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Title: PERCY FOREMAN;  
EDWARD J. HUDSON;  
NELSON BUNKER HUNT;  
W. HERBERT HUNT;  
RALPH SHANK;  
CHARLES TESSMER;  
B. H. TIMMINS, JR.;  
JON JOSEPH KELLY - VICTIM;  
PATRICK W. MC CANN, III - VICTIM  
ET AL

Character: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - CONSPIRACY

Synopsis: On 4/19/76, NELSON BUNKER HUNT, CHARLES TESSMER and B. H. TIMMINS, JR., each pled nolo contendere to an information charging with violation T18, USC, Section 401 (Contempt) in USDC, NDT, Dallas, Texas. USDJ HALBERT O. WOODWARD fined each \$1,000 and dismissed the charges on them as set forth in the FGJ indictment of 7/21/75. Judge WOODWARD also dismissed all of the charges in the FGJ indictment against W. HERBERT HUNT. On 4/27/76, RALPH SHANK pled nolo contendere to an information charging him with violation T18, USC, Section 401 (Contempt) in USDC, Dallas, Texas. Judge WOODWARD fined SHANK \$1,000 and dismissed the charges in the FGJ indictment of 7/21/75 against him. On 4/30/76, EDWARD J. HUDSON pled nolo contendere to information charging him with violation T18, USC, Section 401 (Contempt) in USDC, Lubbock, Texas. Judge WOODWARD fined HUDSON \$500 and dismissed the charges in the FGJ indictment of 7/21/75 against him.

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DETAILS: The trial of the individuals in the case of United States vs PERCY FOREMAN, ET AL, was scheduled to

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commence in United States District Court (USDC), Dallas, Texas, before United States District Judge (USDJ) HALBERT O. WOODWARD on charges of Obstruction of Justice and Conspiracy on April 19, 1976. On the morning of April 19, 1976, USDJ WOODWARD severed EDWARD J. HUDSON and PERCY FOREMAN from the trial. Judge WOODWARD had previously severed RALPH SHANK from the trial and had also previously severed the two perjury counts on CHARLES TESSMER.

On the evening of April 19, 1976, NELSON BUNKER HUNT, CHARLES TESSMER and B. H. TIMMINS, JR. each pled nolo contendere to an information charging them with a violation Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 401 (Contempt). Judge WOODWARD fined each \$1,000 and dismissed the charges on them as set forth in the Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) indictment of July 21, 1975. Judge WOODWARD also dismissed all the charges in the FGJ indictment against W. HERBERT HUNT.

On April 27, 1976, RALPH SHANK pled nolo contendere to an information charging him with violation Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 401 (Contempt) in USDC, Dallas, Texas. USDJ HALBERT O. WOODWARD fined SHANK \$1,000 and dismissed the charges in the Federal Grand Jury indictment of July 21, 1975 against him.

On April 30, 1976, EDWARD J. HUDSON pled nolo contendere to an information charging him with violation Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 401 (Contempt) in USDC, Lubbock, Texas. Judge WOODWARD fined HUDSON \$500 and dismissed the charges in the FGJ indictment of July 21, 1975 against him.