

9/25/69 This transcript is undated. It was while I was in N.C. I had been with Sciambra in Lyon's office when he got a phone call from Baton Rouge La Argent Fitcher about this pair and had not known what to say. I believe this call was to me at the Fontainebleau, afterwards, that same day. He and Brownlee had been working for the labor-management committee, having told me of it, I now believe, the previous weekend. Morris had been supposed to see me the previous weekend but couldn't because of car trouble that had to be rectified so they have transportation to B.R. I also had a report from a Baton Rouge reporter that Partin had phoned him to say he was putting up Brownlee's bail and would delay it until the paper got a photographer there if they'd like. I gave Louis a memo on this at that time.

John George Wyatt, N.C.

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Operator: Mr. Weissberg, will you accept ~~the charge~~ a collect call.

W:q Yes I will.

W: Are you out. Can I help you?

man: Yes. About what?

W:q Getting out?

man: Of jail?

W: Yeah.

man: Did you tell that man that I told you I worked for the Labor Commission?

W: No. I said you had an official connection.

man: What?

W: I said you had an official connection -- opposite to what he said.

man: He told me that you told him that I told you that I worked for the Labor Commission or something.

W: I didn't say that. When are you coming back and I'll talk to you about it?

man: Well. I was going to stay here. I'm going to answer that man's ~~challenge~~ charges, and I wanted to know what you told that DA over there.

W: Moo-Moo was with me.

Man: ~~W~~ Who?

W: Moo-Moo.

man: Who's that?

W: Shambrun in Jim's office.

man: Oh. Yeah.

W: Yeah, they called up to find out if you and your companion had criminal records. And they want to keep you locked up. He was told -- he told me that...

~~man:~~

man: They didn't have me locked up. They had Moss? locked up.

W:q He ~~is~~ told us the other way.

man: They had Moss locked up and I was out. The man asked me he said I told him I might tell you anything. I don't know what I told you. You come back wanting this and that and I said I don't know what in hell the mans talking about. I ~~never~~ told him anything. You know, may have

I to get you off my neck.

W: Well that may have been the best thing you could have done.  
He said that you....

man: Partin's gone crazy over here.

W: Who has?

man: Partin. Yeah. he's going nuts, man. He has gotten a newspaper  
and telling about Morris being involved in the bank. It all went  
back to Walter Sheridan. Walter Sheridan called down there and  
told Partin and NBC over here in this Channel 2 that we w investigators  
for Garrison and everything else.

W:q Well, they know better than that.

man: Well, I know.

W: Moo-Moo apparently knows the District Attorney pretty well.  
He called him Sarge.

And the way he told me, 3 people heard you say you were going  
to blow -- that something like...could it be bar brothers -- ~~hax~~

man: barber brothers

W: Barber brothers, that they ought to be blown up.

man: I did.

W: you did.

man: I told them thata truck I was in and I told the man that I was working  
for.

W:q Well I said that I believed ~~that~~ what was the opposite of that -- that  
somebody else had said that -- not you.

man: Well. They were trying to get ahold of Charlie Warren???

W: I don't know if they did or not.  
I was with Shamburn and they spoke to him.  
And he put me on the phone afterwards.

man: Morris told them he had talked to you and he said did you tell  
Mr. Weissberg that you worked for the Labor Commission. I said  
I'm liable to have told the man anything to get him off my back.

W: I didn't say anything at all about the Labor Commission because  
I didn't know anything about it.

man: I didn't think so.

W: I said that you had some kind of a connection with somebody. Who  
you were working for I ~~did~~ didn't know. I didn't say you were working  
for anybody. I said you were helping somebody.

man: Walter Sheridan called down here and told them that we were investigators for Garrison's office and all that. We wanted to talk to Mr. Garrison and find out.. because I want to go on TV and call that man a liar and everything else.

W: When did ~~x~~ he do that?

man: Tonight. Right on TV. Tonight. 6:00 p.m. news.

W: That was after I left the office.  
That's very interesting.

man: Partin and Mr. Sheridan must be bed ~~me~~ buddies or something.

W: Oh. you know that.

man: Yeah.  
Well, I just wanted to know...

W; He may have overplayed his hand.

man: I think he has.

W: What do they have Morris in jail for.

man: Changing the license plates on a car. He's out. Ed Partin gave me the money to get him out.

W: How come?

man: I don't know.

W: How did they know he changed the license plates?

man: They called the State Police. He snitched on Burbank, and Thomas and Bob Knight and everybody. He blew the whistle on Sergeant Partin did. ~~Partin was called~~

W: Partin does all the snithing.  
What did he say about them?

man: he just told them to check the name out??

W: What did they charge Morris with?

man: Changing the license plates on a car.  
  
Is Garrison going to deny that we're not his investigators?

W: Well, he's not around to do it.  
Moo-Moo said you were not working for him. He said that they were trying to get some information from you.

man: That's what he said. We were investigators for Garrison and blah, blah.

Walter Sheridan said this. So we were planning on going up. They gave me a chance to answer that and I want to go up there and call that man a God-damn ~~ix~~ liar on TV. Me and Morris both.

W: Don't say Goddamn.

man: Well, we're going to go on TV and tell the man to prove all of this. That he put our life in Jeopardy.

W: That's a good way to put it.

man: Yeah.

W: He was quoted on TV as saying that.

man: Partin quoted it. It's right on -- We read the sheet down at the TV station.

W: Picture was speaking to Moo-Moo and Moo-Moo said that he did not work for them. That they were trying to get some information from you. That's all.

man: Okay. Well, that's what I wanted to know. Now I know what to do.

W: That's what Moo-Moo said. I was sitting there when he did it.

man: Because I told them I didn't know none of these people. I didn't even know ~~xxx~~ nothing about that, except maybe they had been questioning us about the assassination and that's all. We'd be the last people that Mr. Garrison would even have investigating for him.

W: Well, they knew better. I was sitting there when Moo-Moo told them. I'll tell you what else he called for -- I was sitting with Moo-Moo when it happened -- was to find out if you had a ~~xxx~~ criminal record.

man: I told the man I had one.

W: He seemed to be interested in drugs and Moo-Moo said he didn't know this. He had heard something about a conviction for drugs and I said I didn't think that was the case.

Man: No, I have never been convicted...

W: Neither one of you.

man: No.

W: But the way he said it, you were charged...not the other one.

man: No. he charged..... //??/

W:q Well he told me that he had Townley?? in jail for ~~wikka~~ switching plates. and I said that I knew his car had broken down and he had gotten another car over the weekend and that he had an appointment with me that he didn't keep because he was doing something -- I told him I thought it had to do with the starter and this is what Morris had told me something like that

and he said that Morris had told him that.

man: Yeah. That's true.

W: I said that after he got his g car fixed, he kept his appointment and took me to see the man he promised to take me to see.

man: Then, Partin's just hunting to find out who we are.. They're scared which is all right. They .... them out of the office.

W: They let Morris out?

man: Partin gave me the money to get him out.

W: Why did he do that?

man: I don't know. I guess he's scared. He found out he had made a mistake, I think. Then he come up with this about our being investigators for Garrison and .....

W: Does he say anything about Morris' connection with Ferry?

man: Yeah. He said Ferry's Godson was arrested at the Teamster's office and the investigators for Fang? and Walter Sheridan -- the TV man down here in Channel 2 of NBC -- called , told us that they called Walter Sheridan and Walter Sheridan told them we were investigators for Gary. (laughter)

man: I'm going over to CBS tomorrow and I want to answer all that man's questions and I want to answer all of them. I know they ain't going to say on TV what I got to sayat NBC but I just wanted to know what you said.

W: Yeah. Well as you know, I didn't think you had any kind of official employment. I said ~~that~~ only that you were helping somebody and I thought it was the opposite of what they were saying.

man: Yeah.

W: So, if you did say Ball Brothers should be blown up, I said you said the opposite of it.

man: Well that's good.  
All right. I'll let you know tomorrow...

W: When you all coming back?

man: I don't know. I ain't got no car. They got Morris's car confiscated. ~~xxxx~~ All I'm waiting to do is playing dumb. Make them prove all of this stuff. I'm going to through a lawsuit against Sheridan and Partin. Yessir. If I can find me a lawyer. who'll do it.

W: Are you in a position to?

man: Yeah. What Have I got to have?

W: I don't know. I don't know what the law is.

man: I haven't got a thing to have, not one thing.

W: Do any of your friends up there know a lawyer who could give you advice?

man: I'm going to find out one in the morning.

W: That's a good idea.

man: Because I haven't got nothing to ~~hide~~ hide. No way, shape, form, or fashion.

W: I made no reference to any other connection you might have had.

man: Okay. That's what I wanted to know.

W: You understand what I'm saying. I made no reference to ~~what~~ anything else. They asked me if Morris was a dope addict. Had he been arrested or convicted on a dope charge.

man: Yeah. They'll try everything in the world. That's Walter Sheridan saying that.

W: What I said on that when I was talking to the two was that I believe the opposite of that. That he may have been at one time but he wasn't ~~now~~ now. He's got a pardon from the Governor.

man: He's got a pardon from the Governor.

W: I told him that I was sure that he was not using anything hard.

man: Well that's all I wanted to know. We've been waltzing around cause they've been following us and all this

W: Who's been following you?

man: Partin's got his gang following us. They hemmed up to a building and was going to beat me up and everything. \_\_\_\_\_ called the State Police.

W: What Made them go after Morris to begin with?

man: because Morris was sitting outside in a car. I was in there trying to find us a job.

W: How did they find out he switched ~~the~~ tags?

man: Well. They found that out ~~and then~~ <sup>?</sup> I did and then they come up with ~~him~~ on his car.  
them

W: How did they know where to check that?

man: I don't know.

W: Somebody tipped them off.

man: I know who did it.

W: WHO?

man: That's all I wanted to know. Just what you all said over there. Watch TV tomorrow because I'm going to lay it on NBC pretty heavy. And Walter Sheridan.

W: Well, there's such a thing as the "Fairness Doctrine". ~~Did~~ Did you ever hear of it?

If a man says anything against you, that's not true, you're ~~xxxxx~~ suppose to have a chance to answer him.

man: That's right. And I'm going to do it.

W: You might want to ask them for a transcript of the remarks made about you too. Have you done that?

man: From who?

W: From NBC.

man: I'm going to ask them.

W: I think that's a good idea. Then you'll know just exactly what to answer. You might want to do that early in the morning.

man: I'm going to do that the first thing and then I'm going to go over and then I'm going over to CBS and set up and answer some questions for them.

W: CBS won't talk about NBC.

man: They won't?

W: No. I don't think you ought to mention NBC by ~~xxx~~ name. Because they won't use it.

man: Not the way these people are talking. They're pretty ~~xxxx~~ mad at us.

W: Maybe so, but ordinarily they won't mention each other by name.

man: I want to mention Walter Sheridan.

W: That's something else but I think you wouldn't be wise to mention NBC.

man: Okay.

W: That's my opinion for whatever it's worth. Let me hear how you make out.

man: All right. Bye.



## Police Reports

# Victim Wounded in Ankle During Robbery Attempt

### Gunman Flees Without Taking Anything

John Wyatt, white, 37, 5526 Arts, was shot in the ankle by a young Negro gunman who tried to rob him at the Texaco Service Station at 9317 Airline hwy. early Wednesday.

The gunman, about 15, held a derringer on Wyatt shortly after midnight and demanded money. But before Wyatt could do anything, the gun discharged, and the youth fled without taking anything. Wyatt was not seriously wounded.

A man who carried two black water pistols was arrested the same morning shortly after he allegedly held up Ernest Drew, 31, 816 Orleans ave., in the Thunderbird Motel, 1910 Tulane ave., for the second time in three days.

Drew pushed a holdup alarm button the minute he saw Thomas Jefferson, 58, no local address, enter the motel office

about 5 a. m.

Jefferson took \$86.43 in cash, but Ptn. Jimmy Aucoin and Michael D'Argonne caught Jefferson on the steps of St. Joseph School, 417 S. Roman.

Jefferson allegedly escaped from the same motel with \$72.70 after holding up the same employe early Monday.

A passing police car made a Negro man change his mind about holding up the Le Petit Motel, 2836 Tulane ave., about 11:30 p. m. Tuesday.

The man pointed a revolver at manager Thomas Raso, 22, 5934 Memphis, but fled after seeing the police car go by.

Louis Wells, 217 S. Roman, was robbed of \$13 by two other youths who pulled a five-inch steak knife on him at N. Derbigny and Canal at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday.

### DRIVER ARRESTED ON TWO CHARGES

Angelo Benjamin Conforto, 37, 128 Glenwood dr., Metairie,

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