

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

JUN 24 1927

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 5091/646

OFFICE OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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June 21, 1927.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Washington, D. C.

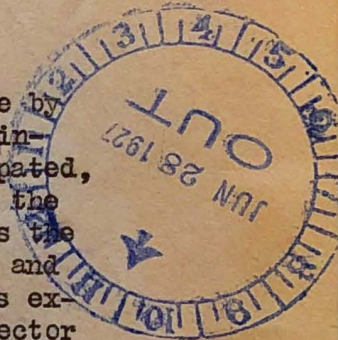
There are enclosed herewith copies of a report made by Patrol Inspector Ivan Williams under date of the 15th instant concerning a shooting affray in which he participated, no one apparently being injured. It would appear that the presence of a Mexican woman in the car at that time was the cause of his failure to apprehend the liquor smugglers, and the reason for the woman's presence on that occasion is explained in report made by the Acting Chief Patrol Inspector under date of the 20th instant, copies of which are also attached.

G. C. Williams
District Director

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IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 4007/3
4000/91-A

Office Chief Patrol Inspector,
El Paso, Texas,
June 20, 1927.

District Director,
U. S. Immigration Service,
El Paso, Texas.

JUN 21 1927

IMMIGRATION SERVICE
EL PASO, TEXAS

Reference being had to your communication of the 18th inst., file No. 5091/646, you are respectfully advised that Patrol Inspector Ivan Williams was on duty at the time in question, and the following is a full explanation of the affair: On the morning of the 14th inst. Emitrio Cardenas had escaped from Patrol Inspector Williams from a Ford Automobile, which contained a quantity of liquor, and he had been apprehended by Patrol Inspectors Duval and Jones on the morning of the 15th inst., about this same time. Patrol Inspectors Williams and Pugh had brought to these Headquarters a Mexican woman, who they had picked up down near Cordova Island, by the name of Jovita Hernandez, alleged bootlegger and spotter, and the inspectors thought we might get rid of her on an immigration charge. After going into the matter, the woman in question was found to be a domicile alien; has lots of house-hold goods, live-stock, chickens and children; at her home near Cordova Island. Although she could have been given a voluntary return to Mexico, the writer thought, after considering the matter of her residence here and her being pregnant, the case was not a worthy one, and instructed Patrol Inspector Williams to take the woman back to her home, and we would take her case up later on. At the same time, Inspector Pugh and the writer were getting ready to take Emitrio Cardenas to the Federal Building, when Inspector Williams asked what car to use, when Inspector Pugh told him to "go ahead and use my car". We often use our own personal automobiles around here in El Paso, when no Government owned automobiles are available, or when we want to use a car that is not known to the law-violators. Mr. Pugh's car is a Chrysler-60-Coach. As Inspector Williams left the Headquarters to return this woman to Cordova Island he was instructed to return to the Federal Building, as we would be there and he could tell the Special Agents of the Customs Service all he knew about the escape of Emitrio Cardenas. You are further advised that the Patrol Inspectors of this Sub-District consider themselves on duty at all times.

(Signed) Chester C. Courtney.

Chester C. Courtney
Acting Chief Patrol Inspector

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IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No.

4000/91-A

Chief Patrol Inspector,
El Paso, Texas.

El Paso, Texas,
June 15, 1927.

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About 9:50 a. m., the above date, I was driving Inspector Pugh's car, taking a Mexican woman out to Harrell Blvd. I was going toward town on So. Oregon when I saw a Ford Touring car going East on 7th St. I saw a sack in the front seat by the driver and two men in the back seat. I called for the car to stop, which they didn't, but proceeded up 7th to Hess, then up Hess to 5th St., then up 5th and turned in the first alley on the left. As they turned in the alley one of the occupants in the back seat of the car fired at me and it appeared to me that he was going to fire another shot at me, when I got out of car and fired two shots at the man who fired at me. And at the same time some one in the car threw out a sack. The sack upon examination was found to contain one 4 1/2 gallon can alcohol. The liquor was delivered to Border Patrol Headquarters.

I am well aware of the fact about orders regarding shooting at automobiles, but I must protect myself. An effort is being made to locate car and its occupants. As far as I could tell no one was hit.

Ivan Williams
Patrol Inspector

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Office of Chief Patrol Inspector,
El Paso, Texas,
June 17, 1927.

OFFICIAL COPY hereof in sextuplicate respectfully furnished the District Director, U. S. Immigration Service, El Paso, Texas, for his information and file. The writer has talked with Inspector Williams regarding the above affair and he stated he probably could have apprehended the trio, but the Mexican woman that was in the car with him seemed very much frightened and as she appeared to be pregnant he thought it best to give up the chase.

(Signed) Chester C. Courtney,
Acting Chief Patrol Inspector

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