

MEMORANDUM

James DeSimone, born in Sicily as Giacintio DeSimone. He is described as 48 years of age, 5 foot 8 inches, 150 lbs., slender, brown hair, brown eyes, medium dark complexion.

FBI #2649765. KCFD 40045.

He is an associate of John Valenti and Tony Lappiparo of St. Louis, Nicolo Impastato, Bossie Nigro, Joe Oliver, Frank and Joe DeLucca. He also states he works at the Roma Bakery. He is suspected to be a Black Hand killer. Uses aliases Jim DeSimone and Jerry DeSimone. In 1942 when arrested he gave his occupation as a gambler and also a partner in Carey's bar, 3223 Troost Avenue.

On September 8, 1943 he was sentenced to six years for concealment and facilitating concealment of narcotics. He served time in Federal Penitentiary at Texarkana, and was paroled February 6, 1944.

He is known to frequent St. Louis, Miami, Dallas, Houston, Chicago, New York, Los Angeles and Denver.

He was arrested in the Crist deal on telephone tip at a particular time stating that he worked at the cleaners at 2321 Independence Avenue, (Bellaire cleaners). He said he came to Kansas City in 1933 from Italy. He has never been naturalized. He lived at the time with his brother, Frank DeSimone, at 414 Wabash Avenue. Crist, mentioned above, was killed February 1 in revenge for holdup murder of Nick Patito, brother of Joe Patito, a Lazia pallbearer and reportedly a Mafia man. In describing his movements the night of the murder DeSimone said he went to Roma bakery and saw Cusumano, Filardo and Binaggio (Jake), to Ringside Grill and saw operator, Frank Cippo, Took polygraph test which indicated he was lying when he denied any knowledge of the murder. He was living at 1012 Admiral in 1946. He gave his mother's name as Elizabeth.

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