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On July 10, 1968, O. B. Holcomb, Intelligence Unit, Memphis Police Department, advised that on July 9, 1968, the Memphis Police Department Vice Squad arrested Invader Monroe Hinds Jr. based on a complaint from his father. Young Hinds had about 150 Sandoze pills, a legend drug. Hinds, who was born November 23, 1950, and resides at 227 First Avenue, Memphis, told police he "found them in an alley on Beale Street."

Source two added that on the night of July 9, 1968, Harrington was passing out Sandoze pills.

On July 10, 1968, source one advised that NOP director Charles Ballard is driving a beige Mustang rented for him by WOPC and NOP at \$175 a month and that he allows all the Invaders to drive it. Source advised that for example, on the night of July 10, 1968, Charles Harrington, NOP Area Coordinator, and Invader Emmett House, who has been furnishing most of the legend drugs and phenobarbital being used by the Invaders, were using the car to drive all over town so that House could make collections from various "runners" used by him to sell the pills.

Source one added that the strongest marijuana, Robitussin AC (codeine base) and legend drug addicts in the Invaders are John B. Smith, Verdell Brooks (NOP reporter), Charles Harrington (NOP Area Coordinator), Oree McKenzie (NOP Area Coordinator), Charles Ballard (NOP Director), and that, in fact, all of the Invaders and NOPers known to him are steady users of marijuana; that they regularly bring young 14, 15 and 16-year-old Negroes, both male and female, to John B. Smith's apartment, ply them with marijuana and have sex acts with the girls.

On July 10, 1968, source two advised John B. Smith was "high" on drugs while at the NOP office at 1217 N. Thomas, in company with Charles Ballard and Willie Rogers, both of the NOP staff. Source advised that Edwina Harrell, Charles Harrington and Eric Holman, all of the NOP staff, were present and none made any effort to get Smith away from the office.

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On July 10, 1968, source six advised that since about June 29, 1968, Charles Cabbage and the Invaders had been using a rented green Ford and they were hiding out Don Neely, a BOP member, then Absent Without Official Leave from the Army. Source advised that Cabbage and Edwina Harrell, NOP typist, were "shacking up" at the Travelodge Motel, Fourth at Union.

On July 10, 1968, source one said that on the night of July 10, 1968, Charles Ballard, Charles Harrington, John B. Smith, Emmett House used the NOP beige Mustang rented by WOPC for \$175 a month to go to the Travelodge to see Cabbage and Harrell. Source advised that earlier House was using the car to drive throughout Memphis to collect from "runners" who were selling phenobarbital for him. Source said Ballard had been regularly allowing various Invaders to use this Mustang.

On July 11, 1968, source seven advised that on July 8, 1968, Edwina Harrell, using the assumed name of Ethel D. Walton, 687 Walden, Orlando, Florida, "representing" Designers Inc. of Orlando and Jacksonville, checked into Room 275, Travelodge. She stayed there July 8 and 9, 1968, with Cabbage and circumstantially with Don Neely. She spent most of July 9, 1968, at the motel not working. On July 12, 1968, Ballard and Cabbage came to the motel for her luggage in the NOP beige Mustang, bearing Shelby County, Tennessee, license JM-6740.

On July 11, 1968, source two advised that on the night of July 10, 1968, John B. Smith bought a "nickel bag" (\$5 worth) of marijuana from LeMoyné BOP member James "Porky" Falls at the Harlem House on Park Avenue. Later Murrell McCullough, Charles Harrington, Charles Ballard, Verdell Brooks and Clinton Jamerson smoked it at John B. Smith's apartment. Later, Ballard, John B. Smith, Harrington and Brooks returned to the Orange Mound area to buy more marijuana.

On July 22, 1968, source one advised that on July 21, 1968, NOP Area Coordinator Willie "Scoop" Rogers and field worker Eric Holman loafed all day at the NOP field office, 1310 Florida. Source advised that on July 21, 1968, area coordinator Charles Harrington and Invader Emmett House were looking for marijuana. They wanted to sell some at an NOP "sock hop" they were to put on at 1310 Florida and said they might have to go out of town to get it.

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On July 29, 1968, source two advised that on July 27, 1968, John B. Smith was extremely sick from an overdose of "Dilandid," an injection drug, which he is now taking intravenously as is Charles Harrington. This, source stated, is called "mainlining."

On August 3, 1968, Lt. E. H. Arkin, Intelligence Unit, Memphis Police Department, advised that the Police Department Vice Squad, pursuant to search warrants for 1644 Hanauer, Apartment 2 (John B. Smith's apartment) and Apartment 3 (Lizzie Jones' apartment, Jones allegedly having been storing phenobarbital and marijuana for the Invaders), raided Apartments 2 and 3 on the night of August 2, 1968, after the Police Department received advance information that NOP payrollers would get paid August 2, 1968, and have a big marijuana party at John B. Smith's apartment.

Those the Police Department arrested at 1644 Hanauer, Apartment 2, were the following:

Marva Norman, Negro female born April 26, 1951, age 17 (a juvenile), residence 147 E. Fernwood. She said she had been going there for about a month. She was charged with disorderly conduct and turned over to Juvenile Court;

Murrell McCullough, Negro male born May 13, 1944, residing 1445 Pontotoc, a Memphis State University student, charged with disorderly conduct.

Verdell Ronald Brooks, Negro male born April 18, 1948, residing 1512 Ball Road, employed by Neighborhood Organizing Project (NOP) War on Poverty Committee, 161 Jefferson, charged with disorderly conduct.

Charles Harrington, Negro male born March 11, 1948, residence 2075 Rile, employed by NOP - WOPC, 161 Jefferson, charged with disorderly conduct.

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Oree Allarick McKenzie, Negro male born December 27, 1945, residing 362 Essex, employed by NOP - WPOC, 161 Jefferson, charged with disorderly conduct.

Jewell Demetria Davis, Negro female born May 6, 1950, residing 258 W. Faye, age 18, unemployed, sister of Larry Larue Davis, employee of NOP - WPOC, charged with disorderly conduct.

Charles Steven Ballard, Negro male born April 8, 1948, residing 1830 Kansas, employed by NOP - WPOC, 161 Jefferson, charged with disorderly conduct.

John Burrell Smith, Negro male, born January 13, 1943, age 25, residing 1644 Hanauer, Apartment 2, charged with Illegal Possession Marijuana (state charge) and Illegal Possession of Legend Drugs (state charge). Smith is unemployed.

Arrested at Apartment 3, 1644 Hanauer, was Lizzie Jones, a Negro female, born July 23, 1938, age 30, occupation seamstress. She was charged with Illegal Possession Legend Drugs. Jones told police she did not know where a gallon jug of Phenobarbital Elixir found in her apartment originated but she believes someone from 1644 Hanauer, Apartment 2, had hidden it there while she was at the dog track on the night of August 1, 1968. She said they came in through her window, but she is afraid of the Invaders and was afraid to call the police. She said the pistol found in her apartment was a gift from her mother.

Lt. Arkin advised that found in John B. Smith's apartment were the following:

- One small brown envelope containing suspected marijuana
- One bottle containing 44 green pills
- One bottle containing two white pills
- Four packs of cigarette paper
- Three syringes
- Three hypodermic needles
- One box of seven asmadic cigarettes
- One water pipe with extra bowl.

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Found in Lizzie Jones' Apartment 3 were the following:

- One gallon jug, 2/3 full of unknown liquid, labeled "Elixir Phenobarbital."
- One .22 caliber six-shot Rohm BG-7, Serial # 01924 revolver and 42 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition
- One .22 caliber Rohm blue steel revolver and holster.

Also found in Smith's apartment was a tape recorder and a Polaroid Rollex 8 mm movie camera with triple lenses bearing # A52165 on lens and # 62244 on the camera.

Lt. Arkin said that all those arrested except Norma appeared before City Court Judge Bernie Weinman the morning of August 3, 1968. All were released on \$51 bond except Smith and Jones, whose bonds were set at \$1000. Bonds were made by Associated Bail Bond, obtained by Charles L. Cabbage. All were scheduled to appear in Memphis City Court on August 6, 1968.

On August 6, 1968, Lt. Arkin said that Weinman continued the above cases to August 14, 1968, and all defendants have retained Attorney Russell X. Thompson.

On August 8, 1968, Lt. Arkin advised that the University of Tennessee medical laboratory had identified the 2/3 gallon of liquid as phenobarbital, the white and green pills as phenobarbital and the sack of suspected marijuana as marijuana. The water pipe is the type now popularly used for smoking marijuana.

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