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FITZGERALD, CHAS. J.

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"Big Fitz"

Jordan, Chas.

West, Frank

Logan, Dan Mathias

Funk, William

"Big Charley"

Morgan, Chas.

Hammond, J. C.

Lowe, Chas. E.

DEAD

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FitzGerald, Charles, J.

Good Newspaper article on Hammin
Kidnapping, Bremer Kidnapping + names
many gangsters such as Morgan gang + Barker gang

CHARLES J. FITZGERALD (3136), alias "Big Fitz," Chas. Jordan, Frank West, Chi Slim, Chas. E. Lowe, etc.

Numerous bank holdups and burglaries in the middle west are attributed to him and he is still

One Hamm Kidnaper Dies in Penitentiary

The final chapter in the story of a gangster had been written today.

Charles J. (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, 69, Los Angeles, died in federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, where he was sent in 1936 for life for his part in the \$100,000 William J. Hamm kidnaping in St. Paul in 1933.

Had he gained release from Leavenworth, he was wanted in two states for bank robbery.

-Dead-

uted to Fitzgerald and wanted for the robbery of an Estherville, Iowa, bank on August 30, 1929. If he is arrested, both the chief of the Iowa Bureau of Investigation at Des Moines and the sheriff at Estherville should be promptly notified. His photograph, reproduced above, was taken in 1919 and is the latest available.



CHAS. J. FITZGERALD

Description: Age, 59 (1934); height, 6 ft.; weight, 165 lbs.; dark hair, gray streaked; dark complexion. Fingerprint classification: 25/ 1/1 R/U SSS/LMM 16/15.

DEWEY GILMORE (5685). Bank bandit.



Chas J. Fitzgerald

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STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CIRCULAR NO. 67
OCTOBER 25, 1929
QUANTITY ISSUED 12,000

\$250.00 REWARD

FOR THE APPREHENSION AND CONVICTION OF
Chas. J. Fitzgerald @ Chas. Jordan, @ Frank West,
@ Daniel Mathias Logan, @ Wm. Funk, @ Big Fitz,
@ Slim Williams, @ Big Charley, @ Chi Slim, @ Chas.
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1 Rt 14
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Age55 years
Height6 feet
Weight.....165 lbs.
HairDark,
Grey Streaked
Complex.Dark

F. P. FORMULA

25 1 R SSS 16
1 U LMM 15



Fitzgerald is wanted for participating in robbery of the Emmet County State Bank, Estherville, Iowa, on August 30, 1929, about 11:00 A. M. This crime carries a life penalty in Iowa. He was indicted by the Emmet County Grand Jury, Sept. 9, 1929. Warrants have been issued and bonds fixed at \$50,000.

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Atlanta, Ga., U.S. Pen. No. 4975
Little Rock, Ark. No. 493
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St. Louis, Mo., P.D. No. 10799
Toledo, Ohio, P. D. No. 9010
Kansas City, Mo. No. 8035
Chicago, Ill. No. 67708
Kansas Pen. Nos. 6621 and 9017

IF LOCATED, ARREST AND HOLD AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE
WIRE ANY INFORMATION TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

F. M. BROWN, Sheriff
Emmet County

ESTHERVILLE,

IOWA

J. E. RISDEN, Chief
Bureau of Investigation

STATE HOUSE,

DES MOINES, IOWA

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING - ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

On the above line please state whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or County Jail

Date of arrest.....

Charge _____

Disposition of case

Residence

Place of birth_____

Nationality _____

Criminal specialty _____

Age _____ Height _____

Weight _____ Hair _____

Build Eyes

Comp.

Marks and Scars.....

NAME _____

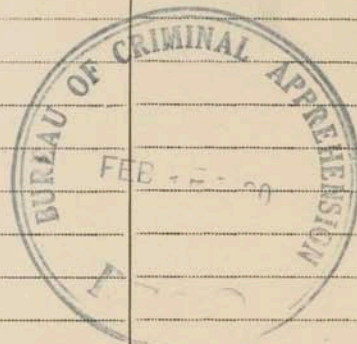
NUMBER

CITY OR INSTITUTION

DATE _____

CHARGE

DISPOSITION OR SENTENCE



(Please furnish all additional criminal history and police record on separate sheet)

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STATE HOUSE, DES MOINES, IOWA

IDENTIFICATION BUREAUS ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT ANY RECORD OF THIS MAN TO HARRY J. PASSNO, SUPT. OF IDENTIFICATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, STATE HOUSE, DES MOINES, IOWA

LEARNER'S STORE

X SOHLBERG

BODIN DRUG

WATCH

X glasses

50
<u>28</u>
35
<u>113</u>
90
<u>23</u>
M. 40
Dentist 50
<u>90</u>

Shiff's Appo 2.00
 40-8 5.00
 V 40.00
 Dentist
 Sohlberg.

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22 1 U 16

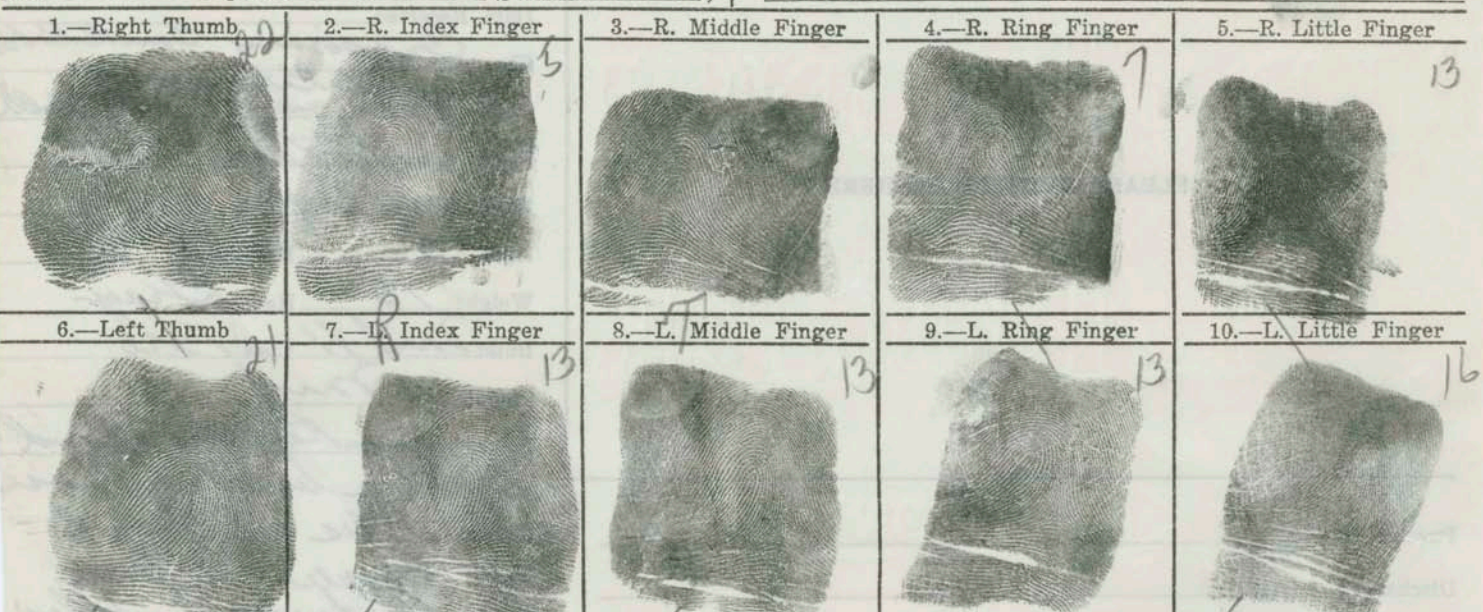
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Classification _____

Alias _____

Ref. _____

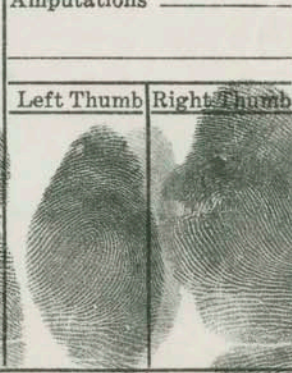
No. _____ Color Wht Sex Male



Four fingers taken simultaneously
Left hand

Amputations _____

Four fingers taken simultaneously
Right hand



Classified by _____
Verified by _____
Searched by _____

Prisoner's signature
Charles Joseph Fitzgerald

STATE OF MINNESOTA, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

ROOM 22 STATE OFFICE BUILDING - ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Record from

Ramsey

(Address)

St Paul

On the above line please state whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or County Jail

Received from

County

Date Received

Charge

Sentence

Place of birth

Nationality

Age

Height

Weight

Hair

Build

Eyes

Complexion

Marks and Scars

PLEASE PASTE PHOTO HERE

Paroled

Discharged

CRIMINAL HISTORY

April 9, 1936

Conspiracy Bank Robbery

Hyman Kidnapping

100,000 Bond held

St Louis Mo

Irish

59 *5 11*

175 *Gray*

Med H *Bro*

Med

Right forehead

right eye brow - on nose

both sides - left eye to

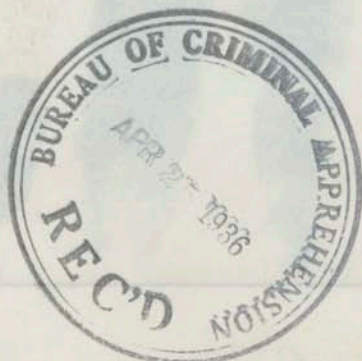
left temple - left leg

gun shot wound - below

left knee burns left

fore arm dorsal -

Lower left leg carries cane



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Record from: Police Dept. (Address) St. Paul Minn.
On the above line please state whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or County Jail

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Date of arrest 4-9-36

Charge Conspiracy, Bank Robbery.

Disposition of case _____

Residence Los Angeles Calif.

Place of birth St. Louis Mo.

Nationality.....

Criminal specialty_____

Age 59-1936 Date of Birth March 16th.

Height 5' 11" Comp. Med. Hair Grey

Weight 175 Eyes Brown Build Med Heav

Scars and marks. Scar below left knee

Scars on nose, scars on left arm

dorsal, Scar right of forehead

Scar left eye to left temple.

Lame left hip.

ACCOMPLICES

NAME	NUMBER	NAME	NUMBER	NAME	NUMBER

CRIMINAL HISTORY

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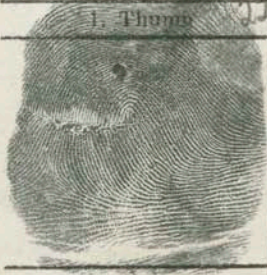


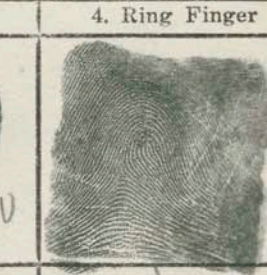
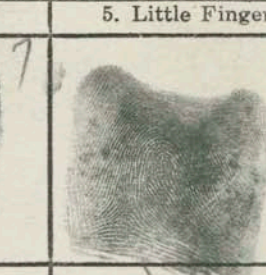
Name Fitzgerald, Charles J.

(Please type or print plainly)

Alias "Eig Fitz"Class. 22 / Rt 13
1 / U 16No. 26383Color WhiteSex Male

Ref. _____

RIGHT HAND

1. Thumb	2. Index Finger	3. Middle Finger	4. Ring Finger	5. Little Finger
				

LEFT HAND

6. Thumb	7. Index Finger	8. Middle Finger	9. Ring Finger	10. Little Finger
				

Impressions taken by: _____

Note Amputations _____

Prisoner's Signature

(Signature of official taking prints)

Date Impression taken _____

Four Fingers Taken Simultaneously

Four Fingers Taken Simultaneously

Left Hand

L. Thumb

R. Thumb

Right Hand

	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

Form 6

May 1, 1936.

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number

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Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

J. E. HOOVER, Director

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	Chas. J. Fitzgerald, #10799	7-20-16	bank burglar and robber	disch.
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Charles J. Fitzgerald, #8035	4-21-17	inv. (G.L., auto thief, safe blower, bank burglar)	6-22-17, disch. (case squared).
PD, Memphis, Tenn.	Daniel Mathias Logan, #3050	12-7-18	susp. safe blower	350. forf.
PD, Detroit, Mich.	Chas. Jordan, #11006	1-30-19	fug. safe blowing	*case dism., 2-17-19.
PD, Toledo, Ohio	Charles Joseph Fitzgerald, #9010	1-22-19	fug. - wanted Ellsworth, Kans. for safe blowing	
SP, Lansing, Kans.	Charles J. Fitzgerald, #6621	10-26-19	burg. 2nd deg.	5 to 10 yrs.
SO, St. Paul, Minn. AIR MAIL	Charles Joseph Fitzgerald, #2587	4-9-36	conspiracy, bank robbery - kidnaping	Held \$100,000. bond.
U.S.M., St. Paul, Minn. AIR MAIL	Charles Joseph Fitzgerald, #2587	4-9-36	conspiracy to kidnap	Held in Ramsey Co. Jail in default of \$100,000. bond.
(10-30, Lincoln, Neb.) (CC-50, Estherville, Iowa) (CC-St. Bu., Des Moines, Iowa)				
*	Little Rock, Ark., #193.			
*	Kansas Ref., #457.			
*	Chicago, Ill., #67700.			

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*		WANTED: As Chas. J. Fitzgerald, has been identified as leader of gang of bank stick-up men. Notify SO, Lincoln, Nebr. Not. 5-1-36.		
*		As Slim Williams, served a term in St. Ref., Anamosa, Iowa.		
*		As Fitzgerald, member of the noted J. S. Morgan "Gang" of safe and bank burglars who have operated extensively in the central and southwestern part of the country.		
*		Has served a term previous to 1898 in the St. Ref., Hutchinson, Kansas.		
*		As W. E. Fitzgerald, arr. Kansas City, Mo., by R.R. Police, 3-28-98, G.C.W.; fined \$50.		
*		As Chas. J. Fitzgerald, rec. St. Ref., Hutchinson, Kans., with a sent. for G. L., from Atchison County. 1898, att. to escape.		
*		As #9017, rec. SP, Lansing, Kans., 9-10-99, with sent. of 2 yrs. for escaping from Ref., sent. from Reno County; disch. June, 1901.		
*		Arr. Sedalia, Mo., 4-9-05, susp. character; rel. after being photographed.		
*		As J. C. Adams, Dallas, Texas, April, 1909, chg. safe burglary; 5-1-09, rel. After release it was discovered that he was one of gang who blew safe and vault at Buffalo, Texas; 5-13-09, also blew safe at Frankston, Texas.		
*		As W. M. Funk, arr. Claremore, Okla. by P.O. Inspector, 6-24-10, chg. burg. of F. O. at Pryor, Okla., 6-17-10. Evidence not sufficient to hold him for action of G. J. Turned over to St. Auth. of Anderson Co., Texas, for the robbery of the Bank at Frankston, Texas, May 15, 1909. Finally acquitted.		
*		As C. J. Fitzgerald, arr. Little Rock, Ark., 2-23-10 G. L.		
*		4-23-14, arr. at Chattanooga, Tenn., susp. of safe blowing.		
*		Arr. Chattanooga, Tenn., 4-23-14, and sent. 1 yr., 1 day to USP, Atlanta, Ga., 5-19-14, for the unlawful transportation of explosives between Cincinnati, Ohio and Chattanooga, Tenn. on the 22nd and 23rd of April, 1914.		
*		As Chas. Fitzgerald, rec. USP, Atlanta, Ga., 6-2-14, #1975.		
*		As Charles Fitzgerald, arr. Chicago, Ill., 4-5-16, D. C.; fined \$100. and costs.		
*		Subject shown in First Volume of "Records of Persons" charged with violation of the Postal Laws. (Rec. from Kansas City letter 12-22-18).		
		WANTED: As Chas. J. Fitzgerald for bank robbery, Estherville, Iowa, 8-30-29. Notify SO, Estherville, Iowa and St. Bu., Des Moines, Iowa, per inf. rec. latter, 11-7-29. STILL WANTED: As Chas. J. Fitzgerald, for and as the above. Notify SO, Estherville, Iowa and St. Bu., Des Moines, Iowa, per inf. rec. from latter, 12-26-30. STILL WANTED: For bank robbery, Estherville, Iowa. Notify SO, Estherville, Iowa and St. Bu., Des Moines, Iowa. (Inf. rec. The National Police Officer, April Issue, 4-12-32). STILL WANTED: As Chas. J. Fitzgerald for and as the above. (Inf. rec. The Iowa Sheriff, Feb., 1933). STILL WANTED: As Chas. J. Fitzgerald, by SO, Estherville, Iowa and St. Bu., Des Moines, Iowa for bank robbery, per inf. rec.		

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 4, 1936

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Chief of Police,
St. Paul, Minn.

MAY 7 1936

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

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Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprint on Charles J. Fitzgerald, #26383, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning this individual in addition to that already supplied in Bureau letter dated May 1, 1936, copy attached for your information.

Your print mentioned shows the following:

Subject as Charles J. Fitzgerald, #26383, arrested PD, St. Paul, Minn., April 9, 1936; charge, conspiracy, bank robbery.

Notation:

"WANTED: As Chas. J. Fitzgerald, by SO, Ratherville, Iowa and St. Bu., Des Moines, Iowa for bank robbery, per inf. rec. American Bankers Assn., New York, N.Y. 10-4-34, bull. for October 1934. Notified 5-1-36."

This person was published as a fugitive in the monthly Bulletin for December, 1934, issued by this Bureau.

Copy to-
St. Bu. ✓
St. Paul,
Minn.

AIR MAIL

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl.

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