that Power was trying to sell this gun, and when he could not get the price that he thought that the gun was worth tried to purchase ammunition for it. We were also advised by Chief of Police Middle that he thought that he had seen this subject in the American Sports building and at that time Power was trying to purchase ammunition, but was unable to get it. We also learned that this subject had no baggage or clothing other than what he was wearing, which was a Dark Blue Suit, and a discription was given as follows: FAIR COMPLEXION, STOCKY BUILD, SANDY OR BR. B-N. HAIR, 22 to 23 years of age, 5'6" W/A, NEATLY DRESSED, COMBED HAIR, STEEL CUT HAIR.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

SERIAL NO.

COMPLAINANT

ADDRESS

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.

( Continued Report )

On November 29, 1963 the undersigned Detective's sent a letter to the Police Department San Antonio, Texas asking them for a complete character check on Harry I. Power, which came back stating that no arrest or criminal data could be found with that Department. ( A copy of this letter will be attached with this case file).

On December 7, 1963 Assistant Chief of Detective's Eugene Butts wrote a letter to Emil Peters, Inspector, San Antonio, Texas Police Department, which included a little more information concerning this case, since we had not received any word on the letter sent by the undersigned. On Dec. 10, 1963 Capt. Butts received a letter from Inspector Peters stating that Detective T. F. Penley had been assigned to the case, and would send a complete report on his findings. ( These also will be attached to this case file ). In the meantime investigation by the undersigned revealed that this subject had been in the Bus Terminal in this City, after receiving this information we went to the Bus Terminal where we talked to one Don Locker who stated that this subject came into the Terminal on Monday Nov. 25, 1963 and purchased a ticket to St. Louis, Mo. At 5:45 P.M. that night when Locker called out over the microphone that this bus was ready to leave this subject got up and ran out the door and down the alley. It was revealed through correspondence that Harry I. Power resided at 108 N. University Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, and worked for Acme Neon Company in that City, he was employed by that company for about one year, and left the Company on December 12, 1962, and left a forwarding address of Gen. Delivery Luftberry Menila, West Virginia. He was born 4-5-43, 5'10" 160 lbs., and has a current Iowa drivers license. We also learned that a Roger Drisch had worked with Harry Power, and knew that he owned a rifle such as was found here.

Through correspondence to the National Rifle Association we learned that they could not find anything in their files reference to the German Mauser U-8686 found in the Terre Haute House Hotel in this City on Nov. 26, 1963

This case is still under investigation by the undersigned Detective's.

## THIS OFFENSE IS DECLARED

UNFOUNDED   
 CLEARED BY ARREST   
 EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED   
 INACTIVE (NOT CLEARED)

SIGNED Detective's Schoffstall, Eaton  
 Investigating Officer

DATE 4-7-64

SIGNED John O'Leary  
 Chief of Commanding Officer

DATE 4-7-64

FORM NO. 3-2-63

THIS FORM IS USED BY OFFICER ASSIGNED TO A CASE TO REPORT PROGRESS AFTER THREE AND SEVEN DAYS AND WEEKLY THEREAFTER; ALSO TO REPORT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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1. Name of Occurrence Will W. Nuzera		4. Dist. Occurrence 5-7	5. Subject or Offense Information
6. Last Name of Complainant - First Name - Middle Name (or First Name) Capt. Eugene V. Butts		7. Address of Complainant Terre Haute, Ind. Police Dept.	
9. Day of Occurrence Monday	10. Time and Date of Occurrence 830 AM 12-9-63	11. Time and Date of This Report 330 PM 12-9-63	12. How Reported Letter

13. Routing of Report - (Original to Record Bureau, Specialty Office/s)  
**ATTENTION: Record Bureau**

14. Details (List Persons Interviewed/Contacted, etc.)

Received a letter from Capt. Eugene V. Butts of the above Police Dept. to run a character check on Harry L. Power. SEE COPY OF LETTER ATTACHED. I checked with Mrs. V.W. Gamblin of 127 University PE 22437 and she stated that she has lived at this address for 50 years and that she does not rent to anyone and does not know the person I was checking on. I then checked with Retail Credit and found that a Harry L. Power gave the address 108 University and that he had many bad debts on his record. I then called Mr. Worth Seaman in Austin Tex. DPS records Chief and had him run a check on the subject. He called back and stated that they had no record on the subject but that in July of 1962 a Harry L. Power who gave the address of 108 University tried to get a drivers licence. He failed the test and did not apply again. He also gave me the following information. Power is 5'-10 180# DOB 4-5-43 and is a painter by trade. He also had a valid Iowa drivers lic. at the time he tried to get a Texas lic. He gave Acme Neon Co. 1301 W Hilderbrand San Antonio Tex as his place of employment. I checked and found that the owner is Don McNay. I talked to him about the subject and he told me that he left his company on Sept 12, 1962 and that he was a smart aleck type person and a trouble maker. He told me that Power left town owing a lot of bills. He also told me that one of his workers had told him that the subject Power carried a card with the YCL. I asked him what that was and he told me that this was THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE. I asked him if he could remember who the party was and he said that he would try to find out. He called back and told me that the man was Roger Dresch who is a artist and worked for him but now was working for the Rollins Outdoor Adv. Co. 2323 Broadway SA Tex He said that Dresch told him today when asked about the card that it looked real and had Power's name on the front along with the name THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE. On the back of the card was some type of oath. Mr. McNay told me that the last time he heard from Power was when Power wrote for his W2 forms from Gen. Del. Taftberry, Manila W. Va. I called Mr. J Myer Cole agent in charge of the FBI Office and gave him the information and he had Mr. Mark Childs Agent, get in touch with me. Mr. Childs will have Capt. Butts interviewed by the FBI in Indiana to see if there is any more information and asked for us to continue our investigation.

December 10, 1963: Continued investigation. Went to the address 108 University and talked to Mrs. H.J. Moore of Apt. # 2. She told me that she and her husband have lived there for about 9 months and that no one by that name lived there since they have lived there. I then went to Rollins Outdoor Adv. Co and talked to Mr. Dresch. He told me that Power was a odd sort of person. That he had a warped out look on life. That he felt the world owed him a living and that there was nothing wrong with Communist's. He spoke free about Communist's and about our type of Government. He dont remember Power saying anything about doing any harm to any Official. His out look was to go back to W. Va and take his rifle and go into the hills and stay there for the rest of his life.. HE WAS A TOP MARKSMAN going to the rifle range at least 2 or 3 times a week. The only other person that he knows he ran with is a boy named Charlie and that Charlie is Big and Fat and works for a garage some where around Five Points. The card that he carried was cream colored with dark blue or black letters. I then called Mr. Jack Cole owner of the apartment house at 108 University and asked him about the man and he did not know much about him but that he was married to a woman in the Air Force and that he was an Ex Army man and that they seemed to have a lot of family trouble and that he moved out around Sept. of last year and he has not heard from him since.

15. Officer Making Report - Badge No. T.T. Penley #90	16. Approving Authority Lt. J. DiStefano	17. Unit Case No. Robbery
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FRANK RIDDLE

CHIEF OF DETECTIVES  
JOHN O'LEARY

*Cap Bender*

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Novembdr 29, 1963

Chief of Police  
Police Department  
San Antonio,  
Texas.

Dear Sir:

On November 27, 1963 our department through our radio operator sent for a Charactor Check on one Harry L. Power of 127 North University Avenue in your City. The message came back stating that there was no wanted on this subject.

We would like a complete charactor check on this subject and would like to know if there is such a person by that name living at that address.

This subject's discription is as follows: 22 to 23 years, approx. 5'6", Stocky build, Lt. Brown Hair combed straight back and very greasy, Lt complected.

We have reason to believe that this subject is using this name as an alias.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated in this matter and we would like an immediate reply.

Very Truly Yours.

Detective's Schoffstall, Eaton

**ATTENTION:**

This is to advise that the files of this department fail to disclose any arrests or criminal data on the above named subject.

*Aubrey H. Davenport*  
Aubrey H. Davenport  
Captain of Records

SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT (7-143)

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

SAN ANTONIO 5, TEXAS

10 DECEMBER

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Eugene V. Butts, Captain of Detectives  
Terre Haute Police Department  
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Gene:

First, congratulations on your new title - I knew you when. Also, let me apologize that your department's first letter from Detectives Schoffstall and Eaton had not brought adequate results.

I am attaching a report from Detective T. T. Fenley who was assigned to this to dig up whatever was available on the subject, Harry Power. He also points out that the FBI has been notified because of the peculiar line of information on this fellow and will communicate with their Agent in Terre Haute to work with you further if they can.

hope to  
Good to hear from you and, see you some day should you come to Texas or if we can get up to Indiana. Lots of luck and please do not hesitate to call upon us at any time that we may be of service to you.

Sincerely,

E. E. PETERS, INSPECTOR  
UNIFORM DIVISION

EEP/f

Attachments

SUPV. OF POLICE  
FRANK RIDDLE

CHIEF OF DETECTIVES  
JOHN O'LEARY

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

DECEMBER 7, 1963

INSPECTOR EMIL PETERS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

DEAR EMIL:

ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 25, 1963 A MAN BY THE NAME OF HARRY L. POWER OF 127 NORTH UNIVERSITY AVE. YOUR CITY CHECKED INTO ONE OF OUR HOTELS AND LEFT THE NEXT MORNING LEAVING A HIGH POWERED <sup>M4</sup> THE SAME CAL. THAT WAS USED TO SHOOT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WITH.

WE ALSO WISH TO CHECK THIS GUY OUT AS WE HAVE ALSO HAD A LOCAL OFFICIAL THEATENED AND HE MAY BE INVOLVED AS THE RIFLE WAS FOUND ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR OF A HOTEL ACCROSS THE STREE FROM THE DEMOCATE AND REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS THIS CITY.


I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF A LETTER SENT FROM THIS DEPARTMENT BY THE DETECTIVES WORKING THE CASE AND THEY RECIEVED NO REPLY, AFTER READING THEIR LETTER I DON'T THINK IT INCLUDED ENOUGH FACTS THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW.

THE RIFLE IS A GERMAN MAUSER SERIAL# U8686 CAL. 7.65 FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

WELL PETERS I WILL BE HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL COME THROUGH TERRE HAUTE AND VISIT WITH ME AS IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE THE 57TH.

I AM THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.;

SINCERELY YOURS

  
EUGENE V. BUTTS  
CAPTAIN OF DETECTIVES

DECEMBER 5TH  
1963

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION  
1600 KNOX ISLAND AVENUE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON 8, D.C.

GENTLEMEN:

WE NEED SOME ASSISTANCE AND ARE HOPING YOU MAY BE IN A POSITION TO ADVISE US. WE ARE IN POSSESSION OF A 7.05 GERMAN MAUSER, SERIAL NUMBER U 8388. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANY INFORMATION POSSIBLE AS TO WHERE THE WEAPON WAS PURCHASED, WHEN PURCHASED, OR BY WHOM. TO DATE, WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AND YOU ARE OUR FIRST ATTEMPT.

WE HAVE CONSIDERED WRITING TO THE VARIOUS COMPANIES WHO ADVERTISE THIS WEAPON IN THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN BUT HAVE DECIDED TO AWAIT YOUR REPLY. ANY ADVICE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

WE DO NOT REQUEST ANYTHING PUBLISHED IN THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN AND WANT TO HANDLE THE ENTIRE MATTER WITH AS LITTLE PUBLICITY AS POSSIBLE.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION, I REMAIN

SINCERELY

CLARENCE B. EVERLY  
FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA



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December 12, 1963

Mr. Clarence B. Everly  
Police Department  
Terra Haute, Indiana

Dear Officer Everly:

We have checked our "Stolen Guns" file going back to 1954 and we have nothing in it on a German Mauser with the serial number given in your letter. We checked both our listing for Mauser rifles and for Mauser pistols, since your letter did not indicate what gun you are seeking information on.

The Massachusetts State Police (Department of Public Safety) Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, has one of the most modern punch card records on stolen firearms in existence. May I suggest that you contact Sgt. Higgins at the above location and indicate that I suggested he might be of assistance to you.

If at anytime we can be of assistance to your department in matters of this sort please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

  
Walter J. Howe, Director  
Editorial-Technical Division

WJH/pab

TERRE HOUSE HOUSE *1015* NOV 25  
 Terre Haute, Indiana  
 Charge Room 705  
 15 CENTS  
 FOR LOCAL CALL  
 Number Called C-7015 *157B*


TERRE HOUSE HOUSE *1015*  
 Terre Haute, Indiana  
 Charge Room 705  
 15 CENTS  
 FOR LOCAL CALL  
 Number Called C 2354

**Terre Haute House**  
 TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

No. 157

NOV 25 1963

**REGISTRATION CARD**



Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Harry L. Powers  
 Street 127 N. University Ave Room 705  
 City and State San Antonio, Texas Rate 7.00  
 Make of Car \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk at

NOTICE TO GUESTS: A safe is provided for the deposit of Valuables.  
 The Hotel cannot be responsible for Valuables not deposited.