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Russell © Rusty Gibson

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RUSSEL GIBSON (Lustie) Art
one with Karpis & Barker in Bremer Kidnapping
& Byron Bolton
Shot by Feds 1-8-35

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Shot by Fed. agents
Jan 8 - 1935 - Chicago

Bureau of
Criminal Apprehension
State of Minnesota
State Capitol - St. Paul, Minn.

Name Russell Gibson

Alias Rustie

Alias \$500.00 REWARD

Age 28

Eyes Brown

Height 6' $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Comp. Sal-Smooth

Weight 131

Build Slender Stoop

Hair Med. Bro.

Born

Crime Esc. Okla Co. Jail

Place Oklahoma

Marks & Scars

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\$500.00 R E W A R D

RUSSEL (RUSTIE) GIBSON.

Age 28 yrs, Ht. 6ft, $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Wt. 131 lbs, Eyes-Brown,
Hair-Medium Brown, Comp.
Sallow and very smothe,
Build-very slender and
slightly stooped. Escaped
from Okla. County jail
8-17-29.

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\$500.00 reward will be
paid for his arrest by
Stanley Rogers, Sheriff,
Oklahoma County. Okla.



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POLICE DEPT., Kansas City, Mo.
Bureau of Identification

Name Russell Gibbs 9774
No.
Alias
Crime Invstgn Susp Hold Up
Age 18 Hgt 5-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ 120 Slender
Hair Lt Brown Eyes M. Brown Light
Occupation Chauffeur Born Macon Mo
Date Arrest 12-7-19
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Remarks

A M Baker



RUSSELL GIBSON

The last member of the band, RUSSELL GIBSON (4915), alias Rusty Gibson, is still being sought by our agents. A reward of \$1,250 has been offered for his arrest and conviction by the Oklahoma City Clearing House Association. Any information concerning his whereabouts should be transmitted to our agents' nearest office. A warrant for his arrest is held by the sheriff at Oklahoma City.

Description: 34 years old; height, 6 ft. 1/2 in.; weight, 130 lbs.; light chestnut hair, brown eyes, sallow complexion, has red mole on right jaw under jawbone, pit scar under left eye on rear of jaw, scar on right temple, small crease in center of chin. Fingerprint classification: 11/3 U/W OO/OI 15/15.

WOUNDS FATAL TO BREMER SUSPECT

Bullet-proof Vest Fails as Kidnap Gang Member Tries to Escape Feds.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Federal agents have struck with deadly accuracy again in their war on crime—this time to kill Russell Gibson, 32-year-old suspect in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

Trapped in a northside apartment Tuesday night, Gibson, an ex-convict, and reputed member of the abduction gang of Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, attempted to shoot it out with a picked squad of sixteen agents, but his miniature machine gun jammed and he fell mortally wounded.

Two bullets from the quick firing rifles of the federal men hit their mark and one of them found a fatal spot despite the fact that Gibson, who also was known as "Slim" Gray, was wearing a "bullet proof" vest. The bullet penetrated the vest. Gibson died in a hospital early today.

Gibson attempted to flee out the back door of the apartment at 3920 Pine Grove avenue—not far from the spot where John Dillinger was shot and killed last July 22, only to meet the withering fire of the agents. Gibson fired as he ran, but was able to shoot but one bullet before his weapon failed him.

Meanwhile the agents had flooded the apartment with tear gas, forcing

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ing the surrender of a man and a woman, who identified herself as Mrs. Clara Gibson, widow of the slain gangster.

The man was identified by the Department of Justice today as Byron Bolton, a former sailor receiving partial disability payments from the government. Harold Nathan, assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal bureau of investigation, said Bolton was a minor member of the gang. Bolton at first identified himself as Willie Harrison, a former St. Louis golf professional.

The raid was the culmination of a week's surveillance over the apartment, where Gibson had been living three months. How the agents discovered his whereabouts was not disclosed, but their plans for their latest thrust at the underworld element were carefully laid.

Under the direction of E. J. Connelley and others attached to the local office of the division of investigation, the agents surrounded the place before attempting to get their man. When they knocked on the door, there was no answer, but almost at the same time Gibson dashed out the rear door.

Before he died he was questioned by Agent Thomas Myers, but admitted nothing except the identity of himself and his wife, and to name his male companion as a man named "Willie." He refused to answer other questions.

When the federal men entered the front lobby of the apartment building they met Mrs. Gibson who was just leaving with her chow dog. She returned to her apartment, however, after being told to warn the others that the "agents were coming." A few minutes later the door bell was rung and the first tear gas bomb was tossed. One of these went through the window of the home of Jay H. Twitchell, who lives in an adjoining apartment.

Twitchell climbed out of a window, with upraised hands, shouting that he surrendered. He was questioned, but later released when he proved his identity.

Mrs. Gibson, still leading the dog, staggered out of the apartment gasping and crying about the same time that Gibson's male companion also ran out, with tears rolling down his cheeks. Both were taken to the Department of Justice offices.

Nathan said several weapons were found in the apartment, and it was reported that 100 rounds of ammunition had been discovered in a suitcase uncovered in the hideout.

In addition to the Bremer kidnaping Gibson was wanted for the theft of \$75,000 from a bank messenger in Oklahoma City carrying funds from the American First National bank May 24, 1929. He escaped from the Oklahoma county jail in August, 1929, where he was held for questioning in the crime.

He served a two-year term in the Missouri state penitentiary for flourishing a deadly weapon in 1927. Gibson's first criminal record was made in Kansas City in 1911 when he was arrested as a hold-up suspect but later was released.

Department of Justice records disclosed that warrants were outstanding charging Gibson and his wife with transporting a stolen car from St. Joseph, Mo., to Oklahoma City in May, 1929. His mother, Mrs. Nancy Gibson, and brother, Mr. Kinley, are residents of Kansas City, official records stated.

TWIN CITIES POLICE LACK GIBSON RECORD.

Twin Cities police officials said they had no record that Gibson was sought for the "snatching" of Edward G. Bremer, who was held prisoner by a gang for 23 days, until \$200,000 ransom was paid. Bremer, the son of a wealthy St. Paul brewer, was abducted last January 17. From five to eight men were believed to have been in the gang of kidnapers.

A second woman, in addition to Mrs. Gibson, was reported to have been seized in the raid, but Nathan declined to either affirm or deny whether she was held in the case. Reports of persons in the vicinity of the gun battle, however, were that another woman was taken into custody.

\$7,000 SPENT TRYING TO APPREHEND GIBSON.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Sheriff Stanley Rogers said today his office had spent more than \$7,000 in the past five years trying to apprehend Russell (Rusty) Gibson, fatally wounded at Chicago by Federal agents.

Gibson was wanted here for participation in the \$75,000 robbery of Charles Vowell, American-First Trust Company bank messenger. He was arrested at Kansas City a few days after the holdup of May 1, 1929, but escaped from the county jail here several months later.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 15, 1935.

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CLASSIFICATION:

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APPREHENSION ORDER
NO. 1213-328

Dear Sir:

IN RE: RUSSELL GIBSON, alias
RUSTY GIBSON

Identification Order No. 1213 on the above named subject
is hereby cancelled, inasmuch as he was killed at Chicago, Illinois
on January 9, 1935, while resisting arrest.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

Special Agent in Charge,
 Division of Investigation,
 U. S. Department of Justice,
 Located at: Building Tel. No

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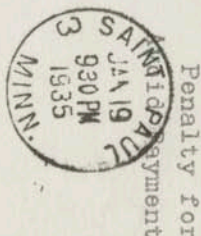
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