

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 5091/728

OFFICE OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR
EL PASO, TEX.

January 4, 1928.

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

There are transmitted herewith copies of a report made by Patrol Inspector Bernard W. Holzman under date of the 30th ultimo concerning an occurrence of that date, when he and Patrol Inspector P. A. Torres were fired upon by a liquor smuggler and returned the fire, the smuggler apparently having been hit. This report will indicate how liquor smugglers could very easily be shot from the rear without any reflection upon the officers doing the shooting.

(Signed) G. C. Wilmoth

District Director

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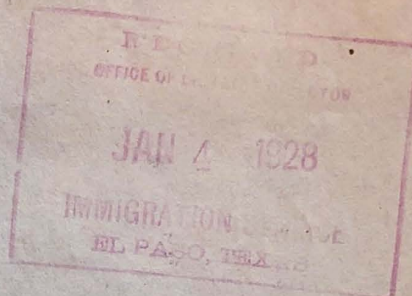
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No. 4000/15-A ; 72-A

El Paso, Texas,
Dec. 30, 1927.

Chief Patrol Inspector,
U. S. Immigration Service,
El Paso, Texas.



While watching in the vicinity of Park Street near the Union Stock Yards, 2 PM this date, Patrol Inspector F. A. Torres and the undersigned saw a man cross from the Mexican side with a load on his back. We gave chase from the Stock Yards in Government-owned automobile and as we neared the vicinity of Park Street the man who had approached to within about 30 yards of the turn, then stopped, and drawing a pistol fired same at us, dropping the load at the same time. He then turned and ran for the river firing as he ran, even after he got on the other side.

The smuggler in question fired about eight shots at us and we returned the fire, Patrol Inspector Torres firing about eight shots and the undersigned about six shots. When last seen, the Mexican was holding his right knee on the other side of the levee. We captured 24 pints of tequila and six pints of American Straight whiskey. Also one mouse-colored overcoat and one Oxford shoe, left foot.

(Signed) Bernard W. Holman
Patrol Inspector

Office Chief Patrol Inspector,
El Paso, Texas,
Jan. 3, 1928.

OFFICIAL COPY hereof, in sextuplicate, respectfully furnished the District Director, U. S. Immigration Service, El Paso, Texas, for his information and file. He is further advised that the contraband liquor herein mentioned was delivered to Mounted Customs Inspector in Charge at 4 PM on the 31st ultimo and his receipt taken for same. (Albert Bean)

(Signed) NICK D. COLLIER
Nick D. Collier
Chief Patrol Inspector

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