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Kilgore, Charlie
Branning, E. C.

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CHARLES IRVING CHAPMAN (Charles Gilson
Irving CHARLES Chapman)

PUBLIC Enemy #1

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~~WANTED~~ FOR ESCAPE 8/25/36

CHARLIE CHAPMAN #26024

Alias: Charlie Kilgore
J. C. Kilgore

W, 35 (1934), height 5-8 $\frac{1}{4}$,
wt 175, eyes blue-grey, hair
brown, bld med., comp., med.
Cut scar over right eye,
horizontal cut scar over
left eye, bullet scar right
forearm, bullet scar left
hip and thigh, bullet scar
right thigh.

Sentenced to 15 years for
bank robbery, Dec. 8, 1934.
Residence: Philadelphia,
Miss.; Wife, Janie Chapman,
Philadelphia, Miss.

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CHARLES CHAPMAN, age 33, wt. 175, ht. 5-8,
brown hair, ruddy comp.,
Wanted for bank robbery at Springhill, La.
by Sheriff's Office, Minden, La. Was arrested
and placed in the Caddo Parish Jail,
Shreveport. ESCAPED JAIL, December 5, 1932.

Please keep on the lookout for this man.
Wire any information to us collect.

LA. STATE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION,
Baton Rouge, La.

Circ. #266

RECEIVED

AUG 28 1936

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

ARKANSAS STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT
AUGUST 26th, 1936.

ESCAPE CONVICTS

#1. CHARLIE CHAPMAN, our #26024, Arkansas Penitentiary #33002, alias Charlie Kilgore, alias J. C. Kilgore, white man, age 35 (1934) height 5-8 $\frac{1}{4}$, weight 175, eyes blue-grey, hair brown, build medium, complexion medium, cut scar over right eye, horizontal cut scar over left eye, bullet scar left leg through near knee, bullet scar point of shoulder, bullet scar right forearm, bullet scar left hip and thigh, bullet scar right thigh. Sentenced to 15 years for Bank Robbery from Ouachita and Union Counties, Arkansas, December 8, 1934. Residence, Philadelphia, Miss.; father, W. S. Chapman, Philadelphia, Miss.; wife, Janie Chapman, Philadelphia, Miss.; former associates, Charlie O'Keith, alias Williams now wanted for bank robbery; Chas. Williams, ex-Arkansas convict from Alexandria, Louisiana.

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#2. LEWIS SADDLER, Alias Buddie Saddler, our #54068, Arkansas Penitentiary #32093, age 24 (1933), height 5-9 $\frac{1}{4}$, weight 140, build slender, eyes brown, hair dark brown, complexion dark, small mole left throat, small cut scar right chin, bullet scar left shoulder. Residence, Wicks, Arkansas; birth place, Lawton, Oklahoma. Sentenced to 28 years for Bank Robbery on November 16, 1933, from Clark County, Arkansas. Native of Houston, Texas, occupation, mechanic. Wife, Ora Saddler, Wicks, Arkansas; father, A. L. Saddler, Lawton, Oklahoma; sister, Maydel Hughes, 3414 Mandel, Dallas, Texas; former associates, Jake Sims, and Cornelius LaFevers.

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#3. OLIE HUGH LINDSEY, our #16428, Arkansas Penitentiary #30470, age 32 (1932), height 5-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, weight 138, brown eyes, black hair, complexion dark, cut scar back left hand near index finger. Sentenced to 21 years for Bank Robbery from Ashley County, June 29, 1932. Occupation, barber; relations, wife, Dora Lindsey, Searcy, Arkansas; brother, Alzie Lindsey, Little Rock, Ark.; brother, Rob Lindsey, Little Rock, Ark.; sister, Ina Edwards, El Paso, Arkansas. Formerly worked and lived in Augusta, Ark.; Vincennes, Indiana; Gayoso Hotel, Memphis, Tenn.; Clarksdale, Mississippi; Albert Pike Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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These men escaped from the Arkansas State Penitentiary at Cummins on the night of 8-25-36 at about 8:30 P. M.. Thought to be driving a dark blue 1936 model Ford Touring Sedan, \$50.00 reward offered for the apprehension of either of these men, and delivery to authorized agent of the Arkansas State Penitentiary.

A. G. Albright, Superintendent,
Arkansas State Police Department.



WANTED FOR BANK ROBBERY AND JAIL BREAKING:
Charlie Chapman, alias Charlie Kilgore, E.
Branning. Age-36; weight-175-180; height-
5-8 3/4; eyes-blue; hair-light brown.

Charlie Chapman
Charlie Kilgore
J. C. Kilgore

Age 39 (1937)
Height 5 ft. 7 in.
Weight 152 lbs.
Hair grey-brown
Eyes light blue
Shot wound in right
shoulder.

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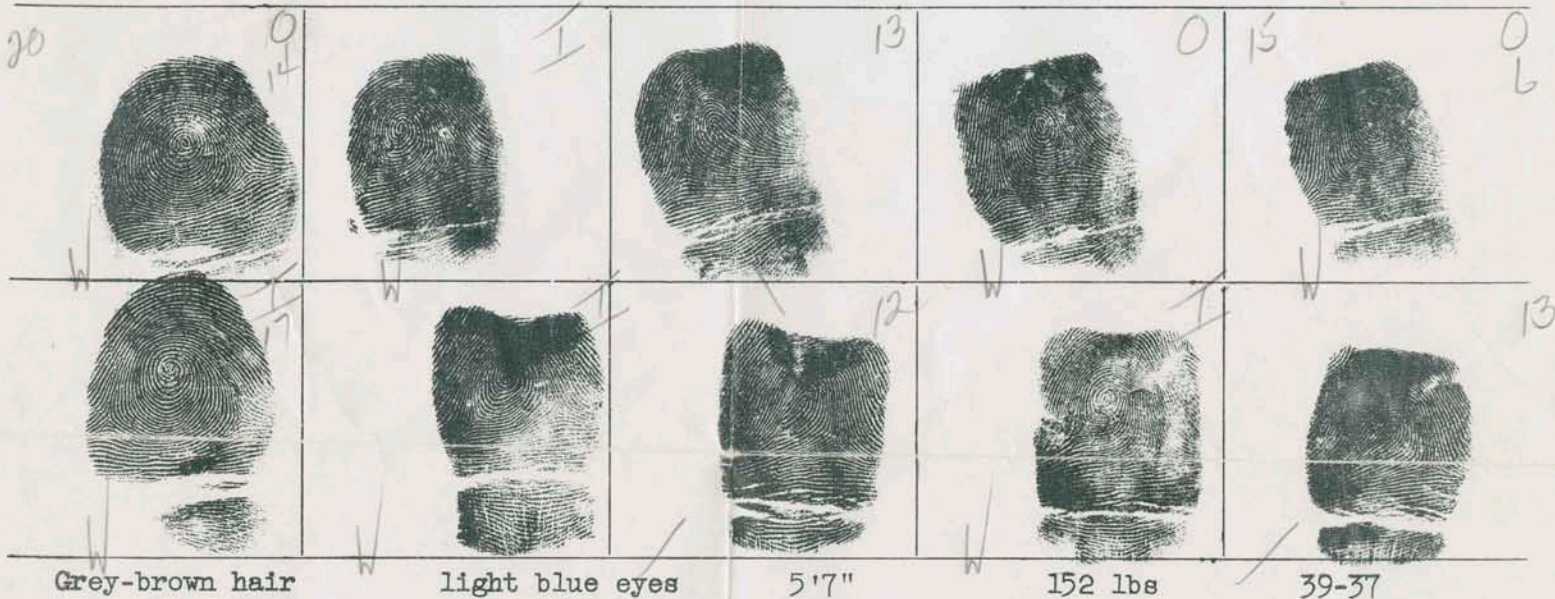
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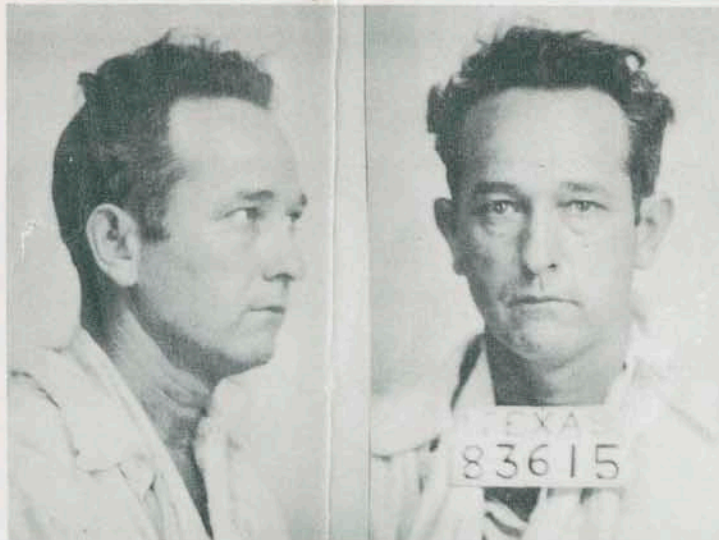
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Charlie CHAPMAN, alias Charlie KILGORE,
J. C. KILGORE. Huntsville, Texas SP#83615. Gould, Arkansas SP#33002.



Shot wound right shoulder. Cut scars side of both eyes. Wanted for escape from Eastham State Farm, July 8, 1937. Notify H. E. Moore, Chief, Bureau of Records and Identification, Texas Prison System, Huntsville, Texas.



THIS MAN IS ARMED
AND DANGEROUS. USE
EVERY PRECAUTION
IN EFFECTING HIS
ARREST.

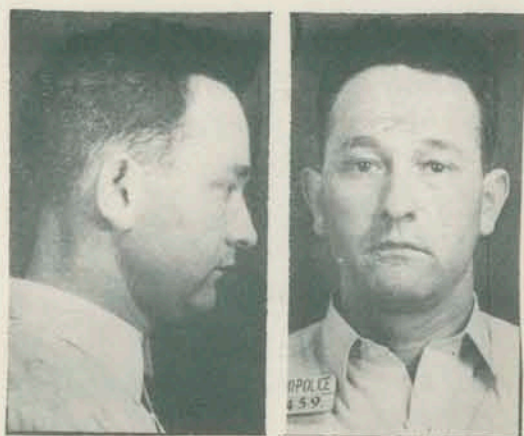
Notify Department
of Public Safety,
Austin, Texas.

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WANTED FOR

BANK ROBBERY NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

IRVING CHARLES CHAPMAN, with aliases: CHARLES CHAPMAN, CHARLIE CHAPMAN, CHARLIE KILGORE, J. C. KILGORE, E. C. CRANNING, CHARLES MONTGOMERY, J. T. BURNETT, C. E. BRANNING, CHARLES KENNEDY, CHARLIE MUNROE, EDWARD VOSS, E. C. (BUCK) BRANNING, JULIUS BLUMENTHAL, LOUIS LANTOS, L. A. SANDERS, CHARLES IRVING CHAPMAN.



Photograph taken April, 1931



Photograph taken November, 1936



Photograph taken August, 1931

DESCRIPTION

Age	40 (born December 29, 1898 at Philadelphia, Mississippi)	Occupation	Road contractor and bartender
Height	5' 7-9"	Criminal specialty	Bank robbery
Weight	152-165 pounds	Marital status	Divorced from first wife; remarried
Eyes	Blue	Scars	Bullet wounds in forearm, right shoulder, both thighs and hip; cut scars on both sides of eyes.
Hair	Brown, graying, wavy		
Complexion	Medium fair		
Build	Stocky		

Chapman is the subject of Identification Order #1456 issued September 8, 1937.

Irving Charles Chapman was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Shreveport, Louisiana, on February 21, 1933, for the violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, in that, on or about December 5, 1932, he transported in interstate commerce a stolen Chevrolet coach from Shreveport, Louisiana, to Texarkana, Arkansas, knowing it to have been stolen.

Irving Charles Chapman was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Tyler, Texas, on October 9, 1936, for the robbery of the First National Bank at Atlanta, Texas, on August 31, 1936.

Irving Charles Chapman was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Beaumont, Texas, on March 19, 1937, for the robbery of the First National Bank at Atlanta, Texas, on June 6, 1934.

If you are in possession of any information concerning the location or activities of Chapman, please communicate by telephone or telegraph collect with the undersigned, or with the nearest division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, the local addresses and telephone numbers of which are set forth on the reverse side of this notice.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.
TELEPHONE, NATIONAL 7117

July 8, 1938

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Kansas City, Missouri	1612 Federal Reserve Bank	Victor 3113
Knoxville, Tennessee	407 Hamilton National Bank	3-7928
Little Rock, Arkansas	500 Rector	6734
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Louisville, Kentucky	775 Starks	Jackson 5139
Memphis, Tennessee	2401 Sterick	8-1850
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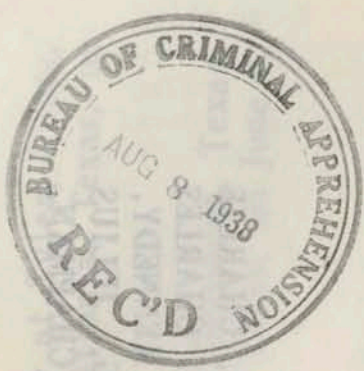
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Telephone or telegraph: Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
at the above city and address.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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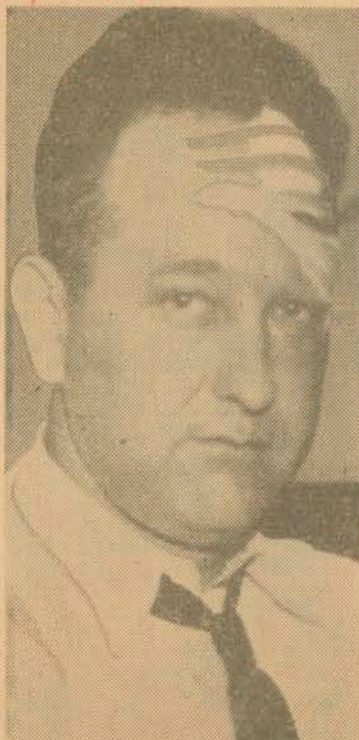
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Des Moines Register 1/12/39

Arrest Friends Who Aided Slain Gunman

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Charles Irving Chapman, 44, slain "Public Enemy No. 1," as he appeared (left) in 1934 at start of his criminal career after arrest in Mississippi, and (right) two years later in East Texas state penitentiary, his face already hardened and bitter.—WIREPHOTO (P).

MERIDIAN, MISS. (P)—F.B.I. agents fanned out over Neshoba county hills Monday in a swift roundup of persons suspected of befriending Charles Chapman, Public Enemy No. 1, during the three-year search ended when he was shot to death Sunday night.

Police announced six persons had been jailed here, including Chapman's wife, who was not informed of his death, and said that at least 25 might eventually be jailed on suspicion of harboring or aiding Chapman, one of the south's most elusive criminals.

Considered a Hero.

Percy Wyly II, F.B.I. agent in charge of Mississippi, who personally led officers in the final reckoning with Chapman, said the entire area would be combed for his confederates and friends, some of whom had considered him a hero.

Federal agents and state and local police poured 19 bullets into Chapman's head and body after he refused to surrender and emptied his gun without effect. Alfred Ward, the fugitive's chauffeur, surrendered uninjured.

Chapman had robbed banks, filling stations and stores, stolen cars and kidnaped persons, shot

law officers and led bloody prison breaks in a half dozen southern states for the last decade. He was labelled Public Enemy No. 1 on Sept. 9, 1939 by the F.B.I., which said his specialty was bank robbing.

Chapman shot his way out of one police trap and eluded many others.

The F.B.I. always felt Chapman was hiding in his native Neshoba county, but friends suspected of helping the outlaw made detection difficult.

Ward a Decoy.

Shooting of a Meridian police officer Jan. 14 brought Chapman to the end of the trail. He escaped then but Ward, who was with him, was arrested and later apparently became a decoy as he was released recently and was with Chapman when he was killed.

Chapman's largest bank haul was at Tupelo, Miss., where he took \$18,000 in cash and \$26,000 in securities. He once was a moderately wealthy Arkansas contractor who lost his money on a Florida road contract during the depression.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 5, 1942

APPREHENSION ORDER
NO. 1456-783
FBI No. 380,315

R4316

RE: IRVING CHARLES CHAPMAN, with aliases: Charles Chapman, Charlie Chapman, Charlie Kilgore, J. C. Kilgore, E. C. Cranning, Charles Montgomery, J. T. Burnett, C. E. Branning, Charles Kennedy, Charlie Munroe, Edward Voss, E. C. (Buck) Branning, Julius Blumenthal, Louis Lantos, L. A. Sanders, Charles Irving Chapman.
BANK ROBBERY - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Dear Sir:

Identification Order No. 1456 on the above named subject is hereby cancelled, inasmuch as he was killed at Philadelphia, Mississippi, February 22, 1942.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

THIS CANCELS IDENTIFICATION ORDER No. 1456

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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