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GILLIS, LESTER  
NELSON, GEORGE  
"BABY FACE NELSON"  
GILLIS, ALLEN  
GILLIS, LESTER  
"BIG GEORGE NELSON"  
"JIMMIE"

DEAD

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name Lester Gillis

Order Geo Nelson

Remarks Baby fac.

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Order Finished \_\_\_\_\_

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Reorder \_\_\_\_\_

Gillis, Lester @  
Geo. Nelson @  
Baby Face Nelson

Film #849

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Lester Gillis  
@ George Nelson  
@ Baby Face Nelson

R 36862

N.G. As Lester Gillis      March 17, 1927, Probation 1 yr. Burglary.  
Judge Heller, Larson and Co., 23rd Dist.

As George Nelson      July 9, 1931, Joliet Pen. #5437, Robbery  
verdict armed, Judge Prystalski

As George Nelson      July 9, 1931 Stricken off, Robbery, Judge  
Prystalski  
Escaped from Joliet Pen. Feb. 17, 1932,  
Wanted Murphy and Connors, Parole office.  
Also by Offs. Healy, Brisson and Mc Namara, D.B.

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
488 WABASHA STREET  
ST. PAUL 2, MINNESOTA



This is an "excerpt from the criminal record  
of Baby Face Nelson"

NAME--GEORGE NELSON  
ALIAS--BABY FACE

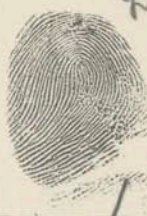
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CLASSIFICATION

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CIRCULAR NO. 22 ISSUED JUNE 3, 1933

1. RIGHT THUMB 2. R. FORE FINGER 3. R. MIDDLE FINGER 4. R. RING FINGER 5. R. LITTLE FINGER



6. LEFT THUMB 7. L. FORE FINGER 8. L. MIDDLE FINGER 9. L. RING FINGER 10. L. LITTLE FINGER



W A N T E D !

GEORGE NELSON, this Bureau #5143, escaped from guard, February 17, 1932, as he was being returned from trial to the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet.

DESCRIPTION: Age 24. Ht. 5'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Wt. 133. Eyes yel. and gr. slt. Hair ch. lt. Complexion light.

NOTIFY: Col. F. D. Whipp, Warden Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, or this Bureau.

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
488 WABASHA STREET  
ST. PAUL 2, MINNESOTA

GEORGE NELSON, STATE BUREAU #5143

ILLINOIS STATE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION  
T. P. SULLIVAN, SUPT. SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS





# STATE OF MINNESOTA, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

ROOM 22 STATE OFFICE BUILDING - ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Record from B. of I. (Address) Springfield, Ill.  
On the above line please state whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or County Jail



HERE

Received from \_\_\_\_\_ County

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Charge \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Hair \_\_\_\_\_

Build \_\_\_\_\_ Eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Complexion \_\_\_\_\_

Marks and Scars \_\_\_\_\_

Paroled \_\_\_\_\_

Discharged \_\_\_\_\_

## CRIMINAL HISTORY

### BANK ROBBER

#### GEORGE NELSON (28)

George "Baby Face" Nelson, 25 years old; 133 pounds; light chestnut hair; yellow and gray slate eyes; 5 feet, 4 3/4 inches; escaped from Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Feb. 17, 1932.

F. P. C. 5 R O 16  
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If apprehended, hold and notify Superintendent, Illinois State Bureau of Identification and Investigation, Springfield, Ill.

N. P. O., Dec., 1933.



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Duplicate  
Leave This Space BlankName . NELSON, GEORGE  
Alias "Baby Face"

Classification 5 R O 16

Ref. 19 W O

No. Color Sex

|                |                    |                     |                   |                      |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 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 |

Four fingers taken simultaneously  
Left hand

Amputations

Four fingers taken simultaneously  
Right hand

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Left Thumb | Right Thumb |
|------------|-------------|

Classified by  
Verified by  
Searched by

Prisoner's signature

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BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
488 WABASHA STREET  
ST. PAUL 2, MINNESOTA

Bureau of  
Criminal Apprehension  
State of Minnesota  
State Capitol - St. Paul, Minn.  
2-20-34

Name **Lester Gillis**

Alias **Geo. Nelson**

Alias **Baby Face Nelson**

Age **22 (1934)** Eyes

Height **5' 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "** Comp.

Weight Build

Hair Born

Crime **Bank Robber-Chicago, Ill.**

Place

Marks & Scars

F. P. Class **5 R a 15**

**19 W a**



## BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

STATE OFFICE BLDG

ST. PAUL, MINN.



NAME

*Lester Gillis*

ALIAS

*Sio Nilsson*

ALIAS

*Baby face Nelson*

CRIME

AGE

*25 - 1934*

HEIGHT

*5' - 4 3/4*

WEIGHT

*133*

COMP.

*Light*

EYES

*Yell-gray - slate*

HAIR

*Light brown*

BUILD

*Med.*

SCARS

P. C.

*Oct 23, 1933 - Wanted for the Braumard bank robbery.*

Lester Gillis  
Geo Niborn R 36862  
Baby Face Niborn

F. P. FORMULA

REF.

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R a  
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15 MALE

RIGHT HAND

1. RIGHT THUMB



2. R. FORE FINGER



3. R. MIDDLE FINGER



4. R. RING FINGER



5. R. LITTLE FINGER



LEFT HAND

6. LEFT THUMB



7. L. FORE FINGER



8. L. MIDDLE FINGER



9. L. RING FINGER



10. L. LITTLE FINGER



LEFT HAND

PLAIN IMPRESSIONS OF THE FOUR FINGERS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY



RIGHT HAND

PLAIN IMPRESSIONS OF THE FOUR FINGERS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY



IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
Department of Police  
CHICAGO

Impressions taken by

Classified at

Tested at

Date

Date

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# STATE OF MINNESOTA, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING - ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Record from Bureau Criminal Ident & Inval. (Address) State Illinois  
On the above line please state whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or County Jail



GEORGE NELSON

Received from.....County

Date received Nov 1933

Charge .....

Sentence .....

Place of birth.....

Nationality .....

Age 24 - Height 5 4 3/4

Weight 133 Hair Li chur

Build ..... Eyes yel gray slate

Complexion .....

Marks and Scars.....

Paroled .....

Discharged .....

## CRIMINAL HISTORY

Bank Robber. Ill state Pen 5437 Wanted





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Name George Nelson

Alias Baby Face

No. .... Color ..... Sex .....

Classification 5 Ra O 16

Ref. 17 Wa O 15

Ref 13 Pa

### 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

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Four fingers taken simultaneously

Left hand

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Four fingers taken simultaneously

Right hand

| Left Thumb  | Right Thumb  |
|---|--|
| <p>1. <i>Handwritten notes for Left Thumb</i></p> | <p>1. <i>Handwritten notes for Right Thumb</i></p> |

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

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

Searched by \_\_\_\_\_

Prisoner's signature

EDWARD J. KELLY  
MAYORJAMES P. ALLMAN  
COMMISSIONER**CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT**OFFICE OF THE  
**BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION**1121 S. STATE STREET  
CHICAGOFebruary 16th, 1934. 19

Record of Lester Gillis

N.G. Lester Gillis - March 17, 1927, Probation 1 yr. Burglary, Judge Heller. Larson and Co., 23rd Dist.  
 As George Nelson - July 9, 1931, Joliet Pen. #5437, Robbery verdict armed. Judge Prystalski.  
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ROH

  
Chief Identification Inspector



Division of Investigation

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

February 27, 1934.

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

542742.

J. E. HOOVER, *Director*.

| Contributor<br>of Fingerprints | Name and Number  | Arrested<br>or Received | Charge        | Disposition               |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| SP, Joliet, Ill.               | George Nelson,<br>#5437  | 7-17-31                 | robbery, etc. | 1 yr. to<br>life; escaped |
|                                | WANTED: As George Nelson, #5437, SP, Joliet, Ill., escaped 2-17-32. Notify SP, Joliet, Ill. STILL WANTED, per inf. recd. 8-13-33. Also notify St. Bu., Springfield, Ill. STILL WANTED, per inf. recd. 11-1-33. |                         |               |                           |
|                                | This subject to be published as a fugitive in the monthly bulletin for March 1934, issued by this Division.  |                         |               |                           |
|                                | WANTED: As George Nelson, bank robberies and escape. Notify PD, Chicago, Ill., per letter dated 12-29-33.  |                         |               |                           |

\* Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints

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



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

March 26, 1934

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

542742.

*J. E. Hoover*

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

| Contributor of Fingerprints | Name and Number   | Arrested or Received | Charge        | Disposition                 |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| SP, Joliet, Ill.            | George Nelson,<br>#5437   | 7-17-31              | robbery, etc. | 1 yr. to life -<br>escaped. |
|                             | WANTED, as George Nelson, #5437, Ill. St. Pen., escaped 2-17-32, robbery 1st degree. Notify Warden, SP, Joliet, Ill., per inf. rec. therefrom 2-23-32 & St. Bu., Springfield, Ill., per inf. rec. therefrom 6-13-32. STILL WANTED, per inf. rec. St. Bu., Springfield, Ill., 11-1-32.<br>WANTED, as George Nelson (#5437 Ill. SP), bank robberies & escape. Notify PD, Chicago, Ill.<br>WANTED, as George Nelson for bank robbery, (poss. ident). Notify SO, Brainard, Minn. and St. Bu., St. Paul, Minn., per inf. rec. 2-19-34.<br>WANTED, as per inf. rec. Bu. of Crim. App., St. Paul, Minn., 3-23-34.<br><br>This person was published as a fugitive in the monthly bulletin for March, 1934, issued by this Division. |                      |               |                             |

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# WANTED



## LESTER M. GILLIS,

aliases GEORGE NELSON, "BABY FACE" NELSON, ALEX GILLIS, LESTER GILES,  
"BIG GEORGE" NELSON, "JIMMIE", "JIMMY" WILLIAMS.

On June 23, 1934, HOMER S. CUMMINGS, Attorney General of the United States, under the authority vested in him by an Act of Congress approved June 6, 1934, offered a reward of

# \$5,000.00

for the capture of Lester M. Gillis or a reward of

# \$2,500.00

for information leading to the arrest of Lester M. Gillis.

### DESCRIPTION

Age, 25 years; Height, 5 feet 4-3/4 inches; Weight, 133 pounds; Build, medium; Eyes, yellow and grey slate; Hair, light chestnut; Complexion, light; Occupation, oiler.

All claims to any of the aforesaid rewards and all questions and disputes that may arise as among claimants to the foregoing rewards shall be passed upon by the Attorney General and his decisions shall be final and conclusive. The right is reserved to divide and allocate portions of any of said rewards as between several claimants. No part of the aforesaid rewards shall be paid to any official or employee of the Department of Justice.

If you are in possession of any information concerning the whereabouts of Lester M. Gillis, communicate immediately by telephone or telegraph collect to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, the local offices of which are set forth on the reverse side of this notice.

The apprehension of Lester M. Gillis is sought in connection with the murder of Special Agent W. C. Baum of the Division of Investigation near Rhinelander, Wisconsin on April 23, 1934.

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
488 WABASHA STREET  
ST. PAUL 2, MINNESOTA

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 25, 1934



# WANTED



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,

Located at: Building Tel. No.  
BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, 320 Federal 7-1755  
BOSTON, Massachusetts, 1002  
Post Office & Court House Liberty 5600  
BUFFALO, N.Y., 612 Marine Trust Cleveland 2030  
BUTTE, Montana, 302 Federal 2-4734  
CHARLOTTE, N.C., 1806 1st Nat'l Bk. 3-4127  
CHICAGO, Ill., 1900 Bankers' Randolph 6226  
CINCINNATI, Ohio, 426 U. S.  
Custom House & P. O. Main 6720  
DALLAS, Texas, Post Office 2-3866  
DENVER, Colo., 422 Midland Savings Main 6241  
DETROIT, Mich., 907 Federal Cadillac 2835  
EL PASO, Texas, 1331 1st Nat'l Bk. Main 501  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., 506  
Fletcher Savings & Trust Riley 5416  
JACKSONVILLE, Florida, 412 U. S.  
Court House & P. O. 3-2780  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., 1616 Fed. Res. Bk. Victor 3113  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., 501 Rector Office 6734  
LOS ANGELES, Calif., 617 Fed. Mutual 2201  
NASHVILLE, Tenn., 508 Medical Arts 6-6771  
NEW ORLEANS, La., 326½ P. O. Raymond 1965  
NEW YORK, N. Y., 370 Lexington  
Avenue, Room 1403 Caledonia 5-8691  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., 224 Federal 2-8204  
OMAHA, Nebr., 629 1st Nat'l Bk. Atlantic 8644  
PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania,  
735 Phila. Saving Fund Walnut 2213  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., 1206 Law & Finance Grant 2727  
PORTLAND, Ore., 411 U. S. Ct. House Atwater 6171  
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, 503-A  
U. S. Court House & P. O. Wasatch 3980  
SAN ANTONIO, Texas,  
1216 Smith-Young Tower Fannin 8052  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., 318 Hewes Exbrook 0818  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
801 Title Guaranty Central 1650  
ST. PAUL, Minn., 232 P. O. Garfield 7509  
WASHINGTON, D.C., Hurley-Wright National 0185

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

December 4, 1934.

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APPREHENSION ORDER  
No. 1223-325

Dear Sir:

IN RE: LESTER M. GILLIS, with aliases,  
GEORGE NELSON, BABY FACE NELSON,  
ALEX GILLIS, LESTER GILES, "BIG  
GEORGE" NELSON, "JIMMIE".

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Identification Order No. 1223 on the above named  
subject is hereby cancelled, inasmuch as he was killed at  
Barrington, Illinois on November 27, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.



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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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| BIRMINGHAM, Alabama,  | 320 Federal         | 7-1755           |
| BOSTON, Massachusetts,  | 1002                |                  |
| Post Office & Court House   | Liberty             | 5600             |
| BUFFALO, N.Y.,  | 612 Marine Trust    | Cleveland 2030   |
| BUTTE, Montana,   | 302 Federal         | 2-4734           |
| CHARLOTTE, N. C.,   | 234 Federal         | 3-4127           |
| CHICAGO, Ill.,  | 1900 Bankers'       | Randolph 6226    |
| CINCINNATI, Ohio,   | 426 U. S.           |                  |
| Custom House & P. O.  |                     | Main 6720        |
| DALLAS, Texas,  | Post Office         | 2-3866           |
| DENVER, Colo.,  | 422 Midland Savings | Main 6241        |
| DETROIT, Mich.,   | 907 Federal         | Cadillac 2835    |
| EL PASO, Texas,   | 1331 1st Nat'l Bk.  | Main 501         |
| INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.,   | 506                 |                  |
| Fletcher Savings & Trust  |                     | Riley 5416       |
| JACKSONVILLE, Florida,  | 412 U. S.           |                  |
| Court House & P. O.   |                     | 3-2780           |
| KANSAS CITY, Mo.,   | 1616 Fed. Res. Bk.  | Victor 3113      |
| LITTLE ROCK, Ark.,  | 500 Rector Office   | 6734             |
| LOS ANGELES, Calif.,  | 617 Fed.            | Mutual 2201      |
| NASHVILLE, Tenn.,   | 508 Medical Arts    | 6-6771           |
| NEW ORLEANS, La.,   | 326½ P. O.          | Raymond 1965     |
| NEW YORK, N. Y.,  | 370 Lexington       |                  |
| Avenue, Room 1403   |                     | Caledonia 5-8691 |
| OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.,   | 224 Federal         | 2-8204           |
| OMAHA, Nebr.,   | 629 1st Nat'l Bk.   | Atlantic 8644    |
| PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania,   |                     |                  |
| 735 Phila. Saving Fund  |                     | Walnut 2213      |
| PITTSBURGH, Pa.,  | 1206 Law & Finance  | Grant 2727       |
| PORTLAND, Ore.,   | 411 U.S.Ct. House   | Atwater 6171     |
| SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,   | 503-A               |                  |
| U. S. Court House & P. O.   |                     | Wasatch 3980     |
| SAN ANTONIO, Texas,   |                     |                  |
| 1216 Smith-Young Tower  |                     | Fannin 8052      |
| SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.,  | 405 P.O.            | Hemlock 4400     |
| ST. LOUIS, Missouri,  |                     |                  |
| 801 Title Guaranty  |                     | Central 1650     |
| ST. PAUL, Minn.,  | 232 P. O.           | Garfield 7509    |
| WASHINGTON, D.C.,   | 5747 Justice        | National 7117    |

Myron Schuegger

borrowed criminal data

11-29-57      SD

"Baby Face" Nelson PB6862