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HUMBERT, LEO C.
O'Hara, Robert

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[Leo Humbert]

LEO C. HUMBERT (LEE O'DARE, ROBERT O'HARA)

(assoc) John Williams & Joe Hendricks

Francis

MINNESOTA Bank Robbery & escape from
SEYMOUR CO. IAL

STATE OF MINNESOTA, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING - ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Record from

Sheriff's Office

(Address)

St. Cloud Minn

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Date of arrest

Sept 19 1929

Charge

Bank Robbery

Disposition of case

Residence

New Munich, Minn

Place of birth

Nationality

American

Criminal specialty

Age

28

Height

5' 8 1/2"

Weight

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Hair

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Build

Slender

Eyes

Dark

Comp.

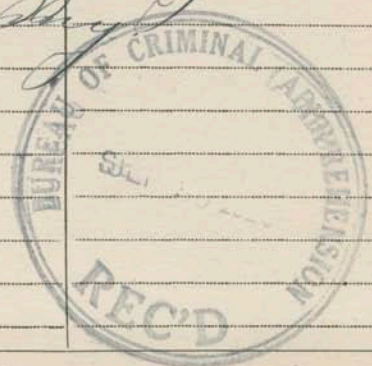
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Marks and Scars

CRIMINAL HISTORY

NAME	NUMBER	CITY OR INSTITUTION	DATE	CHARGE	DISPOSITION OR SENTENCE
<i>Alleged to have held up a bank at Mues Grove, getting \$8.60. Arrested at Chicago, Ill. Served four years at McNeil Island for perjury.</i>					

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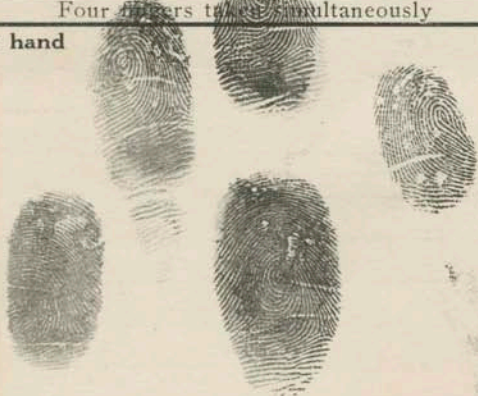


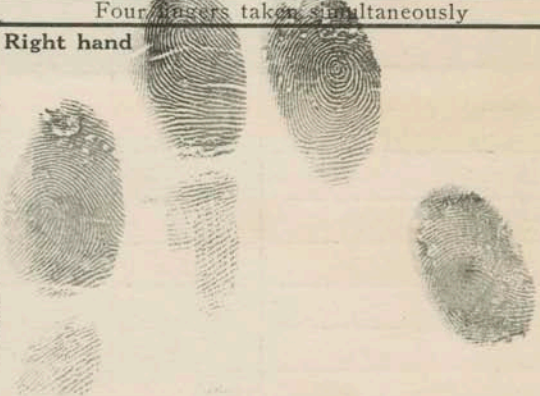
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Four fingers taken simultaneously	Amputations	Four fingers taken simultaneously
Left hand 	Left Thumb  Right Thumb 	Right hand 

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Prisoner's signature

- 1921, Oct. 18 As Leo C. Humbert, #13267, received U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Alastraz, Calif., from Ft. Shafter, H. T., crime embezzlement; sentence four years.
- 1921, Nov. 11 As Leo C. Humbert, #3905, received U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Wash., from Fort DeRussy, H.T., crime forgery, etc., sentence four years.
- 1927, Aug. 8 As Leo P. Humbert, #-, inquiry made PD Pomona, Calif.,
"This man was shot by one Robert Lester in Pomona, Calif., no further date furnished."
- 1928, Mar. 26 As Lee O'Dare, # - , arrested PD Selma, Alabama, charge theft of auto; held for Kansas City, "O'Dare was turned over to Sheriff of Marianna, Fla., for larceny of auto tag. Also wanted in Kansas City, Mo. for auto theft but wouldn't send for him."
- 1928, Aug. 13 As Robert O'Hara, #2117, arrested PD Louisville, Ky., charge grand larceny - converting property; disposition not given.
- 1928, Oct. 23 As Robert O'Hara, #5958, received State Prison, Eddyville, Ky., from Jefferson Co., crime obtaining goods by false pretenses; sentence one year.
"As Leo Humford, # -, arrested SO St. Cloud, Minn., charge bank robbery; disposition not given."
"Arrested Chicago, Ill., no further data."
"Federal Prison, McNeil Island, Washington."

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING - ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

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Charge

Disposition of case.

Residence

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Marks and Scars

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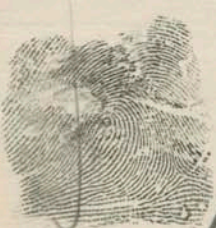




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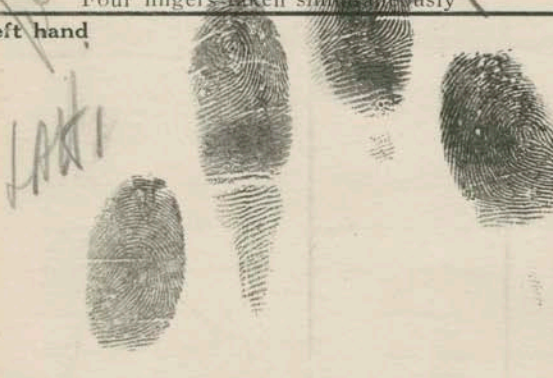
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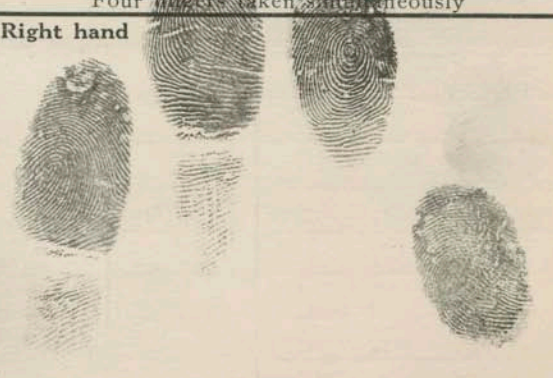


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Circular # 171

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

WANTED
For Jail Breaking and Bank Robbery
\$200 Reward for Each



JOHN F. WILLIAMS
alias **JOE FRANCIS HENDRICKS**

Age 27 Eyes Dark Gray
Hgt. 5-9 Hair Black
Wgt. 135 Medium Build
Complexion Dark

Finger Print 1 A3a
 18 aAa 1



LEO HUMBERT
alias **LEO HUMFORD**

Age 28 Slender Build
Hgt. 5-8½ Eyes Dark Gray
Wgt. 150 Complexion Dark

Finger Print 11 R 00 15
 18 R 0 14

John F. Williams alias Joe Francis Hendricks and Leo Humbert escaped from the Stearns County Jail sometime after midnight October 12, 1929.

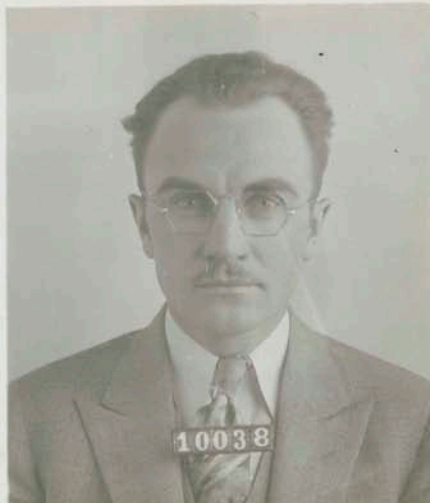
Williams alias Hendricks is a very dangerous character. Take no chances with him.

Police officers are requested to make special effort to be on the lookout for these men. If apprehended

NOTIFY
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION
State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING - ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

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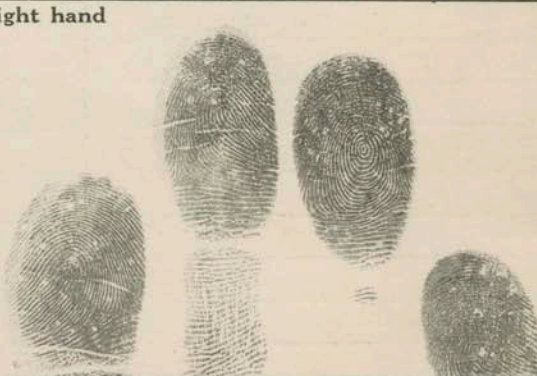
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Alias Robert O'Hara

No. 10038 Color White Sex Male

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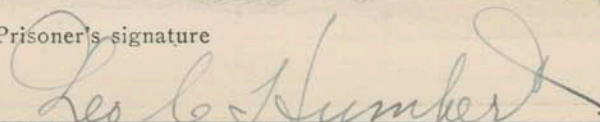
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United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 11, 1938

The following is a transcript of the complete record appearing in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning number FBI 179760, which number should be quoted in future correspondence including any dispositions submitted.

9770 J. E. Hoover

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director.

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SP, Eddyville, Ky.	Robert O'Hara, #5958	10-23-28	obtaining goods under false pret.	1 yr.
St. Bu., St. Paul, Minn. #--	Leo Humford, #--, 30, St. Cloud, Minn.	9-19-29	bank robbery	
St. Pr., Stillwater, Minn.	Leo C. Humbert, #10038	12-26-29	bank robbery	life
St. Pr., Stillwater, Minn.	Leo C. Humbert, #10038	returned 2-6-38	parole violator	

*Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints in F. B. I. files.

For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.



Date of Arrest	12-26-29		
Place of Arrest	Stearns County		
Charge	Bank Robbery		
Disp.	Life		
Birth Place	Minnesota		
Date of Birth	1901	Age	42 (1943)
Height	5-8 3/4	Weight	150
Hair	Dk. Cht.	Eyes	Blue
Build	Slender	Comp.	Med. dk.
Occupation	Clerk		
Scars & Marks			

Case History

PHOTO TAKEN: 1943

DECEASED

Date of Release from Inst. 4-17-43

Type of Release

Released on parole

F.P.C.

Residence

Mpls., Minn.

Name _____

HUMBERT, LEO C.

RO-3

Bank Robbery

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1901

No.

R9770

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May 1st, 1956

Frank A. Sojat
District Supervisor
Bureau of Narcotics
204 US Court House
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Sojat:

At the request of Agent Caswell, I am enclosing herewith a photograph of Leo C. HUMBERT, BCA #9770. The photograph is not a recent one, having appeared on a circular in 1929.

With assurance of our desire to co-operate with you at all times, I am

Yours very truly,

Enc.-1
JDD:sd

ROY T. NOONAN
Superintendent



[Leo Humbert]

R 9970.

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9-18-67

any inquiries
on this subj.

notify FBI

Immediately

29770 - Deceased

Date 10-16-67

Superintendent
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

The following is additional record in a case on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension:

BCA Number, FBI Number, or Both (if known) BCA 9770

Name, Aliases, and Number Humbert, Leo Christopher #20741

16 O 11 R OOM 16

Fingerprint Classification L 18 R OII 11

Date of Arrest 10-14-67

Charge Hold-U.S.Marshal

Date of Disposition 10-19-67

Disposition Released to U.S.Marshal to Hennepin County General

Hospital - 10-22-67 Deceased

(Note: This form is to be submitted to report dispositions of cases in which prints have been forwarded previously, but the disposition was not included. Be sure that the name, number, date of arrest, etc., corresponds with the information shown on the fingerprint card.)

Very truly yours, _____

Official _____

Dept. _____

City _____ State _____

HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF
MPLS. MINN.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION
1246 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, ST. PAUL 4, MINNESOTA

Record from HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF MPLS., MINN. (Address)

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Date of Arrest 10-14-67
Place of Arrest Golden Valley Hennepin
City County
Charge Hold-U.S.Marshal
Disposition _____
Date received at Institution _____
Residence 3100-39th.Ave.N.E., Mpls.
Place of Birth New Munich, Minn.
Nationality _____
Occupation Engineer
Age 66 Date of Birth 3-7-01
Height 5'9" Weight 160
Hair Brn. Eyes Blue
Comp. Fair Build Stocky
Scars & Marks Appendix Scar

PREVIOUS RECORD



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Name Humbert, Leo Christopher

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Alias

Reference

No. 20741 Color White Sex Male

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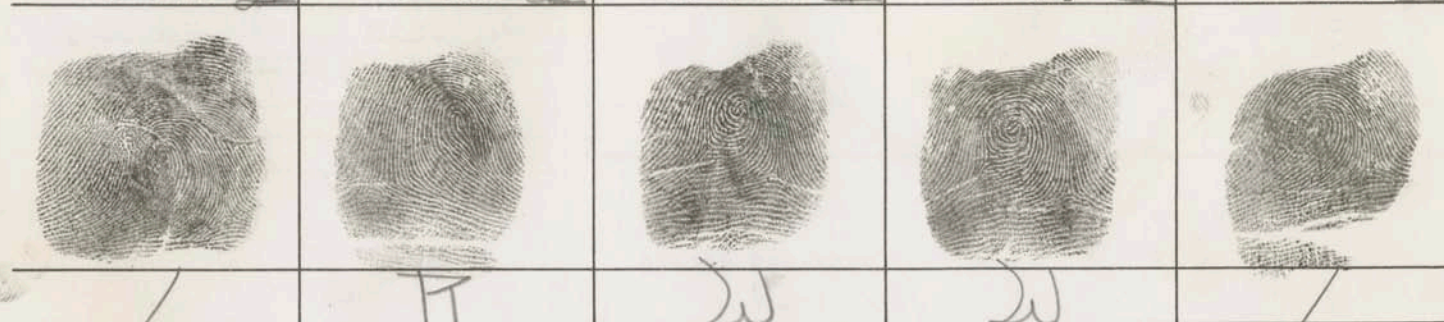
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LEFT HAND

6. Thumb 21 7. Index 21 8. Middle I 9. Ring I 10. Little 11



Impressions taken by:

Note Amputations

Signature of Person Fingerprinted:

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Date:

None

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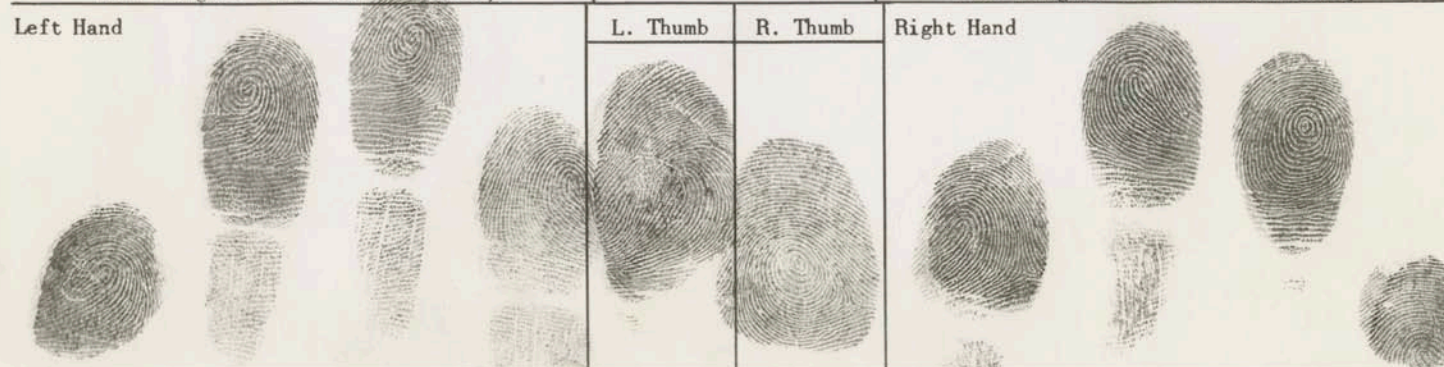
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R. Thumb

Right Hand



Suspect Faced Same Charges 38 Years Ago

By LEWIS PATTERSON
Staff Writer

History will repeat itself Thursday when Leo C. Humbert, 66, appears before U.S. Commissioner Bernard G. Zimpfer in Minneapolis for a preliminary hearing on charges of robbing two banks.

Thirty-eight years ago this month Humbert was given a preliminary hearing on two bank robbery charges — the same bank within a period of 5 weeks — a matter that ended with a life sentence from which Humbert was paroled.

The present charges against Humbert concern the \$3,700 armed robbery of the State Bank of Grey Eagle, Minn. Sept. 18 and the \$8,825 robbery of the Loretto, Minn. State Bank May 12.

IN 1929 HUMBERT, then 29, robbed the Meire Grove bank near St. Cloud of \$800 on Sept. 12. He fled to Minneapolis and was traced by police to a Minneapolis hotel. Humbert was gone when they got there but he left behind a pair of shoes he had forgotten.

The hotel a few days later received a letter from Humbert asking that his shoes be mailed to him at a Chicago address. Humbert got his shoes but they were accompanied by a police lieutenant. Humbert was taken to the then new "escape proof" Stearns County jail.

On Oct. 12, 1929, Humbert escaped along with John Williams, alias Joe Hendricks, who was in custody for the robbery of the St. Michael, Minn. bank in August. Four days later they joined forces to rob the Meire Grove bank of \$150, the same bank Humbert had robbed five weeks earlier.

WHEN THEY WERE captured in a swamp near New London several hours later, Humbert said he went back to the same bank for "revenge" because a clerk had identified him after the first holdup. Humbert, who recently lived at 3011 39th Ave. NE., St. Anthony, then lived in New Munich.

When Humbert was returned to the Stearns County jail, after the second 1929 holdup, Earl Foley, state bank inspector, was present, having just inspected the jail.

"I'll bet you can't make a second break from this jail," Foley said.

"Give me 30 minutes in the corridor and I'll take that bet," Humbert said. Foley turned down the offer. (There is no relationship between Earl Foley and Patrick J. Foley, U.S. District Attorney, who will prosecute Humbert.)

Humbert is held in the jail section of the U.S. marshal's office in the Minneapolis Federal Building. He has asked to be taken to a doctor, claiming illness. Instead, a doctor was brought to Humbert.

HUMBERT WAS arrested in Denver five days after the Grey Eagle bank robbery by FBI agents, who haven't said whether Humbert sent for a pair of shoes.

Humbert was sent to Stillwater prison in 1929 for the New Meire bank robberies, was paroled eight years later but was back in a few months for parole violation. He was paroled again in 1943 and record checks thus far indicate he has been free since then.

Humbert first went to prison in 1921, a 4-year sentence to McNeil Island federal prison for forgery. In 1929 he served several months in Kentucky for embezzlement.

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LEO C. HUMBERT BURIED—

10-26-67

'Double Life' Mystery Lingers

Leo C. Humbert, the dapper salesman and bank bandit, was buried today in Sunset Memorial Park, but the mystery of his life lingers for two women, business associates and authorities.

Mrs. Amanda Humbert, 3100 39th Ave. NE., St. Anthony, remembers him as her husband of 23 years and the father of a teen-age daughter. She also remembers him as a man who traveled a lot but attended services with her at Victory Lutheran Church, 4301 Thomas Ave. N., Minneapolis, when he was home.

A young stripper under the name of Tracy King, now residing and working in Denver, said she and Humbert, 66, were married last May in Albuquerque, N.M. They met at the Gay 90s on Hennepin Avenue, where Humbert, who enjoyed watching strip shows, went regularly to see Tracy King perform and to buy her dinners.

AUTHORITIES remember Humbert as the man convicted of robbing the Meire Grove, Minn., bank near St. Cloud twice in five weeks in 1929 and sent to Stillwater Prison. And as the man captured in

Denver and awaiting trial for robberies of the State Bank of Grey Eagle, Minn. (\$3,700) Sept. 18 and the State Bank of Loretto in Hennepin County (\$8,825) on May 12.

Business associates recall him as the tall, well-dressed salesman who made as much as \$45,000 a year and who was listed in the World Who's Who in Commerce and Industry.

His biography in the 1966 edition of that publication lists Humbert's wife as deceased, says Humbert received a civil engineering degree from the University of Hawaii in 1925 and a Ph.D. degree from Duke University in 1927. It also says he rose to the rank of colonel in the Army where he served from the 1920s until 1943.

BUT RELATIVES in Stearns County said as they recall Humbert did not finish high school at New Munich where he grew up. And records at Stillwater prison say Humbert served in the Army Quartermaster Corps only from 1918 to 1920, that in 1921 he was sent to McNeil Island Federal Prison on a four-year sentence for forgery, that he served nine months in Kentucky in 1929 for embezzlement, then robbed the Meire Grove bank, was captured and jailed in Stearns County but escaped to rob the same bank again.

Executives at King Manu-

facturing Co. in Flint, Mich. recall that Humbert was a top salesman covering 12 states from Wisconsin to Utah but that in later years he failed to tend to business and by the time he left King, makers of sewer and septic tank cleaners, in 1963 they were happy to see him go.

Humbert died Sunday in Hennepin County Jail where he told authorities he was a diabetic and took insulin. He was found in a coma shortly before he was to appear for a preliminary hearing on two bank robbery charges. Insulin shock was suspected but an autopsy failed to show cause of death and results of brain and other tests are awaited.

Services were held today in Victory Lutheran Church where Humbert was a member.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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