

LaSALLA - Ernest Joseph

23263

Alias -

Ernest La Selle

" Fusco

" La Sala

" La Salle

J. J. Dean

DECEASED

DATE 12-5-76

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Racketeer

DEPT. OF POLICE, Detroit, Mich.



POLICE

Bureau of Identification

Crime *Violently Person*

Date of Arrest *1-14-28*

Officers *De Tisle & Pendergrass*

Prect. No. *4 B*

Prisoner's Signature *[Signature]*

Residence *Savoy Hotel*

BERTILLON MEASUREMENTS

H. L.	H. W.	Mid. F.	Foot	F. Arm	Height	Little F.	Trunk	Outs A.	R. Ear L.	Eng. H'g't.	Weight	Age
										<i>5-4 1/4</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>26</i>

Teeth  
 Upper *Good*  
 Lower  
 Color of Left Eye  
 Circle *Hazel*  
 Periph. Z.  
 Pecul.



Comp. *Dark*  
 Hair *D. Brown*  
 Beard  
 Build *Slim*  
 Born *NY*  
 Apparent Age  
 Nationality *US*  
 Occupation  
 Chin *Rel*

RECORD

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Name Crist La Salle

Classification 1-R.I.O-8

Alias \_\_\_\_\_

Ref. 1-R-00-13

No. 21804 Color orr Sex mn

1.—Right Thumb 	2.—R. Index Finger 	3.—R. Middle Finger 	4.—R. Ring Finger 	5.—R. Little Finger 
6.—Left Thumb 	7.—L. Index Finger 	8.—L. Middle Finger 	9.—L. Ring Finger 	10.—L. Little Finger 



Impressions taken by Park

Prisoner's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Classified by \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by \_\_\_\_\_

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IDENT NO.

23263

LaSALLA-Ernest Joseph

SUBJECTS NAME

Suspicion MURDER Brought  
Over From County Jail, Returned  
Rochester NY

CRIME CHARGE

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RE PHOTO

MAR 10 1945

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Ernest Lasalle

PRISONERS SIGNATURE

Lang Hotel Rochester NY

PRESENT ADDRESS

NAME LaSALLE-Ernest Joseph

NUMBER 23263

## RE-ARRESTS

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To assist us in clearing inactive material from our files, please indicate on the attached card whether or not this person is still wanted by your department.

WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.  
Your cooperation will be sincerely appreciated.

C. B. HORRALL  
Chief of Police  
Los Angeles, Calif.

TPD 23263 ✓  
 OSB 477 243  
 FBI Unknown

## DEATH NOTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 United States Department of Justice  
 Washington, D. C. 20537

Date 12/17/76

Attention: Identification Division

The following is the record of a death of an individual whose fingerprints are on file in the Identification Division of the FBI:

Name (Last, first, middle)		Date fingerprints submitted	
LASALIA, Ernest Joseph		Sept. 1931	
Aliases		Other identifying information (Armed Service enlistment no., etc.)	
FUSCO, Joseph Charles			
Sex	FBI Number		
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	Unknown		
<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Contributor's No. (Original)		
	23263		
Date of birth	Place of birth	Fingerprint Classification FBI	
1/10/01	New York City	Attached	
Date of death	Cause of death		
12/4/76	Natural . Not supported by fingerprints.		
Post Death Notice in Record on Authority of:		L. J. MALLORY, E. TECH. POLICE DEPT., TOLEDO, OHIO	
		Name	
Contributor and Address			

The Name, Number, Agency should be exactly the same as they appear on the fingerprint card in the file of the FBI. In all instances when the FBI No. is known it should be indicated. When the FBI No. is indicated it is not necessary to indicate the fingerprint classification.

This form can be used by a Law Enforcement Agency when it receives accurate and positive information concerning the death of an individual whose fingerprints are in the file of the FBI. As a general rule in those cases where a Law Enforcement Agency is investigating a death the ten inked impressions should be taken on a regular fingerprint card.

# LaSalla Arrest Recalls Licavoli Gang Violence

Ex-Convict Held In Cleveland Given  
1945 Sentences Here In Mob Activities

Ernest (Fusco) LaSalla, 60, arrested in Cleveland for questioning in connection with recent gangland slayings in Youngstown and Warren, was well known in Toledo's underworld as a member of the notorious Licavoli gang of the 1930's. When arrested in Cleveland he gave his name as LaSelle.

The last record Toledo police have of LaSalla's activities was his sentence Nov. 17, 1945, to the Ohio Penitentiary after he pleaded guilty before Common Pleas Judge John McCabe to two charges of blackmail in connection with his activities as a member of the Licavoli mob.

LaSalla was given sentences of 2 to 10 years on each of the charges, to be served consecutively. At the time, Judge McCabe recommended that LaSalla be forced to serve a minimum of five years on each of the convictions. Police here

have no record of his release from prison.

## 10-Year Search Ends

When LaSalla was arrested in 1945 in Louisville as he registered for military service under an alias, a 10-year search for him ended. Besides the blackmail charges, LaSalla also was named in an indictment for conspiracy to commit murder for his alleged participation in four gangland killings in the 1930's.

However, the murder indictment was dropped after his guilty pleas to the blackmail counts when the prosecution decided it would be difficult to

locate some of the witnesses to the murders of the previous decade.

LaSalla was among 15 members of the Licavoli mob named in the indictment for conspiracy to commit murder. Of the 15, only Russell Syracuse, 65, has never been apprehended. He was named as the driver of the death car when Jackie Kennedy, notorious Toledo racketeer, was shot to death in an ambush in 1933 on a Point Place street.

## Purple Gang Recalled

LaSalla was picked up Monday in Cleveland after he had left a member of the old Purple Gang, which controlled bootlegging, gambling and other rackets in the Toledo and Detroit areas during the prohibition era. LaSalla also was identified in Cleveland as a former member of the Purple Gang.

Cleveland police said LaSalla had been in that city about the times that Vince DeNiro, 39, a Youngstown racketeer, and

Mike Farah, 56, a Warren mobster, were slain last month.

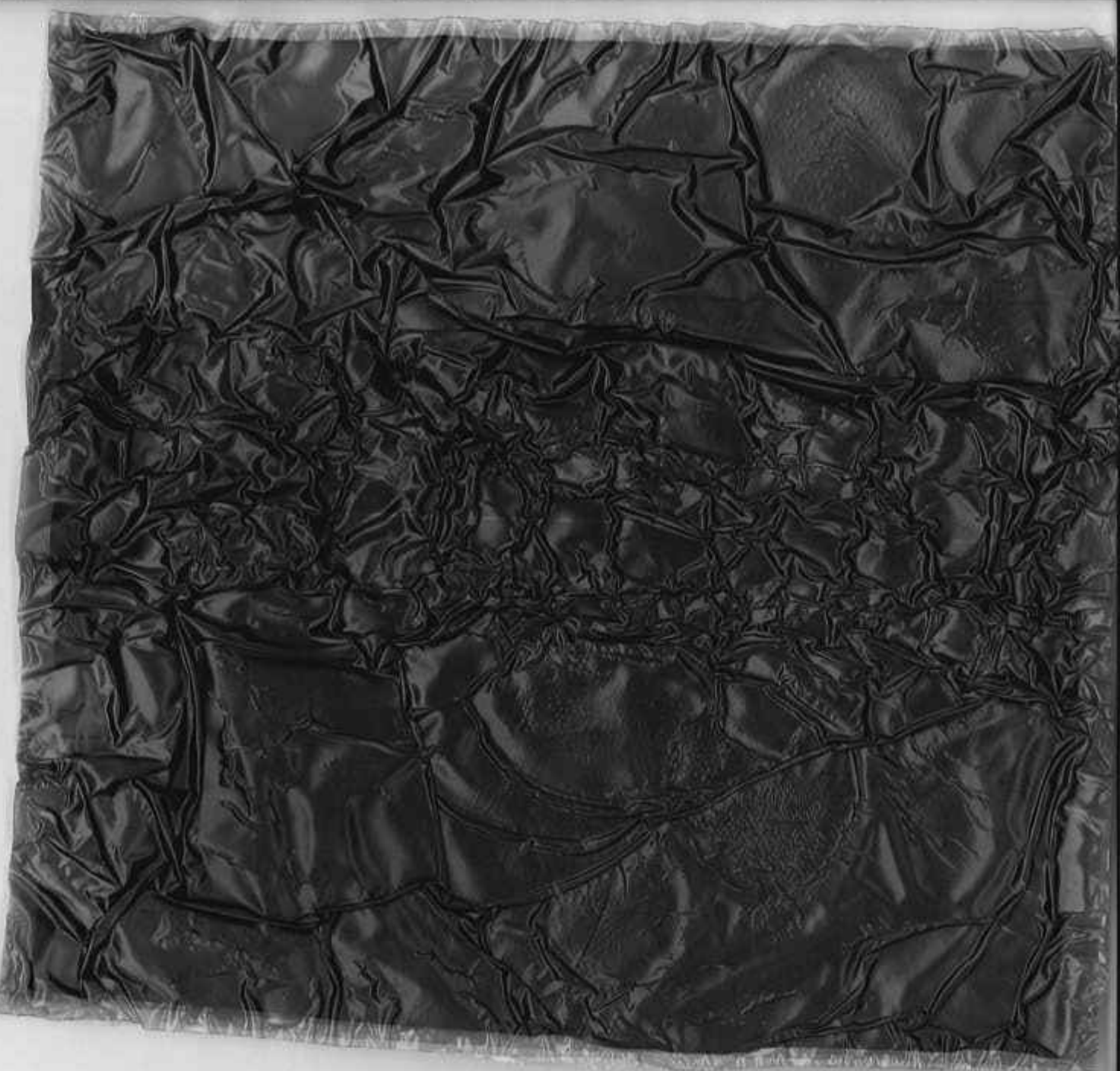
DeNiro was killed July 17 when a bomb shattered a car as he turned on the ignition switch. Farah was killed July 10 at his home by shotgun blasts fired from a car.

Cleveland police said LaSalla told them he moved to New York City last summer from Warren. Youngstown police said LaSalla had dealt with DeNiro there.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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**Department of Justice,**

**Identification Division.**

**Washington, D. C.**

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE  
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PUBLIC SAFETY

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LANSING, MICHIGAN

When replying please  
refer to Bureau #

77783

Sept. 18, 1931.

Police Dept.,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir: The following identification is made on your #23263  
Ernest LaSalla alias Ernest Laselle:

✓ 1-14-1928

As Ernest LaSalle #31804 Police Dept., Detroit, Mich.  
Charge: Disorderly Person. Disposition not given.

✓ 9-11-1931

As Ernest LaSalla alias Ernest LaSelle #23263 Police  
Dept., Toledo, Ohio. Charge: Susp. Disposition not  
given.

Respectfully yours,

I. H. Marmon,  
Supt. of Bureau.

Copy to: Police Dept., Detroit, Michigan.  
Ohio State Bureau, London, Ohio.

SEP 20 1931

Any correction or addition you  
can furnish us on this record  
will be greatly appreciated.

CITY OF TOLEDO  
DIVISION OF POLICE

Louis J. Haas,  
Chief of Police

John R. Louy,  
Superintendent.

A. D. Black  
Director.

BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDS

Warden,  
U.S. Prison,  
Atlanta, Ga.

9-19-31

TOLEDO NO. 23263

Please furnish ~~fingerprints, photographs and~~ Record of

~~Ernest LaSala, your No. 28348~~

Name received under Ernest Lasala  
Known aliases Ernest Fusco  
Date received November 28, 1928  
Serial Number 28348  
On what Charge Conspiracy and Violation National Prohibition Act.  
County sentenced from N-Ohio-Toledo.  
Sentence 15 months, and Costs of \$46.75.  
Date of first Parole \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of violation \_\_\_\_\_  
Date returned \_\_\_\_\_ Where from \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of second parole \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of second violation \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of second return \_\_\_\_\_ Where from \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of final discharge By Expiration of Sentence. November 14, 1929.

Record furnished by D. J. Bates  
Record Clerk, U. S. Penitentiary.  
Title Atlanta, Georgia.

Date September 21, 1931.

(Please furnish any additional Record on reverse side)

SEP 24 1931

As Ernest Fusco, served 12 months and 20 days in New York State Reformatory, Elmira, N. Y., for Petit Larceny. Discharged Feb. 20, 1924.

As Ernest Fusco, served 10 months in Bronx County Jail at New York, N. Y., for Assault, Discharged October 15, 1927.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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Ernest Fusco

November 22, 1928

1928

Complicity and Violation of Penal Provisions of

County released from

12 months and days of

Date of first parole

Date of violation

Date returned

Date of second parole

Date of second violation

Date of second return

Date of final discharge by expiration of sentence. November 14, 1929.

Record located at

Record kept at

Title Office, County

Date December 21, 1928

Please locate the original record on return slip

Headquarters of Police, Toledo, Ohio.

STOLEN PROPERTY, ETC.

- 72741-Mrs R COWELL 3348 MONROE: THEFT OF U S STAMP MACHINE CONT ABT 500 2¢ STAMPS. 500 1¢ STAMPS; FROM PLACE 9TH.
- 742-V BARNES, FOOT MORRISON DR: THEFT OF STRAIGHT RAZOR, KNIFE, 4 PKGS GOLDEN GRAIN TOBACCO, PR LEA & CANVAS GLOVES ; FROM PLACE 9TH.
- 745-E LUMBELL 1265 DORR: THEFT OF LARGE BROWN LEA TRAY BAG CONT 32 BLUE STEEL COLT AUTO PISTOL IN BROWN LEA HOLSTER, 12 SHIRTS, 30 TIES, 10 PR SOX, ; FROM PLACE 9TH.
- 747-J COLLARD, SYLVANIA O: THEFT OF BLACK LEA ZIPPER GRIP CONT 2 GENTS SHIRTS, KNIT JACKET, NIGHT SHIRT; FROM AUTO STOLEN 2012 N 12TH & RECOVERED 9TH.
- 750-N HALL 864 TOLEDO: THEFT OF TAN ARMY BLANKET, SET CHAINS COLLINS PARK SHELTER HOUSE 9.30 PM 9TH.
- 754-THE SHOW BOAT 422 SUPERIOR: REAR WINDOW JIMMIED NIGHT 9TH & PLACE RANSACKED.
- 761-AMERICAN PLUMBERS SUPPLY Co, 1701 CANTON: GYPED OF SET DIES & STOCK, ½ CHROME KOHLER SWIVEL SINK CLEANER, BY FAKE SALESMAN FROM GRINNELL Co 11 AM 9TH.
- 762-STANDARD OIL Co, FRONT & CONSAUL: THEFT OF 100 GAL GAS; FROM PLACE SINCE 7TH.
- 763-I ROSEN 420 SUPERIOR: REAR DOOR FORCED AM 10TH & MEATS, CANDY, GUM, TELEPHONE & WEIGHING MACHINE STOLEN.
- 764-C DREYER, TOLEDO HOSP: THEFT OF WG HAMILTON WRIST WATCH WITH MESH BAND; FROM ROOM ABT 1ST.

RECOVERED AUTOMOBILES; CHRYSLER SED C-71,532. PEERLESS CPE C-11,600. WHIPPET CPE C-72,083. WILLYS 6 TRUCK T-59,591.

STOLEN AUTOMOBILES NONE

SPECIAL NOTICE:- WE HOLD MURDER WARRANTS FOR ERNEST JOSEPH LASALLE, JOHN GEORGE RAI AND PETE CURRADO, WHO ARE ALSO UNDER INDICTMENT AND ARE WANTED BY THE U S MARSHALLS.

ALSO PICK UP YONNIE LICAVOLI AND HOLD FOR U S MARSHALLS, AS HE IS UNDER FEDERAL INDICTMENTS TOO.

EMMETT E CAIRL, INSPECTOR OF DETECTIVES.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MEN OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:- ENTRANCE TO THE TOILETS AND SHOWER BATHS IN THE BASEMENT OF THE SAFETY BUILDING WILL BE BARRED, TO ALL PERSONS, NOT MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT. JANITORS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO SAME. THE GATE PLACED AT THE ENTRANCE IS EQUIPPED WITH A LOCK THAT MAY BE MANIPULATED WITH A REGULATION PATROL-BOX-KEY. THE SHOWERBATH AND ROOM WILL BE THOROUGHLY RENOVATED AND PLACED IN FIRST CLASS SANITARY CONDITION. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL JEALOUSLY GUARD THIS PLACE AS IT IS INTENDED FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL USE.

JOS. DELEHAUNTY, INSPECTOR OF POLICE.

Warden,  
U.S. Prison,  
Atlanta, Ga.

9-19-31

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Ernest LaSala, your No. 23343



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DEPT. OF POLICE..

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Henry T. Copenhagen,  
Chief of Police,  
Rochester, N.Y.

Re - ERNEST JOSEPH LA SALLA our #23263  
Alias Ernest Fusco-J.J. Dean, etc.

Dear Sir:

The above named subject who is now in your custody, is WANTED by this Department on a charge of First Degree Murder.

We are advised by Joel H. Rhinefort, Lucas County Prosecutor, that he has notified U.S. Attorneys Office in your city both by telephone and letter, that subject is wanted here and efforts are being made to return him to Toledo for trial.

In the meantime, we would appreciate it if you would forward to this Department for our records, a copy of photograph and finger prints of this subject.

Thanking you, we are

Yours very truly,  
RAY E. ALLEN  
Chief of Police

By

Paul T. Fakenary, Supt.  
Bureau of Iden. & Records

PTF:B  
Det. Murphy

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

COLLECT FROM ROCHESTER, N.Y. FEB 5, 1945 4:30 PM

CHIEF OF POLICE  
TOLEDO OHIO

ARRESTED HERE EDWARD KELLNER ALIAS ERNEST JOSEPH LAFALLA ALIAS FUSCO  
ALIAS LASALE WANTED YOUR DEPARTMENT MURDER 1ST DEGREE NO. 23263.

ADVISE

HENRY T COPENHAGEN CHIEF OF POLICE

*copy to  
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75745*

MAR 28 1948

Criminal Record of Ernest LaSalle #83130

Aliases:

Ernest Fusco (RN); Ernest LaSalle; Edward Kellner; Ernest J. Fusco;

F.P.C. 1 F 7  
1 R 14

F.B.I. #185228

- 1-11-23 ✓ as Ernest Fusco #30983, rec'd at Elmira St. Ref., Elmira, N.Y. to serve 3 yrs. on charge of Petit Larceny.
- 2-20-24 ✓ Paroled.
- 11-8-25 ✓ Expiration of sentence.
- 1-14-28 ✓ as Ernest LaSalle #31804, arr. by PD-Detroit, Mich. for D.P. Discharged.
- 11-28-28 ✓ as Ernest LaSalle #28348, rec'd at U.S. Pen., Atlanta, Ga. to serve 15mo on charge of Consp. & vio. Nat. Prohib. Act.
- 11-14-29 ✓ Expiration of sentence.
- 2-4-45 ✓ as Edward Kellner #20710, arr. by PD-Rochester, N.Y. for Vag. (wanted for murder-Toledo, Ohio)
- 2-5-45 ✓ Turned over to and held at Co. Jail, Rochester, N.Y. as #18521 for vio. Selective Service.
- 2-5-45 ✓ Turned over to and arr. by USM-Rochester, N.Y. as Ernest J. Fusco #R-1047, for Vio. Sel. Service Act of 1940.
- 2-26-45 ✓ Turned over to and arr. by PD-Rochester, N.Y. as #20710 for Fug. (wanted for murder by PD-Toledo, Ohio).
- 2-29-45 ✓ Turned over to and arr. by PD-Toledo, Ohio and brought back to Toledo, Ohio.
- 5-15-45 ✓ Arraigned, Plead Not Guilty to Murder.
- 11-9-45 ✓ Plead Guilty to Blackmail and sent. to Penitentiary.
- 11-17-45 ✓ as Ernest LaSalle #83130, rec'd at Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus, from Lucas Co. to serve 2-10- yrs. on charge of Blackmailing (2 consecutive sent.).

NOTATIONS APPEARING ON DEPT. OF JUSTICE RECORD.

- \* Ernest Fusco, Bronx Co. Jail, N.Y.C., N.Y. Aslt.; served 10 mos. discharged 10-15-27.

Copy to:  
Mich. s.d.  
Ind s.d.  
Toledo  
D. of J.  
P. B.  
S. B.

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Compil- g:  
R. G. o  
Ide- tion Supt.  
of- Penitentiary  
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"THE LICAVOLI GANG"

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The Gang, under the leadership of THOMAS LICAVOLI #23444, assumed control of all forms of vice in this city, such as Liquor, Sporting Houses, Slot Machines, etc., and levied a tribute on the operators of same. They also branched out into the legitimate enterprises of the City, and under the guise of "PROTECTION" attempted to levy tribute on Dry Cleaning Establishments and certain other legitimate business places. They ruthlessly killed or destroyed any competitors, and threatened with bodily harm honest business men who would not comply with their nefarious demands.

The Gang assumed such tremendous power and became so bold in their unlawful operations, that the Public and Press finally became aroused, and through the activity of the Prosecuting Attorney, assisted by certain members of the Police Department, the Gang was completely broken up, dispersed and many sent to Prison.

Many Killings were credited to the "LICAVOLI MOB"; - however, in many cases evidence could not be had to convict the mobsters. The following subjects are some of the persons killed; - definitely charged to Licavoli and his gangsters:

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Ben Migura   | No. 24053   |
| Sam Arnetto  | No. 24052   |
| Jim Lahey    | No. 14284   |
| Louise Bell  | No. C-35459 |
| Jack Kennedy | No. 16449   |
| Abe Lubitsky | No. 12789   |
| Norman Blatt | No. C-34363 |

Evidence was conclusive in the killing of Jack Kennedy, which started the ball rolling and ended in the final dispersement and imprisonment of the Gang.

PAUL T. FAKEHANY, Supl.  
BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION  
AND RECORDS

JUL 9 - 1943

MEMBERS OF  
"THE LICAVOLI GANG"

*Brown, Charles*  
*Argersoll, John*

<del>2</del> ARGENTI	- Anthony	No. 23715
<del>1</del> BEBAGE	- Anthony Joseph	16938
<del>4</del> BERSON	- Henry	17364
<del>3</del> BECK	- Edward	23948
<del>2</del> BEBAGE	- Geo. Anthony	24134
<del>1</del> BELANO	- Louis	15419
<del>3</del> CARPISHELLI	- Ralph	15420
<del>2</del> CARPA	- Carmen	24673
<del>4</del> <i>Caruso, Peter</i>		
<del>3</del> DEMATTEO	- Joseph	15417
<del>4</del> DIBELLA	- Sam	23528
<del>2</del> DELUCIA	- John	24137
<del>1</del> DEBELLIA	- Louis	24138
<del>1</del> EMPACTATO	- Frank	23026
<del>4</del> FREDERICK	- Milton	19640
<del>2</del> FELDMAN	- Morris	23716
<del>3</del> FERRARA	- Samuel	24133
<del>5</del> GARDNER	- Harold Moses	13950
<del>6</del> HAROLD	- JACK	25138
<del>7</del> IACUZZO	- Anthony	18684
<del>4</del> LICAVOLI	- Peter	23342
<del>5</del> LICAVOLI	- Thomas	23444
<del>3</del> LICAVOLI	- James	23514
<del>2</del> LICATI	- Emanuel	24139
<del>1</del> LASALLE	- Ernest	23263
<del>6</del> MIRABELLA	- John	23714
<del>7</del> MOGRI	- Leo	23972
<del>1</del> ORLANDO	- Harlow	24997
<del>2</del> PALOZZOLO	- Sam	14936
<del>3</del> QUARRELLA	- Joseph E.	24996
<del>5</del> REZZO	- Michael	23216
<del>4</del> RAY	- John	23813
<del>ROSE</del>	- John Jack	13698
<del>5</del> SHAPIRO	- Morris	12009
<del>4</del> SHAPIRO	- Arthur	13581
<del>6</del> SINATRA	- Sarafino	5584
<del>9</del> SYLVESTRO	- Anthony	15418
<del>10</del> SYRACUSE	- Russell	23264
<del>2</del> SILVENIO	- Harry	23850
<del>1</del> SOLIELIANO	- Lawrence M.	24019
<del>VALENTINO</del>	- Dominic	15416

7.

*Reed, Samuel*

<del>ANGERSOLLA</del>	- John	23560
<del>BASSETT</del>	- Charles	14960
<del>CORRADO</del>	- Peter	23713
<del>ROTH</del>	- Samuel	18232
<del>SHAPIRO</del>	- Samuel	20300

CITY OF TOLEDO  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF POLICE

BUREAU OF  
IDENTIFICATION

No. **23263**  
Date Measured **September 11th-1931**  
Date of Arrest **September 11th-1931 at 2.00 P.M.**  
Name **Ernest Joseph LASALLA**  
Alias **Ernest Lasella - Ernest Fusca - Ernest LaSala - Ernest LaSalle**  
Residence **15-19th st. Toledo, O. (Detroit, Mich) - J.J. Dean -**

Age **30** On **Jan. 10th-1931** Color of Left Eye **Brown** Height **5'4 1/2**  
Where Born **New York, Cy. N.Y.** Descent **F Ital. M Do**  
Occupation **Salesman**  
Color of Hair **Black & Curly.** Color of Beard  
Teeth **Good.**  
Comp. **Med Dark** Build **Slim** Wt. **124**  
Crime **Susp**  
Officer **McBride - Unkle and Meeker.**  
Remarks  
Finger Print Classification **(13) 1 R 10 I 7 4 / (13) 1 R 10 I 7**  
**1 R 10 I 10** Operator **E.H.**

No.	MARKS, SCARS, MOLES, ETC.
1.	Clean.
2.	Clean.
3.	Clean.

*8-19-33 Record re-typed.*



10-26-36 F.P.C. Mug to Supt. PD. Pittsburgh Pa.

- 11-22-32 Mailed F.P. Card and Mug to C.P. at South Bend, Ind.
  - 12-7-32 Mailed 2 3X5 and Mugs to C.P. Detroit, Mich & Sheriff at Wayne Co. Mich
  - 1-5-1933 Mailed 2 3X5 and Mug to C.P. at Loraine, O.
  - 1-9-1933 Mailed 3X5 and Mug to Sheriff at Hillsdale, Mich. 7-21-35 Mailg card to Lucas Co, 30
  - 1-13-33 Mailed 3 x 5 & Mug to Wayne Co Prosecutor Detroit Mich.
  - 10-7-33 Mailed 8 x 8 & Mug to C.P. Montreal Can.
  - 12-6-1933. Mailed 2 3X5 and Mug to C.P. at Detroit, Mich. 2-11-36 = 315 - *supp. Justice*
  - 3-26-34 Mailed 8 x 8 & Mug to C.P. Buffalo N.Y. *Record* 7-14-36 Print to CP Middletown, O
  - 11-17-34 Mailed 6 3 x 5 & Mugs to County Prosecutors Office.
  - 3-9-35. Mailed 3X5 and mug to Chief Det. Flint, Mich.
  - 3-25-35 Mailed 8 x 8 & mug to C.P. Lima Ohio.
  - 5-23-35. Mailed F.P.C and Mug to C.P. at Niagara Falls, N.Y.
  - 6-4-35. Mailed F.P.C and Mug to C.P. at Syracuse, N.Y.
  - 6-7-35. Mailed F.P.C and Mug to C.P. at Los Angeles, Calif.
  - 7-18-35 Mailed 6 3 x 5 & Mugs To Prosecutor Lucas Co.
  - 1 -11-1923-As Ernest Fusco, 30983, received State Reformatory, Elmira, N. Y. from Kings County, under sentence of Three Years, Petit Larceny.
  - 2 -20-1924-Discharged.
- As Ernest Fusco served 10 months in Bronx County Jail at New York. N.Y. on charge of Assault
- 10-15-1927-Discharged from Jail.
  - 1 -14-1928-As Ernest LaSalle, 31804, arrested Detroit, Mich. Dis. Person. -Discharged.
  - 11-28-1928-As Ernest LaSala, 28348, received U.S. Prison, Atlanta, Ga. from Toledo under sentence of Fifteen Months on charge of Conspiracy and Violation National Prohibition Act.
  - 11-14-1929-Discharged by expiration of sentence.

10-20-36 6 3 x 5 & Mugs to C.P. Michigan Fla Beach 4-2-40-8x8 FP & 3x5 photo to Missouri State Highway Patrol-Jeff. City, Mo.

Bootleggers and Racketeers -  
With Syracuse # 23264 - Stramiello#23265

9-11-1931-Sent to Judge Lemons Court on Writ of Habeas Corpus and Released.

11-22-1931-As Ernest LaSalle arrested Toledo.O. at 10.50 PM with Licavolli 23444  
Angersolla#23560 by Det Timiney and ect charged with susp.  
11-23-1931-Released by Inspector Cairl.

8- 6-1932-As Ernest LaSalle (With John Rai 23813) arrested Toledo 2-30 PM # 765  
by Brown & Michalak on charge of Susp Person. bail bond.  
8-8-1932-Taken to Common Pleas Ct. Before Judge Stahl and Released on Writ.H.C  
8-9-1932-Case marked off docket in Common Pleas Ct. for S.P. Judge Stahl

X 3- 8-1934-Indictment #21529 filed for Murder 1st deg., with Mirabala #23714,  
and Syracuse #23264, and Mocerri #23872. WANTED.

STATE OF OHIO  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE  
DIVISION

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION & IDENTIFICATION  
L. A. HOLLINGSWORTH Acting Superintendent London, Ohio.

12-12-45

Name

O. S. B. No.

Alias Ernest LaSalle #83130

477-245

Has been identified and the following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data as shown in the files of this bureau.

F.P.C.

Arrested or Rec'd	Name	Number	Contributor of Fingerprints	Charge	Disposition
9-11-31	Ernest LaSalle	23263	ED Galado, O.	Susp.	Not Given
11-17-45	Ernest LaSalle	83130	OP Columbus, O.	Blk. Mail. 2 cons.	2-10 years
12-6-45	RH				



OSCAR G. OLANDER,  
COMMISSIONER



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN STATE POLICE  
EAST LANSING

CAPT. LAURENCE A. LYON,  
UNIFORM DIVISION

CAPT. HAROLD MULBAR,  
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
AND IDENTIFICATION

CAPT. C. J. SCAVARDA,  
SAFETY & TRAFFIC AND RADIO DIVISIONS

CAPT. JAMES L. ENYART,  
CHIEF CLERK  
BUREAU OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ARNOLD C. RENNER,  
FIRE DIVISION

Record compiled **DEC 21 1945**

by: **lw** *Hy* Dec. 18, 1945

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Michigan State Police Bureau of Identification concerning our bureau number

Name: Ernest LaSalle SEX M CLR W FPC: 77783  
Aliases: Ernest LaSalle Ernest Fusco (12) M 1 A MA 7  
Ernest Lasalla Ernest Laselle S 1 R LMM 11

St. Bur. Ohio, N.Y.

Contributor	Name and Number	Date	Charge	Disposition
*1921, NY Refm.	1929, Fed Pen Atlanta, Ga.	(per prt. #83130)		
PD, Detroit, Mich.	Ernest LaSalle #31804	✓ 1-14-28	Disorderly person	1-16-28, Discharged.
PD, Toledo, Ohio	Ernest Lasalla #23263	✓ 9-11-31	Susp.	
SPen, Columbus, Ohio	Ernest Lasalle #83130	✓ 11-17-45 (sent.)	Blackmailing 2 consec sent.	2-10 yrs.

\* Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints in this bureau.

June 5th. 1936.

Mr. Joel S. Whinsfort,  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney  
Lucas County,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant., relative to gangster wanted by this department on charge of first degree murder, and now under indictment for same.

In reply I wish to advise that I am this date forwarding photographs and description and finger-prints of the following named subjects to the Chief of Police, Syracuse, N. Y. as requested in your communication of the 4th instant.,

Sebastian Lupica alias Buster Lupica.,	our No. 23461.
Henry Benson alias " Chalky Red " ..	our No. 17366.
Ernest LaSalle.,	our No. 22268.
Russell Syracuse.,	our No. 23166.
James Licavoli.,	our No. 23514.
John Mirabelle.,	our No. 23714.
Leo Roceri alias George Kone.,	our No. 23878.

Yours very truly

JOHN H. LOUIE, SUPERINTENDENT  
BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDS  
TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Office of the  
Prosecuting Attorney  
The County of Lucas  
State of Ohio  
Toledo.

June 4, 1935.

Mr. John Louy, Supt.  
Bureau of Identification  
Toledo Police Department  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir;

We have information that some of our gangsters that are now wanted in the Prosecutor's Office for first degree murder are staying at Syracuse, New York. Will you please forward the pictures. Send the pictures of Russell Syracuse, John Mirabella alias Jo Boldey, Jimmie Licavoli, Chalky Red, Buster Lupica, Ernie Lasalle and Leo Mocerri.

Thank you for the past favors.

Yours very truly

(Signed) Joel S. Rhinefort  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

JSR:O

( ORIGINAL IN NO., 17364.)

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January 16th 1933.

Fred W. Fraim,  
Chief of Detectives  
Police Department  
Detroit, Michigan.

*A 23263*

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to our letter  
7th December 1932 requesting the arrest of the following  
named persons, who were wanted for murder.

Ernest Joseph Inalls., our No. 23263 year number 31804  
Peter Corrado., " " 23715 " " 22062  
John George Rai. our No. 23213 same as U.S. Marshall # 2243.

In reply wish to advise that the warrants have  
this date been withdrawn therefore they are no longer wanted  
by this department.

Yours very truly.

DANIEL T. WOLFE  
Chief of Police

Very truly,  
Loy:-

( ORIGINAL IN NO., 23263., )



JOHN P. SMITH  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER  
AND SUPERINTENDENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF DETROIT

FRED W. FRAHM  
CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

JAMES K. WATKINS  
COMMISSIONER

December 8, 1932.

*A 23263*

Mr. Louis J. Haas,  
Chief of Police,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 7th, enclosing photographs of Ernest Joseph Lasalla, your #23263, our #31804; Peter Corrado, your #23713, our #22062; and John George Rai, your #23813, U. S. Marshall Detroit #2243, wanted by your Department for the murder of Louise Bell on November 30, 1932.

Teletype message has been sent out notifying all Officers to be on the lookout for these men; also for a dark green or blue LaSalle Sport Sedan, 1932 Michigan License D-776, Motor 906-556, with trunk on back. Peter Corrado was seen driving this car here yesterday.

Every effort is being made to apprehend these men for you, in which event you will be notified at once.

We have no previous record on John George Rai; but the other two men are known to this Department.

Yours very truly,

*Fred W. Frahm*  
Chief of Detectives.

*[Handwritten signature and scribbles]*

LSM

McGowan & Wysocki,  
Searles & Hutchinson.

Copy to Identification Squad  
with photographs.



December 7th 1932.

A23263

Fred W. Fraim,  
Chief of Detectives  
Police Department  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith photographs and finger print classification and description of the following named person's for whom we hold warrant them with Murder; charged on the morning of November 30th 1932 they shot and killed one Louise Bell who was traveling with Jackie Kennedy;

Ernest Joseph Masalla car No. 23063 same as your 51804.

Peter Corrado, " " 25725 " " " 22062.

John George Rai. " " 23615 " " U.S. Marshall  
Detroit, Mich. number 2243.

Please instruct your Officers to make every possible effort to apprehend this trio and place them in custody and notify the undersigned.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this case. I am.

Yours very truly.

LOUIS J HAAS  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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3-encls;-

RD DIV. NO.	CLASS	NUMBER	<b>SUPPLEMENTAL OFFENSE REPORT</b>	OFFENSE	ARREST NO.
			<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT TOLEDO, OHIO</b>		
				DATE OF OFFENSE	193

DETAILS OF OFFENSE:	PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION:	PERSONS INTERVIEWED:	ADDITIONAL PROPERTY STOLEN, ETC.
Captain Bushey		DATE OF THIS REPORT	March 23 1934
			193

IN REGARD TO MY INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE OFFENSE, I REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

Would like to have photos and fingerprints of Ernest J. Indelic, Russell Tyrone sent to the police department at Buffalo N.Y. both men wanted here on Murder Indictments. Also notify Cleveland Police Department, that John Rai who was arrested in there city some time ago, is also wanted here on Murder Indictment, by request of Arnold Bungee Ass't Lucas County Prosecutor.

	INVESTIGATING OFFICER	BADGE
	Brennan Fielding Tafelski	

(NECESSARY, USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS)

K. D. 10-B.—This sheet to be filed in office of the Division to which the Investigating Officer is attached, until case is closed.

John A. Price  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

March 26th. 1934.

*23263*

Mr. John J. Whalen  
Chief of Detectives  
Police Department  
Buffalo. N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

As per your request of the 25th instant., we are herewith enclosing photographs and finger-prints and descriptions of our Thomas Licavoli alias James Yomers alias Thomas Garni alias Thomas Palma alias James Yomers number 23444 and Ernest Joseph LaSalla alias Ernest Laselle alias Ernest Fusco alias Ernest LaSala alias J. J. Dean alias Ernest LaSalle our number 23263.

In reply we wish to advise that you will note by the enclosed record that Thomas Licavoli is now confined in Lucas County Jail this city on charge murder.

Please instruct your Officers to make every possible effort to apprehend Ernest Joseph LaSalla who is now under indictment this city for Murder.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation with this department in this case. I am.

Yours very truly

DANIEL T. WOLFE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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encls. 4.,

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Department of Police  
Buffalo. N.Y.

March 25. 1934

Chief of Police  
Toledo Ohio.

Sir;-

Will you please furnish us with photos  
and records and advise if wanted. the following men.

Thomas Licavoli alias James Yamers  
alias Thomas Garni. alias Thomas Palma alias James  
Yemers.

Second man Ernest J. Lasalla alias  
Lasalli alias Ernst Fusco.

Thanking you.  
I am

Very truly yours

(Signed) John J. Whalen  
Chief of Detectives

F.J.McC  
McCarthy.  
O.J.S. Det Bur.  
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( ORIGINAL IN NO. 23444., )

Daniel T. Wolfe  
CHIEF OF POLICE

January 16th 1933.

# 23263

Chief of Police  
Wyandotte, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to our letter of  
7th December 1932, requesting the arrest of the following  
named persons, who were wanted for Murder.

Ernest Joseph Lasalle. our No. 23263 your number 31804.  
Peter Corrado ., " " 23713 " " 22062.  
John George Rai. our No. 23913 same as U.S. Marshall #2245.

In reply wish to advise that the warrants have  
this date been withdrawn therefore they are no longer wanted  
by this department

Yours very truly.

Louy:-

DANIEL T. WOLFE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

( ORIGINAL IN NO., 23263., )

December 7th 1932.

# 23263

Chief of Police  
Wyandotte. Mich.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith photographs and finger-print classification and description of the following named person's. for whom we hold warrants charging them with Murder, charged that on the morning of November 30th 1932 they shot and killed one Louise Bell who was traveling in an automobile with one Jackie Kennedy.

- Ernest Joseph Lasalla., - - - - - --our No. 23265
- Peter Corrado., - - - - - " " 23715
- John George Rai., - - - - - " " 23813.

Please instruct your Officers to make every possible effort to apprehend and if successful place this trio in custody and notify the undersigned; (This mob are all Italians and beer runners.)

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation in this case. I am.

Yours very truly.

LOUIS J HAAS  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Louy;-  
3-encls;-

January 20th, 1928.

~~C-78187~~

# 23263

Edward H. Fox,  
Chief of Detectives,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. with photograph and finger prints of Ernest LaSalle, your No. 31804, and in reply will state we have no record of this subject in our Bureau of Identification.

Yours very truly,

L. J. HAAS.  
ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE.

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EDWARD H. FOX  
CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF DETROIT

WILLIAM P. RUTLEDGE  
COMMISSIONER



Jan. 18, 1928

H. Jennings,  
Chief of Police,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith, photograph and finger prints of one Ernest LaSalle, our No. 31804, now in our custody charged with Disorderly person.

Kindly advise, as soon as possible, any criminal record you may have, and oblige

Yours very truly,

*Edward H. Fox*  
Chief of Detectives

Capt. Carmody  
Enc.  
A.







June 7th. 1936.

Mr. James E. Davis  
Chief of Police  
Los Angeles. California.

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Dear Sir:-

At the request of the Lucas County  
Prosecuting Attorney's Office this city we are  
herewith enclosing photographs and description and  
finger-prints of seven subject's now under indictment  
this city on charge of first degree Murder., (gangland  
Murder,) they are as follows.

Henry Berson alias " Chalky Red "	car No.	17364.
Ernest Lasalle	" "	23263.
Russell Syracuse	" "	23264.
James Licavoli alias " Jimmie "	" "	23814.
John Mirabella	" "	23714.
Leo Roceri alias George Bono,	" "	23872.
Sebastian Lupica alias " Buster "	" "	23461.

The prosecuting attorney's have some infor-  
mation that some of these men are hanging out around  
your city.

Please instruct your Officer to make every  
possible effort to apprehend some this mob and if successful  
place them into custody and notify the undersigned we will  
extradite.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation  
with this department. I beg to remain.

Yours very truly

DANIEL F. WOLFE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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June 7th. 1935.

Mr. Joel S. Rhinefort  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney  
Lucas County  
City.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant., relative to the seven gangster wanted on charge of first degree murder and now under indictment for same.

In reply I wish to advise that I am having this date photographs and description and finger-prints made up of the mob and same will be forwarded on to the Chief of Police, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly

JOHN H. LOUY. SUPERINTENDENT  
BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDS  
TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Louy:-

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Office of  
The Prosecuting Attorney  
The County of Lucas  
State of Ohio  
Toledo

June 6, 1935.

Mr. John H. Louy, Supt.  
Bureau of Identification  
Toledo Police Department  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir;

We wish to send to the Chief of Police at Los Angeles, California. the pictures of Sebastian Lupica alias Buster Lupica, No. 25461. Harry Berson alias Chalky Red, No. 17364. Ernie LaSalle, No. 23262, Russell Syracuse, No. 23264, James Licavoli, No. 23514 . John Mirabella alias Joe Boldy, No. 23714. Leo Mocerri alias George Bono, 23872.

We have some information that some of these wanted men are hanging out around Los Angeles, California.

Thanking you for the past favors.

(Signed) Joel S. Rhinefort

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

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( ORIGINAL IN NO. 17364., )



JOHN P. SMITH  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER  
AND SUPERINTENDENT

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**CITY OF DETROIT**

FRED W. FRAHM  
CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

HEINRICH A. PICKERT  
COMMISSIONER



January 2, 1935.

JAN 3 1935

8 AM.

# 23263

Mr. Daniel T. Wolfe,  
Chief of Police,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: Ernest La Salle, wanted  
for Murder.

On December 31st, 1934 we received a phone call from Mr. Frazier Reames, Prosecuting Attorney of your County stating that the above named was badly wanted there for Murder.

Our officers immediately went to 2800 West Grand Boulevard, this city and talked with Mr. Kennedy, Manager of this, the Astor Court Apartment building. He stated there were two families by the name of Gardner in this building, that Arthur Gardner lived in Apartment #516 and his brother, Peter Gardner, lived in Apartment #301. The officers searched both apartments but did not locate LaSalle. The Gardner brothers stated they did not know LaSalle and that they had never heard of a Thelma Gardner.

If you have any additional information we shall gladly investigate the same for your further.

Yours very truly,

*Fred W. Frahm*  
Chief of Detectives

RFD  
Lt Griffith  
Sgt Pendergrass, et al.

P. S. Will you kindly inform your Prosecutor of the contents of this letter.

*Prosecutor Reames  
notified 1-3-35 mullen*

March 25th, 1935.

#23263

Mr. Ross Landfair  
Chief of Detectives  
Police Department  
Lima, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

INRE:- Ernest Lasalla; Our# 23263.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant., relative to the above named subject.

As per your request we are herewith enclosing a copy of photograph and finger-prints and description of him for your files.

Please be advised that he is now under indictment by Lucas County Grand-Jury for Murder he is accomplish of the Licavelli gang.

Please instruct your Officers to make every possible effort to apprehend him and if successful place him into to custody and notify the undersigned and an Officer will be sent forward to return him to this city.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation with this department in this case. I am.

Yours very truly

DANIEL T. WOLFE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Copy:-  
enc. 1.

CITY OF LIMA  
OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF POLICE

MAR. 23rd. 1935.

Mr. Daniel Wolfe,  
Chief of Police,  
Police Department  
Toledo Ohio.

In re:- Ernie Basalle.

Dear Chief.

I have received information that the above captioned Ernie Lasalle, has been seen in this City several times in the last week, and that he wanted by your Department as one of the Licavoli Mob, if this information is correct, please inform me at once and I will attempt to apprehend him.

If possible please send photograph, copy of fingerprints and description of this man. I remain

Yours very truly

*Ross Landfair*  
Ross Landfair, Chief of Detectives.

R.A.L./Hws.  
Bur. of Ident't.



4-3-1935 Detroit Mich

Ernest LaSalle

Paul Gardner

2248 Warren St.

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Sweetheart  
Helma Gardner  
Cleveland, Ohio

75 cents

Paid

1/23263



TOLEDO OHIO APRIL 3RD 1935  
2.25 P.M.

Acting Captain of Detectives  
Barney Cummings

Sir;-

At the above time received ~~in~~ telephone call from Secretary of Superintendent of Police Detroit, Michigan, stating that one Thelma Gardner sweet heart of Ernest LaSalla wanted for indictment MURDER .

The secretary said that Bud ~~Stakus~~ Gardner who lives at No. 2248 Warren Street, and that Thelma Gardner of same address who is the sweet heart of Ernest LaSalla she can give some information as to the whereabouts of Ernest LaSalla at Cleveland, O.

Louy;

DANIEL T. WOLFE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Telephone charges 75 cts.  
- - - - -

June 5th. 1935.

# 73263

Mr. Martin L. Cadiz.  
Chief of Police  
Syracuse. N. Y.

Dear Sir;-

At the request of our Prosecuting Attorney's Office this city we are herewith enclosing photographs and description and fingerprints of seven subject's now under indictment this city for first degree murder., (gangland murder.) They are as follows.

Henry Berson alias " Chalky Red "	our number	17364.
Ernest LaSalle.,	" "	23263. ✓
Russell Syracuse.,	" "	23264.
Sebastian Lupica alias "Buster "	" "	25461.
James Licavoli alias Jimmie	" "	23514.
John Mirabella.,	" "	23714.
Leo Mocerri alias George Bone.,	" "	23872.

The prosecuting attorney's Office has received information that some of this gang is now hanging around in your city.

Please instruct your Officers to make every possible effort to apprehend some this mob and if successful in apprehending place them into custody and notify the undersigned we will extradite.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation with this department. I beg to remain.

Yours very truly

DANIEL T. WOLFE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Levy;-  
enc. 7.

July 14, 1936.

Mr Roy Scofield,  
Chief of Police.  
Middletown, Ohio.

Dear Sir,-

In reply to your favor of the 13th, inst, -requesting prints of members of the "Licavoli Mob" who are still wanted, it pleases me, herewith, to enclose you photographs of the following subjects, -viz, -

John Mirabella our No. 23714  
Ernest Jos LaSalla No. 23263  
Russell V. Syracuse No. 23264  
Leo Mocerri No. 23872

Trusting that this is the information which you desire, likewise assuring you, always, of our hearty cooperation, I would beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

Ray E Allen.  
Chief of Police.

Louy/P.F.  
4  
enc

# 23763

Original No  
23714

The City of Middletown.  
Department of Police.  
Middletown, Ohio.

Roy W Scofield,  
Chief of Police.

July 13, 1936

Dear Sir,-

Please forward me as many sets of photographs as you can  
conveniently of the boys of the Licavoli gang still wanted in Lucas co.

Very truly yours,

Scofield  
Chief of Police

October 21st. 1936.

123263

Mr. H. V. Yocum.  
Chief of Police.  
Miami Beach. Florida.

Dear Sir:-

In compliance to your request of the 19th instant., requesting 6 copies of each of the following subjects together with descriptions and finger-print classifications.

# 23714,	Mirabella.
23263,	LaSalla.
23264,	Syracuse.
23872,	Mocerri.

Please find enclosed herewith 6 copies of each together with the descriptions and finger-print classifications for your files.

Yours very truly

RAY E. ALLEN.  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Louy;-  
encl., 24.,

(P.S.) These subjects are all wanted by the Lucas County Prosecutor now under indictment for gang Murder.

LOUIS F. SNEDIGAR  
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CLAUDE A. RENSHAW  
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CITY OF MIAMI BEACH  
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
H. V. YOCUM, CHIEF  
W. C. WICHMAN, ASS'T. CHIEF

October 19th 1936.

*La Salla*  
*# 23263*

Ray Allen  
Chief of Police  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir;

Would you kindly send me Photographs of  
the following individuals .

# 23714	Mirabella
23263	LaSalla
23264	Syracuse
23872	Mocerl.

I understand that these individuals are under indictment in Lucas County and are Wanted. My information is that they are part of the Licavoli Mob and that they may show up here. If possible would appreciate your sending me 6 copies of each mug with description and fingerprint classifications. In asking for 6 copies of each I have in mind giving one set to each of my Detective Squads so that all may be on the lookout for these men.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter and assuring you of the co-operation of this department in any matter referred to it, I am,

Very Truly Yours

*H.V. Yocum*  
H.V. Yocum  
Chief of Police

Detective Bureau  
E.D. Carpenter  
Chief of Detectives.  
EDC.

OCT 20 1936

*30*  
*[Handwritten scribbles]*

August 27th. 1936.

*# 23263*

Mr. J. B. Rowland.  
Chief of Police.  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:-

Your file P-767,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant., requesting photographs and description and fingerprints and records of the following named subjects.

Wisebelle.,	- - - - -	our number	23714.
Issacella.,	- - - - -	" "	23805.
Syracuse.,	- - - - -	" "	23806.
Mcერი.,	- - - - -	" "	23872.

In compliance to your request please find enclosed herewith copies of photographs and finger-prints and records of the above named subjects for your files.

Yours very truly.

RAY E. ALLEN.  
CHIEF OF POLICE.

Louy;-  
encl. 8.,

( P. S. ) This subjects are all wanted by the Duess County  
Prosecutor now under indictment for gang murder.

- - - - C O P Y - - - -

City of Miami-Florida.

August 22, 1936.

A 23263

File- F-767

Chief of Police.  
Toledo. Ohio.

Dear Sir;-

Will you kindly favor this Department with copy of criminal records. fingerprints and photographs of the following named subjects.

Your No.	25714	Mirabella.
"	23263	Lasalla,
"	23264	Syracuse,
"	23872	Mocerl.

We will greatly appreciate your compliance with this request as soon as possible.

Thanking you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I beg to remain.

Yours very truly

J. B. Rowland,  
Chief of Police,

(Signed) James O. Barker  
Detective Lieutenant  
Commanding, Bureau of Identification.

JOB;Ct

CC: Chief of Police  
Miami Beach. Fla.

( ORIGINAL IN NO. 23714.)



FRAZIER REAMS  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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ASSISTANTS

OFFICE OF  
THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
THE COUNTY OF LUCAS  
STATE OF OHIO  
TOLEDO

July 17, 1935

*X 23262*

Mr. John Louy,  
Superintendent,  
Bureau of Identification,  
Police Department,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear John:-

Will you please print up on the small identification card form six pictures each of Mirabella, Syracuse and Lasalle.

If there is any charge for the materials please enclose the bill and I will be very glad to have it paid out of the county funds.

With much appreciation for your services and assistance,

Sincerely,

*Frazier Reams*  
FRAZIER REAMS  
Prosecuting Attorney

FR:A

*[Handwritten initials]*

May 23rd. 1935.

73263

Mr. Thomas J. Holohan. Det, Sergt.  
Police Department  
Niagara Falls. N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

As per your verbal request recently thru one of our Officer we are herein enclosing photographs and finger-prints of seven subject who are under indictment in this city for gangland Murders.

Henry Berson alias "Chalky Red"	car number,	17364.
Ernest Lassalla alias Ernest Fusco,	"	23263.
Russell Vintour Syracuse.,	"	23264.
James Licavoli,	"	23514.
John Mirabella,	"	23714.
Leo Moseri alias George Bone.	"	23872.
Sebastian Lupica alias "Bus"	"	25461.

Yours very truly

DANIEL T. WOLFE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Copy:-  
encs, (7).,

County of Hillsdale  
Sheriff's Office

Hillsdale, Michigan.

January 6th, 1933

Mr. John H. Louy  
Supt. of Identification  
Toledo Police Department  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir;

I am particularly interested in obtaining the photos of No. 18480. No. 42003. and No. 23813. This is Jack Luppino. John George Rai. and Norman Doughman.

If it is convenient would appreciate also the following photos No. 23444., 29124., No 23715. No. 23265. No. 23263. No. 23714 No. 24673. No. 23716. No. 18684. and No. 13698.

This will be highly appreciated.

Yours very Truly.  
(Signed) F. J. Marshall  
Deputy Sheriff  
Hillsdale County Jail.

( ORIGINAL IN NO., 23444.)

Daniel T. Wolfe  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

January 13th 1933.

X 23263

Leonard Smith  
Investigator Prosecutor's Office  
Wayne County  
No. 1500 Beaubien Street.  
Detroit. Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your letter of the  
12th instant., requesting photos of number 5594.,  
15420., 23263., 23264 and ~~23264~~ 23813.

In reply wish to say that we are herewith  
enclosing the following photographs.

- Sarafino Sinatra., - - - - - our No. 5594.
- Ralph Carpinelli., - - - - - " " 15420.
- Ernest Joseph Isalla., - - - - - " " 23263.
- Russell Vintour Syracuse., - - - - - " " 23264.
- John George Rai., - - - - - " " 23813.

Yours very truly.

DANIEL T. WOLFE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Louy:-  
5-encs:-

OFFICE OF  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
COUNTY OF WAYNE

300 Police Headquarters Building  
1300 Beaubien Street  
Detroit, Michigan.

Harry S. Toy  
Prosecuting Attorney

W. Gomer Krise  
Chief assistant.

January 12, 1935

Police Department  
Toledo, Ohio.

Attention Detective Inspector

Sir;

Please send pictures on Sarafino Sinatra; also Ralph  
Garpinelli. Also numbers 23263, 23264, and 23813 and oblige.

Yours truly

(Signed) Leonard Smith  
Investigator, Prosecutor's Office

LS-mls

( ORIGINAL IN NO., 5584., )

City of South Bend Indiana.

Police Department

November 18th 1932.

M.R.L.J. Haas  
Chief of Police  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

About 1.15 A.M. Nov. 10th. 1932. the Swank Dry Cleaning Co. of this city. was destroyed by three men who overpowered the watchman. and then proceeded to destroy the machinery with sledge hammers. After this was accomplished they poured acid over the clothing.

Information comes to us that you had a similar occurrence there several months ago and rounded up a gang. If this is correct I am wondering if you would favor this department with their photos.

Yours Truly

(Signed) Horace M. Hamilton  
Ass't Chief of Police

HMH/HW

Our # 5534  
# 23444  
#24673  
#15420

November 21st, 1933.

Horace M. Hamilton, Ass't  
Chief of Police.  
South Bend, Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant., to a gang on the 10th instant destroying the Swan Dry Cleaning Co. by overpowering the watchman and then destroying the machinery with sledge hammers, and pouring certain chemicals on the clothing.

We are herewith, enclosing photographs and finger prints of the the following named persons.

Sarafino Sinatra our	No., 5034
Ralph Carpinelli alias Ralph Carcello	15420
Thomas Licavoli alias Yennie Licavoli	23444
Carman Carpa alias Carman Carpinelli	24073

This mob was suspected of doing about the same thing here in our city. If you should identify any of the above subjects kindly notify.

Yours very truly

LOUIS J HAAS  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Louj:-  
4-encls.

November 22nd 1932.

A 23263

Horace M. Hamilton. Asst.  
Chief of Police  
South Bend. Indiana.

Dear Sir;-

With further reference to our letter of the 21st instant. in which we enclosed several photographs and finger-prints of persons that might be implicated in wrecking a Dry Cleaning Establishment place in your city recently. We are herewith enclosing four more subjects of photographs and finger-prints of the following named;-

Ernest Joseph Lasalla alias Ernest Laselle	our No.	23263
Russell Vintour Syracuse.,	"	23264
Thomas Stramielle alias Thomas Strike.,	"	23265
John George Rai alias John Ray.,	"	23813

We are informed that your department recently arrested a mob of Italians if this true we would appreciate if you would forward this department with photographs and finger prints of the mob.

Yours very truly.

LOUIS J HAAS  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Louy;-  
4-encls;-



City of South Bend, Indiana.

Police Department.

Nov. 23rd. 1932.

Mr. L. J. Haas.  
Chief of Police  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir;-

Replying to your letters of Nov. 21st and 22nd. relative to gang destroying Swank Dry Cleaning Company here. will advise we have been successful in arresting and securing confessions from the outfit that pulled our local job.

I am herewith enclosing photos and fingerprints of men arrested here as per your request.

James H. Stone. (RN) Paul Craft #3603.

Forest Nielson. 3604.

Edwin Haden alias Louis Brooks Alias Edward Hayden "3605

William R. Lowe alias ~~xxxxxx~~ " Rosie " 3606.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this and past matters. I am.

Very Truly yours

(Signed) Horace M. Hamilton  
Ass't Chief of Police

HMH/HW

( ORIGINAL IN NO., 5584.,)

November 25th 1932.

123263

Horace M. Hamilton.  
Ass't Chief of Police  
South Bend. Ind.,

Dear Sir;-

We are in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant., in which you enclosed photographs and finger prints of the named persons implicated in destroying the Swank Dry Cleaning Company your city recently; for which please except our thanks.

James H. Stone. (RN) Paul Craft	your No.,	3603
Forest Nielson.	" "	3604
Edwain Haden alias Louis Brooks alias Edward Hayden		3605
William R. Lowe alias " Rosie "	your No.,	3606.

In reply wish to advise that after making a careful search thru our Bureau of Identification we failed to find any previous records in our files.

Yours very truly.

LOUIS J HAAS  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Louy;-

( ORIGINAL IN NO., 5584., )

October 7th. 1933.

A 23263

Chief of Police  
Montreal. Que. Canada.

Dear Sir:-

I am herewith enclosing photographs and finger-prints and description of the following named person's wanted by this Department.

- Samuel Palozzolo alias " Slim Pete " - - - - - No. 14936.
- Ralph Carpinelli alias Ralph Carsello., - - - - - No. 15420.
- Ernest Joseph Lasalla alias Ernest Laselle., - - - - - No. 23263.
- Russell Vintour Syracuse., - - - - - - - - - - - No. 23264.
- John Mirabella alias John Mirbella., - - - - - No. 23714.

This department holds a Capias from Common Pleas Court wanted as material witness in a Murder Case.

We are informed that Samuel Palozzolo alias " Slim Pete " is in your city with his automobile bearing 1933 Ohio license No. C 19-873 and that were ever he is with his car the mob can be found.,

Please instruct your Officer's to make every possible effort to apprehend this gang. and if successful place them in custody and notify the undersigned.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation with this department in this case. I am.

Yours very truly

DANIEL T. WOLFE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Louy;-  
encls. 5.,

( ORIGINAL IN NO. )

Daniel T. Wolfe  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

January 5th 1935.

Theodore Walker.  
Chief of Police  
Lorain, Ohio.

*# 23263*

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant., relative to the seven associate's of Thomas Licavoli our number 23444 of whom you had a photograph. We are herewith enclosing herewith seven photographs and description as follows.

- Harold Moses Gardner alias " Bud "                      our No.13950.
- Ernest Joseph Lasalia - - - - - " " 23263.
- Russell Vintour Syracuse alias Jos Russell " " 23264.
- Harry Silvenino.,- - - - - " " 23850.
- Ross Palmer., - - - - - " " 23851.
- Sam Joseph Brown., - - - - - " " 23852.
- Edward Beck., - - - - - " " 23948.

Trusting that this is the information desired. I am.

Yours very truly.

DANIEL T. WOLFE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Copy:-  
7-encls:-

THE CITY OF LORAIN, OHIO.

Police Department.

January 4, 1933.

Theodore Walker,  
Chief of Police.

Mr Louis Haas,  
Chief of Police.  
Toledo. Ohio.

*# 23263*

Dear Sir,-

We have a photo of one Thomas Licavoli No 23444 whom we understand was photographed by your department with seven others. These men were all arrested by the Federal authorities in your District on charges of Conspiracy to violate the Federal Prohibition Act.

We are particularly interested in one Joe Russell who at various times sang over the radio. He was not a paid entertainer but sang once in a while. We suspect this man RUSSELL being implicated in several robberies here recently.

Please send us photos and description of these seven men, if possible.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am,

Yours very truly,

Theo Walker.  
Chief of Police.  
Lorain. Ohio.

Tw.FS  
J AM

( ORIGINAL IN NO., 23444.)

COUNTY OF LUCAS  
TOLEDO, OHIO.

May 28, 1940

23263

Mr. Paul Fakehany, Supt.,  
Bureau of Iden. & Records,  
Toledo, O.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request by telephone this afternoon, I am herewith advising you that LEO MCCERI is wanted by this office for trial on a charge of Murder in the first degree. The indictment number is 21529, and the following defendants in the same indictment are also wanted for trial: JOHN MIRABELLA, ERNEST LASALLE and RUSSELL SYRACUSE.

Yours very truly,

HARRY FRIBERG

HF-N

Copy-Orig. in #23872

23263

Dec. 29, 1943

Geo. J. Natowitz,  
Chief of Police,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Attention - Frank Kochin, Supt. Bureau of Crim. Ident.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of Dec. 27th, enclosed please find copy of photograph, finger prints and criminal record of the following subjects:

LEO MOCHRI - our #23872  
RUSSELL SYRACUSE - our #23264  
ERNEST LA SALLA - our #23263

Assuring you of our co-operation at all times, we are

Yours very truly,  
RAY E. ALLEN  
Chief of Police

By Paul T. Mahoney, Supt.  
Bureau of Ident. & Records

PTP:B  
Enc.

(Orig. request from Cleveland  
in file #23872)

# 23263

February 7, 1944

James T. Sheehan, Deputy Sup't.  
City of Boston Police Department  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

In re: Ernest Joseph FUSCO  
Alias- Ernest Laselle  
" Ernest Fusco  
" Ernest LaSala  
" Ernest LaSalle  
" J.J. Dean

In response to your letter of the 4th inst., asking for copy of fingerprints, photograph and record of the above mentioned subject - our No. 23263, we take pleasure in enclosing herewith the same for use in your files.

Please make every effort to apprehend this subject as he is WANTED on an Indictment for MURDER - same being filed against him March 8th, 1934. Should you be successful in your efforts, wire us at our expense, and an officer with necessary papers will leave here to return him.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter and to assure you of ours at all times, beg to remain.

Yours very truly,  
RAY E. ALLEN,  
Chief of Police

By: Paul T. Farkhany, Superintendent  
Bureau of Identification & Records

PTF:h  
Encs.3



HEADQUARTERS

CITY OF BOSTON



POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

154 BERKELEY STREET

THOMAS F. SULLIVAN  
JOSEPH F. TIMMLEY - COMMISSIONER  
EDWARD W. FALLON - SUPERINTENDENT

February 4, 1944

# 23263

Chief of Police  
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Chief:

add  
also

Would it be possible to forward to the under-  
signed at your convenience a photograph and photostatic  
copy of fingerprints, which I understand you have on  
file relating to one Ernest Joseph Fusco, alias Edward  
Sterling, wanted in your city since 1934 on a charge  
of murder. The information we now have on hand is to  
the effect that Fusco was born January 10, 1903; height  
5'5"; weight 135 lbs.; has black wavy hair; brown eyes;  
complexion olive.

We have been recently in receipt of informa-  
tion that Fusco has been known to frequent some of our  
hotels here in the City of Boston. If this is so, we  
may be in a position to locate the subject for whom  
you have been looking since 1934.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

*James T. Sheehan*  
James T. Sheehan,  
Deputy Superintendent

JTS/P

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>  
contents noted  
R. Murphy

FEB 7 - 1944

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NEWCOMB CARLTON  
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J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

TOLEDO OHIO FEB 7 1945

4:00 PM

HENRY T COPENHAGEN  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
ROCHESTER NEW YORK

*for murder*

*23263*

HOLD FOR THIS DEPARTMENT ERNEST JOSEPH LASALLA UNDER  
INDICTMENT HERE AND BADLY WANTED LETTER FOLLOWS BY MAIL  
CAPIAS MAILED YESTERDAY BY COUNTY PROSECUTOR TO UNITED  
STATES MARSHAL YOUR CITY

RAY E ALLEN CHIEF OF POLICE

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PRESIDENT

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*Duplicate of telephoned telegram*

DELIVER CHIEF OF POLICE TLDO=

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PLEASE ANSWER OUR WIRE FIFTH INST. REGARDING EDWARD KELLNER, ALIAS ERNEST JOSEPH LASALLA, ALIAS FUSCO. WANTED YOUR CITY MURDER. ADVISE DISPOSITION YOU WISH MADE. SUBJECT HAS RETAINED ATTORNEY HERE. RUSH;

H T COPENHAGEN CHIEF OF POLICE.

*4 0/ PM*

PAUL T. FAKEHANY, SUPL  
BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION  
AND RECORDS

LASALLA ALIAS FUSCO.!

FEB 1945

*ad 4141 wronged*  
*Est 267*  
*R.E.A*  
BY CX AT 4:30P TO BE Delivered

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FEB. 15, 1944 - COLLECT WIRE FROM ROCHESTER NEW YORK 3:00 PM

RAY E ALLEN  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
TOLEDO OHIO

RE ERNEST JOSEPH LASALLA DEMANDS EXTRADITION  
PREPARE PAPERS  
ADVISE

# 7326 M

H T COPENHAGEN  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Copy to  
Prosecution  
office - 3:00 PM  
715745

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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COLLECT Rochester New York 10.45 A.M./ February 23 1945

RAY E ALLEN  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
TOLEDO OHIO

YOUR COPY OF INDICTMENT AND CAPIAS RE: LASALLA RECEIVED NEW YORK  
GOVERNORS WARRANT ALSO RECEIVED ADVISE WHEN YOUR ORFICER WILL  
ARRIVE WITH OHIO GOVERNORS WARRANT HEARING DATE WILL BE SET ON  
HIS ARRIVAL

H. T. COPENHAGEN  
CHIEF OF POLICE

*copy to  
Prosecutors office (Fuehney)*

*sets 2/23/45 - 10 45  
am*

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Toledo, Ohio. 3.45 PM February 23, 1945

H. T. COPENHAGEN  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
ROCHESTER NEW YORK

RELATIVE ERNEST LA SALLE OUR OFFICERS WILL ARRIVE IN YOUR CITY  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 26 IN CONNECTION WITH HIS CASE

RAY E ALLEN  
CHIEF OF POLICE.

Charged to  
TPD.

Copy to: Prosecutors Office  
and Dets.

RECORD DIV. NO.	CLASS	NUMBER	<b>SUPPLEMENTAL OFFENSE REPORT</b> <b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b> <b>TOLEDO, OHIO</b>	OFFENSE	ARREST NO.
				DATE OF OFFENSE	19

DETAILS OF OFFENSE:	PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION:	PERSONS INTERVIEWED:	ADDITIONAL PROPERTY STOLEN, ETC.
Superintendent, Paul Fakehany, Sir, <small>IN REGARD TO MY INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE OFFENSE, I REPORT AS FOLLOWS:</small>			DATE OF THIS REPORT February 7th 1945

In answer to attached Telegram, please notify Henry T Copenhagen, Chief Of Police, Rochester, N.Y, that Ernest Lasalle, now under arrest in that City, is wanted here on a charge of First Degree Murder.

Lucas County Prosecutor, Joel H. Rhinefort, has notified U.S. Attorneys Office in Rochester, both by Telephone, and letter, and efforts are being made to return him to this City, for Trial.

Would suggest that fingerprints, and Photographs, be forwarded to this City, for our records, for Bureau of Identification.

Respectfully

Ralph Murphy

INVESTIGATING OFFICER	BADGE



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**CITY OF TOLEDO**  
**OHIO**

**DIVISION OF POLICE**  
Safety Building  
Toledo, 2 Ohio

**GEO. N. SCHOONMAKER**  
City Manager



**RAY E. ALLEN**  
Chief of Police

Feb. 28, 1945

*File in*  
23263

Due for telegrams to and from Rochester, N.Y.  
in case of ERNEST LA SALLA T.F.D. #23263 -  
WANTED Toledo, O. for Murder.

2- 5-45	- From Rochester	-	.87
2- 7-45	- From Rochester	-	1.18
2- 7-45	- To Rochester	-	1.22
2-15-45	- From Rochester	-	.48
2-23-45	- From Rochester	-	1.29
2-23-45	- To Rochester	-	.76
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			\$5.80

(Copies of telegrams attached)

*Paul T. Fakehany*

**PAUL T. FAKEHANY, Supt.**  
**BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION**  
**AND RECORDS**

MAR 2 - 1945





CITY OF TOLEDO

OHIO

DIVISION OF POLICE

ANTHONY A. BOSCH  
Chief of Police

Jan. 18, 1960

Ray Blackmore  
Chief of Police  
San Jose, California

Re - WALTER GRABACH  
1503 Hopkins St., San Jose, Calif.  
Phone Claybourne 8-0732

*Ernest J. LaPelle*  
23263

Dear Sir:

On Jan. 10, 1960 this Department received a long distance telephone call purportedly from the above subject, stating that his conscience was bothering him and he wanted to clear up some past police matters.

He then related that a YONNIE LIGAVOLI did not kill one Jack Kennedy in Point Place, Ohio, now a part of Toledo, but that one JOE ROSCOE was the murderer. He further related that he believed ROSCOE also killed Louise Bell, in Toledo, a year before the Kennedy killing. Grabach claims to have been an eye-witness to the Kennedy murder and stated that he will give a signed statement concerning what he knows about these murders. He further claims that he had been a bartender at Jack Kennedy's bootlegging establishment, The Black Hawk Cafe, at the time of these murders. Subject also claims to be a brother-in-law to former Municipal Judge Robert Baumgartner, who is currently vacationing somewhere in California.

We would appreciate your Department interviewing this subject and determining if he is of apparent sound mind, and if so, to have him give a signed statement as to all the particulars and facts he possesses which shows that ROSCOE or any other person than "Wop" ENGLISH whose correct name is Serafino Sinatra, was the assassin of Kennedy.

For your information, both murders of which GRABACH speaks were attributed to the YONNIE LIGAVOLI gang which was in operation in Toledo at that time. Kennedy reportedly was a competing bootlegger who refused to pay tribute.

The following facts concerning the above mentioned murders appear in the files of the Toledo Police Department:

Louise BELLAA.kaa. Louise BAKER was machine gunned while a passenger in Kennedy's car at 11:40 P.M. on Nov. 30, 1932 at the corner of Jackson & Superior Sts., just one block north of Kennedy's establishment, The Black Hawk Cafe. The assassins, three in number, were in a car variously described as a tan Ford Sedan or a 32 Ford Tudor, maroon color, having wire wheels. The driver was described as white male, 29 heavy set, light felt hat, green colored camel

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| 1. Safety Director             | 2. Chief of Police     | 3. Inspector of Police   | 4. Inspector of Detectives | 5. Inspector of Traffic |
| 6. Inspector, Crime Prevention | 7. Inspector, Training | 8. Inspector Ident. Bur. | 9. Cap't No. 1 Station     | 10. Cap't No. 2 Station |
| 11. Captain Detectives         | 12. Dispatcher         | 13. Women's Bureau       | 14. Morals Squad           |                         |



CITY OF TOLEDO

OHIO

DIVISION OF POLICE

ANTHONY A. BOSCH  
Chief of Police

#2

Ray Blackmore  
Chief of Police  
San Jose, California

#2 man in back seat described as white male, 34, 170#, heavy set, light hat and light overcoat.

#3 man described as white male, 34, tall, slim, light brown checkered cap.

Warrants were obtained for ERNEST JOSEPH LASALLE, JOHN GEORGE RAI and PRYR CORRADO, all members of the Licavoli Gang. These were later withdrawn, and on June 6, 1933 a warrant was obtained for LEO ROCCERI, another member of the mob. He was arrested in 1952 in Los Angeles, California, returned to Toledo and allowed to plead guilty to Blackmail as by then no evidence was any longer available, to prove his guilt in this murder. LEO ROCCERI, also known as LEONARD ROCCERI was a Brother-in-Law of Yennie Licavoli.

Jack Kennedy was later shot and killed on the night of July 7, 1933 at 9:15 to 9:30 PM while walking with a girl friend, Audrey Rolls, on Edgewater Drive near 146th St., while his body guard, Kenneth Francis was visiting a house a short distance away.

WOP ENGLISH whose right name is Serafino SINATRA, was identified by two eyewitnesses as being the man who pushed Miss Rolls aside and emptied a gun into Kennedy. He was convicted of 1st degree Murder, sentenced to die in the electric chair but had his sentence commuted to LIFE by a former Governor just before this Governor left Office.

JACOB "Firetop" SULKIN, another member of the Licavoli Mob was also charged with the murder of Kennedy and given LIFE in prison. It was proved that he had borrowed the murder weapon from one Samuel Stein, a clerk in a pawn shop in the 800 block of Monroe St. that was operated by Louis Igdaleff.

YENNIE LICAVOLI was also sentenced to LIFE in prison on this murder as being the "master mind" who plotted the killing.

There were several other men with the killer the night KENNEDY was murdered:

JOSEPH ROSCOE alias Vedo was never known to be a member of the Licavoli Gang. His file reflects an association with the old ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL Gangs. He served time as an accessory after the fact in connection with a bank robbery.

I trust these facts will assist you in determining whether Mr. Grabach has any real information to offer.

Yours very truly  
ANTHONY A. BOSCH, Chief of Police

PTP:b

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23263

April 4, 1946

Victor Grande, Line-up Editor,  
True Detective Magazine,  
205 E. 42nd St.,  
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of April 1st with reference to Members of the "LICAVOLI GANG" - please find below the information you request:

JACKIE SPERDIX - DEAD! LOUISE BELL - DEAD! ABE LUBITSKY - DEAD!

RALPH CAPPINELLI our #15420, alias Ralph Carsello, alias Robert Bartel, received State Penitentiary, Columbus, O. as #70633 on Feb. 20, 1936, under LIFE sentence with Mercy, on charge First Degree Murder.

JAMES LICAVOLI our #23514, alias James Licavolo, Pete Corso, Sam Corso, received State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio as #23137 on Nov. 21, 1945, from Lucas Co., Ohio, under sentence 1 to 5 years for Blackmail.

ERNEST JOSEPH LA SALLA our #23263, alias Ernest Fusco, Ernest LaSala, J.J. Dean, etc., received Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, from Lucas Co., Ohio, on Nov. 17, 1945, under sentence 2 to 10 yrs (2 consecutive sentences) for Blackmail.

(JOHN MIRABELLA our #23714, alias John Mirbella, John Maribello, John Boley, -

(RUSSELL VINTOUR SYRACUSE our #23264, alias Harry Johnson, Rosario Syracuse, Sara Syracuse, -

(LEO MOCHRI our #23372, alias Geo. Bone, Leo Licavoli, -  
THESE THREE (3) SUBJECTS ARE STILL WANTED BY THIS DEPARTMENT FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER AS OF MARCH 8, 1934.

Trusting the above is the information you desire, we are

Yours very truly,  
RAY E. ALLEN  
Chief of Police

By

Paul W. Pakenary, Supt.  
Bureau of Ident. & Records

PTP:B

# TRUE DETECTIVE



# MASTER DETECTIVE

BARTHOLOMEW BUILDING • 205 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y. • Lexington 2-9050

*Editorial Department*

April 1, 1946

Ray E. Allen  
Chief of Police  
Toledo, Ohio

Dear sir:

We are now preparing a story for publication in our Master Detective magazine and we would greatly appreciate it if you could furnish us with the following information.

The victims in the case were: Jackie Kennedy, Louise Bell and Abe Lubitsky. The perpetrators were: John Mirabella, Russell Syracuse, Leo Mocerri, Jimmy Licavoli, Ernest LaSalle and Ralph Carsello. In 1935 and 1936 the aforementioned were still at large, with the exception of Carsello who was awaiting trial.

*check* → We would like to know whether or not any of the perpetrators were apprehended and also what was the disposition in the case of Carsello. ← *check*

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely,

*Victor Grande*  
Victor Grande  
Line-Up Editor

VG:de

P.S. The individuals mentioned above were members of the Licavoli gang.

*Jackie Kennedy - dead*  
*Louise Bell - dead*  
*Abe Lubitsky - dead*  
*John Mirabella # 23714*  
*Russel Syracuse # 23764*  
*Leo Mocerri # 2387*

*Marg -*  
*check & answer*  
*PJF*

APR 2 - 1946

# 23263

JUL 30 1946

OUR NO. 27060 - ERNEST LASALLE - OF NO. 51130

In the September 1945 term of the Grand Jury of Lucas County, Ernest Lasalle was indicted for blackmail. He entered a plea of guilty to two counts and the court sentenced him to serve the two sentences consecutively. It was further stipulated in court that the defendant Lasalle should serve the full term in each case, to wit, ten years. The court was advised of this fact and it was under these circumstances that the plea was accepted.

Heretofore in 1934 Ernest Lasalle was indicted together with Tonnie Licavoli, Jacob Sulkin and others under an indictment charging four first degree murders. We were unable to locate him until 1945. Because of the time that had elapsed it was almost impossible to assemble our evidence for the murder case against Lasalle and there was some question as to his guilt under the indictment, but he was an associate of the notorious Licavoli gang and was an active participant in their illegal activities.

He has been connected with questionable businesses since he escaped from Toledo in 1934 and has gone under numerous aliases.

This office is of the opinion that because of the arrangements made and the character of the person and the undoubted participation by him in the gang's illegal activities that he should serve the full time as agreed upon at the time he entered the plea.

The trial judge was Hon. John N. McCabe. He concurs with me in the understanding and also in the fact that the defendant should serve the full period of ten years.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, John N. McCabe, Judge of Common Pleas Court, Lucas Co.

July 10,

46

JSR:P

September 18, 1937

# 23263

Mr. James E. Davis,  
Chief of Police,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Your File 1.4.10 C-71591  
B-912

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. relative to our letter of June 7th, 1935 re HENRY BURSON, ERNEST LASALLE, RUSSELL SYRACUSE, JAMES LICAVOLI, JOHN MIRABELLA, LEO MOCCRI and SEBASTIAN LUPICO who were wanted by this department and the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office at that time.

For your information, please be advised that the following men are still wanted on Murder Indictments by this department: ERNEST LASALLE, RUSSELL SYRACUSE, JOHN MIRABELLA and LEO MOCCRI. JAMES LICAVOLI is no longer wanted by this department. HENRY BURSON ALIAS CHALKY RED and SEBASTIAN LUPICA ALIAS BUSTER have been apprehended and convicted, and are now serving time in the Ohio State Reformatory at Mansfield, Ohio.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation with this department at all times, I remain

Yours very truly,

Louy:MB

RAY E. ALLEN  
CHIEF OF POLICE

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CAL.

JAMES E. DAVIS, CHIEF

1.4.10 C-71591

September 14, 1937  
B 912

Chief of Police,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Our pending files show the following communication from you: Your letter 6/7/35 re HENRY BURSON, ERNEST LASALLE, RUSSELL SYRACUSE, JAMES LICAVOLI, JOHN MIRABELLA, LEO MOCERI, SEBASTIAN LUPICO - please advise.

Will you kindly advise if this party is still wanted by you, and if so, have you any information that we may check on at this time. If convenient, you may reply at the bottom of this letter.

Assuring you of our desire to co-operate at all times, and awaiting your reply, we are,

Yours very truly,

JAMES E. DAVIS  
CHIEF OF POLICE

By: JOSEPH F. TAYLOR  
CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

BRS:CC

(Original in #

17364)

October 26th. 1936.

Mr. Franklin T. McGuire.  
Superintendent of Police.  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Attention;-Det Pasquel Versella of the  
Bureau of Identification & Records;

As per your verbal request recently thru  
our Detective Louis Scarlato who was in your city recently.  
requesting photographs and description and finger-prints  
of Italians wanted by this department.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of photo-  
graphs and description and finger-prints of the following named  
subjects wanted by the Lucas County Prosecutor Office all under  
indictments for gang murders this city.

Ernest Lassalle.,	- - - - -	our # 23263.
Russell Syracuse.,	- - - - -	" # 23264.
James Licavoli.,	- - - - -	" # 27
John Mirabella.,	- - - - -	" # 2
Leo Ucceri.,	- - - - -	" # 23272.

You may retain these photographs and descrip-  
tions and finger-prints for your files.

Yours very truly.

RAY B. ALLEN.  
CHIEF OF POLICE.

Louy:-  
encl., 10.,



RD DIV. NO.	CLASS	NUMBER	SUPPLEMENTAL OFFENSE REPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT TOLEDO, OHIO	OFFENSE	ARREST NO.
				DATE OF OFFENSE	19

DETAILS OF OFFENSE:	PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION:	PERSONS INTERVIEWED:	ADDITIONAL PROPERTY STOLEN, ETC.
Inspector Fruchey Sir.			DATE OF THIS REPORT Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup> . 45 <sup>19</sup> 4
IN REGARD TO MY INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE OFFENSE, I REPORT AS FOLLOWS:			

In regards to Telegram from H.T. Copenhagen from Rochester N.Y.

I talked to Prosecutor Harry Freiburg who stated that Officers would arrive in New York. on monday morning Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. In connection with the La Salle case.

respectfully.

INVESTIGATING OFFICER	BADGE
F. DeLora	

NECESSARY, USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS)

t. D. 10-A.—This sheet to be immediately forwarded to RECORD DIVISION.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Toledo, Ohio. 3.45 PM February 23, 1945

H. T. COPENHAGEN  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
ROCHESTER NEW YORK

RELATIVE ERNEST LA SALLE OUR OFFICERS WILL ARRIVE IN YOUR CITY  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 26 IN CONNECTION WITH HIS CASE

RAY E ALLEN  
CHIEF OF POLICE.

*Captain [unclear]*  
*Det. [unclear]*  
*Proo. [unclear]*

Charged to  
TPD.

Copy to: Prosecutors Office  
and Dets.

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PRESIDENT

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COLLECT Rochester New York 10.45 A.M. February 23 1945

RAY E ALLEN  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
TOLEDO OHIO

*La Salle*

YOUR COPY OF INDICTMENT AND CAPIAS RE: LASALLA RECEIVED NEW YORK  
GOVERNORS WARRANT ALSO RECEIVED ADVISE WHEN YOUR OFFICER WILL  
ARRIVE WITH OHIO GOVERNORS WARRANT HEARING DATE WILL BE SET ON  
HIS ARRIVAL

H. T. COPENHAGEN  
CHIEF OF POLICE

*Copy  
to  
sets*

*Copy to Co Proc*

*Prosecutors office*

*Murphy*

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**CITY OF TOLEDO**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
Sub-department of Police

LOUIS J. HAAS  
Chief of Police

December 10, 1932

ALBERT P. FALL  
Director

Captains of Detectives,  
Lieutenants,  
East Side Station.

We hold Murder warrants for Ernest Joseph LaSalle, John George Rai and Pete Carrado, who are also under Federal Indictment and are wanted by the U. S. Marshalls.

Also pick up Yonnie Licavoli and hold for U. S. Marshalls, as he is under Federal Indictments too.

Respectfully,

*Emmett E. Baird*  
INSPECTOR, Detective Division.

John Rai

Ernest Lasalle  
Aug. 6, 1932.  
Susp

Capt, Langhoff: Sir,

At 2 A.M. we went to 4635 Westway. We investigated this place and found several cars in the yard and garage. Approached place and rang door bell. A lady answered the door and refused us entrance after we told her we were police. We told her if she did not open the door we would kick the door in. She still refused us entrance and we kicked rear door in. Upon entering place we found two men inside who gave us an argument in regards to a warrant and a battle ensued. We arrested one John Rai, 26, and Ernest Lasalle, 32, charged with suspicion hold for Timiney. These men are held for investigation in the recent killing of Pete Dagastino and the wounding of John Maghiore. These men tried to conceal some automobile papers which are made out to John Raymond, alias John Mirabella, who we recently arrested.

{Released on writ}  
{8-6-32 Judge Staff}

Respectfully,

Brown & Mihalok  
Bailefeldt & Lavin & McLaughlin

January 14th. 32.

Supt. Louy Sir. Date

We have withdrawn the warrents against Pete Corrado and John George Rai, and Earnest Joseph Lassale, whom were charged on Murder warrents on the killing of the Bell case, As from Evidence and other information we are unable to get evidence which would warrent holding them at this time. Would suggest that Detroit and Wyndotte Mich bw notified.

Respt.

Dets Clark & Honey  
Act Laughtoff

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Received at S. E. Cor. Jefferson Ave. and Huron St., Toledo, Ohio 1931 SEP 12 AM 6 52

UA16 5 NL=HD BUFFALO NY 11

CHIEF OF POLICE=

:TOLEDO OHIO=

ANGELO LAVALLEY NOT WANTED HERE=

EMANUEL SCHUH CHIEF DETECTIVES.



File No. ....

Toledo, Ohio  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

September 11th, 1931. 19

Sergeant Chief L. J. Haas:

Sir:-

At 2:00 P. M., we chased Lincoln Coupe License C31-511 to corner of Fulton and Bancroft Streets, where we arrested Russell Syracuse, 201 Winchester St., Monroe, Mich., and Ernest LaSalle, Fretti Apts., 11 Fetter Place, Falconer, N. Y., on charge of Suspicion. These two men are suspected of being two of the gangsters wanted in connection with stick-up of Aranoff's Place last night. When searched at Turnkey's Desk, \$527.00 in currency was found on LaSalle's person, while Syracuse had \$10.00 in his pockets. This Lincoln Coupe, License Number C31-511, Motor No. 50588, was brought to Safety Building, and will be held until our investigation is completed.

We understand these two men are connected with the outfit that is in town to muscle in on various rackets.

We are now working on several leads, which should result in arrest of the rest of these gangsters.

Respectfully,  
Detectives McBride & Unkle  
Patrolman Edward Meeker.

Patrolman No.

Form 21-1-7

File No. ....

Toledo, Ohio  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

September 11 19 31

Sergeant Inspector Cairl,

Sir:

Captain Buck gave us a Habeas Corpus & told us to take One Ernest LaSalle, one Russell Syracuse, and one Thomas Steamliello. These men were arrested by Detectives McBride & Unkle and Patrolman Edward Meeker. Was held for suspicion. We took these men over to Judge Lemmons' Court and Thomas Steamliello was released on his own recognizance by Judge Lemmon and Syracuse & LaSalle were released on bond of \$2,000.00 each for their appearance in Judge Lemmon's Court September 12th at 11:00 A.M. Find Habeas Corpus, arrest report and release of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.

Respectfully,

Patrolman No.

*Lucas & Russell*

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Patrolman No.

*Lucas & Russell*

Form 21-1-7

File No. ....

Toledo, Ohio

POLICE DEPARTMENT

19

Sergeant

*Just after a booming and is suspected of pulling the job.*

*Capt. Rydman*

Patrolman No.

File No. ....

Toledo, Ohio  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept 12 - 19 31

Sergeant

Inspector Cairl

By your orders  
I called Mansfield Ohio Police Dept  
& James Town N.Y. Police Dept and  
Buffalo N.Y. Police Dept - On the  
arrived here of Russell Syracuse and  
Ernest La Valle as Angelo La Valle -  
and for them to send by air mail  
pictures and finger prints of these men  
12<sup>50</sup> A.M. James Town N.Y. called back  
saying they have nothing on them  
Ernest La Valle, bought 30 ft of fuse there.

Patrolman No.

Form 21-1-7

File No. ....

Toledo, Ohio  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

September 12 19 31

Sergeant

Inspector Cairl

Sir:

All three of these men appeared this A.M. Took them  
in front of Judge Lemon & by the request of the Law Director Martin S. Dodd  
where discharged, & with the understanding that they be here at 2.30.P.M.  
today, Att. Harry Levey consented to this & will have them here.

Respectfully  
W. Lucas & E. McBride

Patrolman No.

Form 21-1-7

Office Clerk of Courts, Lucas County, Ohio

Toledo, Ohio, 9-11 1937

To Keeper of Safety Bldg.  
~~Lucas County Jail~~

Release Ernest La Salle ~~Thomas Straniero~~ and  
Russell Syracuse

having given bond for \_\_\_\_\_ appearance in Court.

~~having been discharged by order of the Court.~~

GEO. E. HARDY, Clerk

By W. Rath Deputy



File No. ....

Toledo, Ohio

POLICE DEPARTMENT

..... Sept. 12th. 1931 .....

Sergeant

Captain Buck Sir.

At 245 P.M. I was present with other Detectives in the line-up of the 3 men with others who were in on Suspicion of the Mansfield job, and also showed up for the Aronoff job, and the witnesses from Mansfield and also the hotel witnesses and the Aronoffs witnesses looked them over, and were UNABLE TO identify them.

These men showed up to line up after being released by Judge Lemmon this morning. I am satisfied they are not the men wanted in these jobs.

Respt.

*DET J. H. H. H.*

Patrolman No.

58712  
THIS IS TOLEDO OHIO PD TWX TO 155

MSG 313 KQB57  
PD TOLEDO OHIO

7/31/61

HOLDING ERNEST FUSCO ALIAS ERNEST LA SALLE ALIAS ERNEST JOSEPH  
TOLEDO NUMBER 23263 ADVISE ANY WANTED

PD CLEVELAND OHIO

PR FOLKMAN END THANKS

MI@ PLYS  
NO WANTED AT THIS TIME THIS DEPARTMENT.  
PTL AUBRY END  
OK THANKS CV OPR FOLKMAN

M

RB BIR 23263 CAPT DET 3

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

September 16, 1931.

Chief of Police,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your print received Sept. 14, 1931, regarding Ernest LaSalla, #23263, the following is an abstract of subject's fingerprint record on file in the Bureau of Investigation:

Subject as Ernest Fusco, #30983, received State Ref., Elmira, N.Y., Jan. 11, 1923, from Kings Co., crime petty larceny; sentence 3 years.

As Ernest La Salle, #31804, arrested Detroit, Mich., (PD), Jan. 14, 1928, charge disorderly person; discharged.

As Ernest LaSala, #28348, received U.S. Pen., Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 28, 1928, from Toledo, Ohio, crime conspiracy and violation of National Prohibition Act; sentence 15 months.

As Ernest LaSalla, #23263, arrested Toledo, Ohio, (PD), Sept. 11, 1931, charge suspicion; disposition not given.

The following notations appear on our records:

"As Ernest Fusco:

State Ref., Elmira, N.Y., petty larceny;  
served 12 mos. and 20 days; dis. 2-20-24.  
Bronx Co. Jail, New York, N.Y., assault;  
served 10 mos.; dis. 10-15-27."

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover  
Director.

Copy to -  
St. Bu.,  
London, Ohio.  
Director, Bu.  
of Prisons,  
Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.  
FD Detroit, Mich.  
St. Ref., Elmira, N.Y.

SEP 10 1931