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May 5th, 1954

R22568

Victor Gilbertson, Sheriff
Ellsworth, Wisconsin

Dear Sheriff:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this date, I am enclosing herewith a photograph of FRANK PIPAN, BCA #22568, who could be considered as a logical suspect in the burglaries which you reported.

We would appreciate a progress report in the event an identification is made.

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

Yours very truly,

Enc.-1
sd

JOHN J. TIERNEY
Superintendent

STATE OF MINNESOTA

R22568

Office Memorandum •

DEPARTMENT _____

TO : ROY T. NOONAN, SUPT.

DATE: 9-27-55

FROM : IDENT

SUBJECT: CANCELLATION - CASE #59089

FRANK PIPAN ret'd to MSPen.#16126 as PV from Hennepin County, Minnesota, 9-23-55.
AUTH: Movement of Population Report.

sd

POLICE DEPARTMENT

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

No. **K-442 5**

SIGNATURE

Frank Lujan

Present

Address *1407 - 14th Ave No Mpls*

Home

Address

Occupation

Truck Driver

Nationality

Yugoslavian

Birthplace

Yugoslavia

Education

8th



Age **44** Birth Date **3-25-13**

Height **5-10** Eyes **blue**

Weight **184** Hair **brown**

Build **med.** Comp. **med.**

Marks and Scars: **sc. over 2nd j rt. ind f, inner, sc. print lt mid f.**

SS No. **476-2 6-0642**

CRIMINAL RECORD



NAME **Frank Pipan**

ALIAS **Frank Pitan**

ARRESTED **3930-57** 19 BY **D. Johnson, Tasky, Markell**

OFFENSE **Burglary 1st Degree**

DISPOSITION **4-1-57 - Waited Ex. BODC bail \$5000.**











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I 22 R 00I 20

REF:

CLASSIFIED BY:

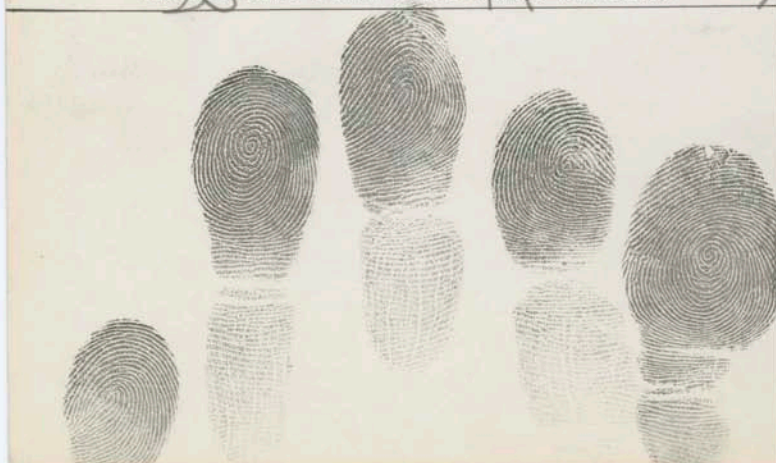
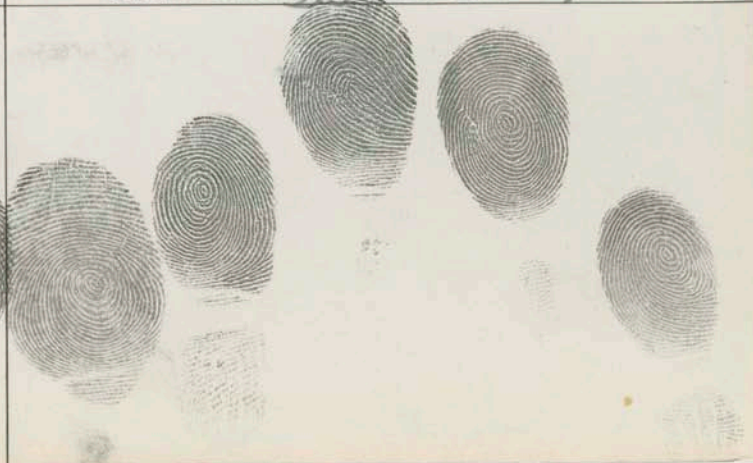
MALE **11111** COLOR **white**

IMPRESSIONS TAKEN **4-1-57** 19 By **R.M. Olbin**

1. RIGHT THUMB	2. RIGHT INDEX	3. RIGHT MIDDLE	4. RIGHT RING	5. RIGHT LITTLE
				
6. LEFT THUMB	7. LEFT INDEX	8. LEFT MIDDLE	9. LEFT RING	10. LEFT LITTLE
				

THUMB AND FOUR LEFT HAND FINGERS

THUMB AND FOUR RIGHT HAND FINGERS

	
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MINNESOTA STATE PRISON, STILLWATER, MINNESOTA



Occupation Truck Driver
Received from St. Louis County
Date received May 16, 1957
Charge Burglary 3rd Degree
Sentence Ind. 0-5 yrs
Place of birth Yugoslavia
Nationality ?
Age 44 Height 5' 10 3/4"
Weight 190 Hair Lt/Brown
Build Muscular Eyes Blue
Complexion Fair
Marks and Scars Cut scars on back of both hands

CRIMINAL HISTORY



R22562

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Duplicate

19 0 29 W IOI 23

I 22 R 00I 20

Name Frank Pipan (TN)

Alias _____

Classification _____

Ref. _____

No. 19461 Color White Sex Male

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

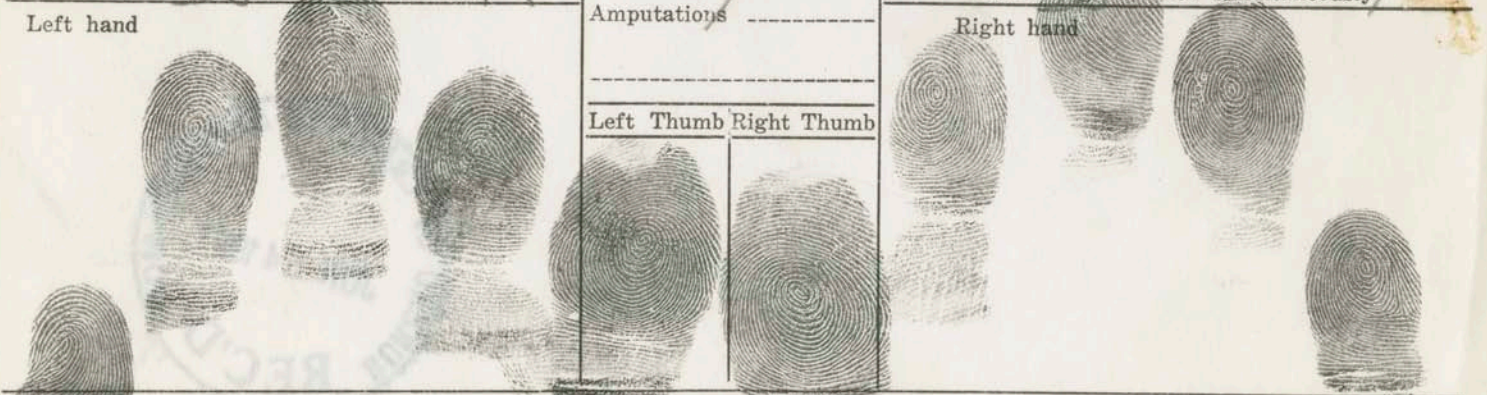
Left hand

Amputations _____

Four fingers taken simultaneously

Right hand

Left Thumb Right Thumb



Classified by _____

Verified by _____

Searched by _____

Prisoners signature

Frank Pipan

PLEASE DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office Memorandum

DEPARTMENT ~~Bureau of Criminal Apprehension~~

TO : Captain Wm. Mahnke

DATE: June 27th, 1961

FROM : E. T. Mattson, Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: Latest Photo of FRANK PIPAN, BCA No. 22568



[Frank Pipan]

Original Photo Do Not
Remove From Record Envelope.

22568

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Record by Elmer D. Carlson

Prints by " " "

Photo by: Stephanie Dec

Classified by " " "

Verified by: " " "

Typed by " " "

Prints sent FBI Wash. D. C.

SO, Foley, Minnesota

PD Mpls., Minnesota

Name FRANK PIPAN

Residence 2804 Girard

City Minneapolis State Minnesota

Age 48 Date of birth 3-25-13

Place of birth Yugoslavia

Height 5-10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Weight 190 lbs

Hair Light brown

Eyes Blue

Build Medium

Comp. "

Scars & Marks knuckle left hand

Case # "

Date of Arrest 11-27-61

By M. C. McGinnis, C. J. Reiter & D. L. Miles

At 28th & Hennepin, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Held for CP, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

Charge Burglary

Disposition TOT PD, Sauk

Rapids, Minn.

Charges subsequently dism.

2-6-62, District Court, Foley,

Alias dism, lack of evidence.

(DISPO - To FBI 4-23-62)

Nickname "

Nationality "

Occupation Truck Driver-Dock Work

Place of employment United Van Bus

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Marital Status "

Teeth "

Peculiarities "

ADMISSIONS:

Military Service: Branch, NONE Date Served _____
Serial Number _____
Arrested with _____
Associates _____
Social Security # 476-26-0642
In case of emergency, Notify: Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____
Remarks: _____

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PERSON BEING
FINGERPRINTED:

WRITE: Do Not Print

Name J. Lopez Date of Birth March 25 1913
Address 2804 Gerard City Mpls State Minn
Nationality Solivian Education High Religion Catholic
Mother's Maiden Name Jenny Living? yes
Father's Name Frank Living? no

STATE OF MINNESOTA, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION
488 WABASHA, ST. PAUL, MINN.

Record from BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

(Address) ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

On the above line please state whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office or Institution.



Date of Arrest 11-27-61

Place of Arrest Minneapolis Hennepin
City County

Charge Burglary

Disposition Held for PD Sauk Rapids,
Minn.

Date received at Institution _____

Residence 2804 Girard, Mpls., Minn.

Place of Birth Yugoslavia

Nationality _____

Occupation Truck Driver-Dock Work

Age 48 Date of Birth 3-25-13

Height 5-10 1/2 Weight 190

Hair Light brown Eyes Blue

Comp. Fair Build Medium

Scars & Marks _____

PREVIOUS RECORD








R22562 Duplicate
Name FRANK PIPAN
Alias FRANK PEPIN

Class. 19 0 29 W IOI 23
I 22 R 00I 20






No. 22568 Color White Sex Male

Reference _____

RIGHT HAND

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<u>W</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>W</u>

LEFT HAND

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<u>W</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>/</u>

Impressions taken by:

E. W. Carlson MBCA

Note Amputations

Signature of Person Fingerprinted:

F. Pipan

Date: 11-28-61

Four Fingers Taken Simultaneously

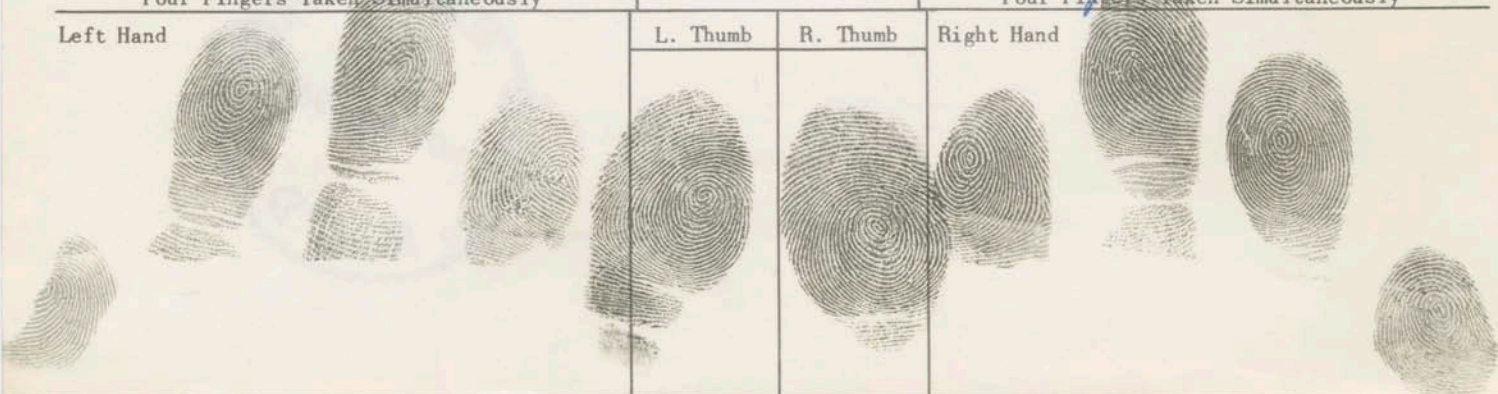
Four Fingers Taken Simultaneously

Left Hand

L. Thumb

R. Thumb

Right Hand





PIPAN, FRANK

R22568

48 (1961) 3-25-13

5-10 $\frac{1}{2}$

190

lt brn hair

blue eyes

med comp

med build

19	O	29	W	IOI	23
	I	22	R	OOI	20

22568

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

9-19-63
(295DEO)

Minn STATE BUREAU

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER **530 996**, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Duluth Minn	Frank Pipan #4425	1-5-32	burg 3rd deg	1-9 32 sent Minn SRef
* SRef St Cloud Minn	Hibbing Minn 1932 Frank Pipan #9783	burg; sent to St Cloud Ref 1-15-32	burg 3rd deg	acc to law 0-5 yrs disch by Bd of Parole 46 mos-disch.
PD Minneapolis Minn	Frank Pipan #28095	7-13-36	vag	30 das floater 7-17-36
St B of CI St Paul Minn	Frank Pipan #22568	11-3-36	burg	10 yrs St Pen
PD St Paul Minn	Frank rupan #26933	11-3-36	burg	11 8-36 turned over to Sheriff Clay Co Minn
SO Moorhead Minn	Frank Pipan #174	11-8-36	G L. 2nd	5 yrs each on 2 cts doubled by Baums Act
SRef St Cloud Minn	Frank Pipan #12895	11-18-36	1. burg 3rd deg & prior conv. 2. burg 3rd deg & prior conv	1. 0-10 yrs 2. 0-10 yrs trans to SP Stillwater Minn
SP Stillwater Minn	Frank Pipan #13423	1-11-37 in trans from Minn Ref	burg 3rd deg	indt paroled 5-21-42 disch from par August 1942
SP Bismarck NDak	Frank Pipan #7976	5-23-42	burg 3rd deg.	3 yrs * disch 11-18-44
SO Fargo NDak	Frank Pipan #1175	5-21-42	1st burg	15 M to 3 yrs SP
AR	Frank Pipan #353440	alien reg 10-11-40		
PD Minneapolis *Minn	Frank Pipan #28095	9-19-45	inv	10-1-45 15 yrs on chg of burg 3rd & 3 priors

Notations indicated by * ARE NOT BASED ON FINGERPRINTS IN FBI files. The notations are based on data formerly furnished this Bureau concerning individuals of the same or similar names or aliases and ARE LISTED ONLY AS INVESTIGATIVE LEADS.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

9-19-63
(295DFO)

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO Minneapolis Minn	Frank Pipan #3658	9-25-45	burg 3rd deg & 3 priors	10-1-45, 0-15 yrs SP
SP Stillwater Minn	Frank Pipan #16126	10-2-45	burg 3rd & (3) P.C.	0-15 yrs (Max) 10-30-50 parole (see notations)
Minn St Bu	Frank Pipan #22568	4-22-51	inv	TOT SO Anoka Minn
PD St Paul Minn	Frank Pipan #26933	4-23-51	susp burg	turned over to Parole Agent
St Pr Stillwater Minn	Frank Pipan #16126	inguiry 5-24-51		
PD Minneapolis Minn	Frank Pipan #28095	7-13-53	invest	Rel. 7/16/53
SP Stillwater Minn	Frank Pipan #16126	Returned 9-23-55	PV, burg 3rd and #3 PC	Max 0-15 yrs 3-1-56
PD Duluth Minn	Frank Pipan Jr. #K-4425	3-30-57	burg 1st deg	see supplement
SP Stillwater Minn	Frank Pipan #19461	5-16-57	burg 3rd degree	1nd 0-5 yrs disch 3-7-61 (on chg or burg 3rd Deg & 1 PC)
PD St Paul Minn	Frank Pipan Jr #26933	11-27-61	Prisoner in transit (susp Burg)	11-28-61 TOT State Crime Bureau
St Bu St Paul Minn	Frank Pipan #22568	11-27-61	burglary	TOT PD Sauk Rapids Minn
PD Mpls Minn	Frank Pipan #28095	5-24-63	burg	dism lack of evidence 2-6-62

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9-19-63
(295DEO)

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is not shown or further explanation of charge is desired, communicate with agency contributing those fingerprints.

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U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE : 1961-O-615915

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

9-19-63
(295DEQ)

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

3 The following FBI record, NUMBER 530 996, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Admits; Ex. Minn. St. Training School from Hibbing, Minn. for runaway from home.			
	Hibbing, Minn., 1923, incorrigible; sent. to Boys Ref. at Red. Wing - returned 5 or 6 times for parole vio.			
	1936, Minneapolis, vag. 7 days jail. (as appears on prt #13423)			
	RWTS, 1923, Incorrigible; 6 yrs Ret 5 times (As on prt) #16126 St Pr Stillwater Minn.)			
	#16126 SP Stillwater Minn, 10-2-45 burg 3rd & 3 PC; viol & ret 5-19-51.; Re-Paroled, 3-16-53, viol & retd 9-22-55, disch 3-1-56.			
	RWTS. Frank Pipan 1923, incorrigible.			
	#K-4425 5-6-57 charge reduced to Burglary 3rd degree. 5 yrs Minn St Pr at Stillwater & 5 yrs as repeat offender to be served consecutively.			
SUPPLEMENT				

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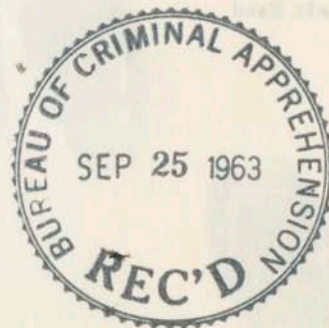
MINNESOTA STATE PRISON, STILLWATER, MINNESOTA



Date received 9/12/63
 County Hennepin
 Offense Burglary 3rd & 5 PC
 Sentence Max 7 Yrs.
 Place of Birth Yugoslavia
 Date of Birth 3/25/13
 Nationality American
 Occupation Truck Driver
 Age 50 Height 5'9 1/2"
 Weight 200 Hair Brn/Bald
 Build Muscular Eyes Blue
 Complexion Fair
 Marks and Scars Cut scars: back both HANDS; tip L middle finger. Oper scar on back

PREVIOUS RECORD

F B I No. 530 996



R22562

Duplicate

19 0 29 W IOI 23
I 22 R OOI 20Name FRANK PIPAN






Class. _____

Alias _____






Reference _____

No. 21802Color WhiteSex Male

RIGHT HAND

27 1. Thumb <u>0-22</u>	2. Index <u>I</u>	3. Middle <u>19</u>	4. Ring <u>I</u>	23 5. Little <u>0-15</u>
				
<u>W</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>W</u>

LEFT HAND

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<u>W</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>/</u>

Impressions taken by:

Note Amputations

Signature of Person Fingerprinted:

Date:

SEP 12 1963

Four Fingers Taken Simultaneously

Four Fingers Taken Simultaneously

Left Hand

L. Thumb

R. Thumb

Right Hand

HTS-10

WT 200



HTS-10

WT 200



Date of Arrest	9-12-63
Place of Arrest	Hennepin County
Charge	Burg 3rd & 5 PC
Disp.	max 7 yrs.
Birthplace	Jugoslavia
Birthdate	3-25-13
Height	5-9
Weight	157 lbs.
Hair	med cht.
Eyes	blue
Build	med
Comp.	fair
Occupation	
Scars & Marks	

PHOTO TAKEN: FEB 1967

REMARKS:

DECEASED

Residence

Name

PIPAN, FRANK

BU-1

Burglary

1931

1913

No.

R22568

22568

March 2d, 1967

Capt. James Pixley
Police Department
Old Shakopee Road & Penn Avenue South
Bloomington, Minnesota 55431

Dear Capt. Pixley:

In compliance with your telephonic request of this date, I am enclosing herewith photograph and record transcript concerning FRANK PIPAN, BCA No. 22568.

With assurance of our desire to be of assistance to you at all times, I am

Yours very truly,

ROY T. NOONAN
Superintendent

Enc.-1 RT
SDec



HT 5'9

WT 200

MINNESOTA STATE PRISON

PIPAN

21802

8 - 8 - 68

FRANK PIPAN # 21802

Discharged by comm 8/8/68

DECEASED

R22568

R-88 (3-10-55)

DEATH NOTICE

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

M.B.C.A

Date 4-12-69

Attention: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Dear Sir:

The following is the record of a death of an individual whose fingerprints are on file in the Identification Division of the FBI:

Name (Last, first, middle)		Date of Death
PIPAN, Frank (NMN)		4-7-69
Aliases		Cause of Death
Sex	FBI Number	Shot and killed by police gun fire after deceased had shot and killed Mpls. Police Officer R. Bergquist, who was Investigating a burglary in progress call.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male	530 996	
<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Other Number	
Agency		
Fingerprint Classification		
Contributor		

SUPERINTENDENT
POLICE DEPARTMENT
29 CITY HALL
MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINN.

Address _____

Name _____

The Name, Number, Agency should be exactly the same as they appear on the fingerprint card in the file of the FBI. In all instances when the FBI# is known it should be indicated. When the FBI# is indicated it is not necessary to indicate the fingerprint classification.

This form can be used by a Law Enforcement Agency when it receives accurate and positive information concerning the death of an individual whose fingerprints are in the file of the FBI. As a general rule in those cases where a Law Enforcement Agency is investigating a death the ten inked impressions should be taken on a regular fingerprint card.

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M. B. G. A.

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Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	FBI Number 530 996	
Agency	Other Number MPD# 28092	
Fingerprint Classification		

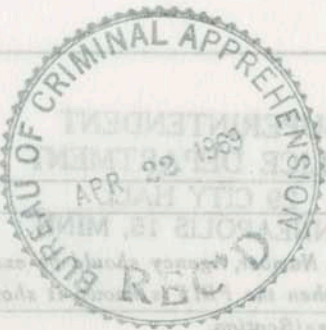
Contributor

Name

Address

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R-88 (3-10-55)

DEATH NOTICE

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Minn. St. Crime
Bureau

Date 6-28-69

Attention: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Dear Sir:

The following is the record of a death of an individual whose fingerprints are on file in the Identification Division of the FBI:

Name (Last, first, middle) <u>PIPAN, FRANK NMN</u>		Date of Death <u>4-7-69</u>
Aliases		Cause of Death Shot & Killed after shooting and killing Mpls Police Officer Richard Bergquist in a Burglary of Business.
Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	FBI Number 530 996 Other Number MPD #28095	
Agency MPLS POLICE DEPT		
Fingerprint Classification 19 0 29 W IOI 25 I 22 R OOI 20		
Contributor Name _____		Address _____

SUPERINTENDENT
POLICE DEPARTMENT
29 CITY HALL
MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINN.

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CLOUDY

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast

Cloudy; continued cool

TEMPERATURES

2 a.m.	67	10 a.m.	56	6 p.m.	57
3 a.m.	67	11 a.m.	56	7 p.m.	56
4 a.m.	65	Noon	55	8 p.m.	55
5 a.m.	64	1 p.m.	53	9 p.m.	51
6 a.m.	64	2 p.m.	53	10 p.m.	49
7 a.m.	61	3 p.m.	54	11 p.m.	47
8 a.m.	58	4 p.m.	54	Midnight	47
9 a.m.	56	5 p.m.	56	1 a.m.	46
		6 p.m.		2 a.m.	47

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Minneapolis Morning Tribune

Vol. LXXIX—No. 119

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1945

Price 3 Cents In Twin Cities Area
5 Cents Elsewhere

Ah, Proximity!

**But When It's a War
Weapon Fuse? Terrific!**

See Washington Memo

Turn to Page 4

POLICE BREAK SAFE CRACKING CASE

Switch Tender Confesses to Nine Burglaries

By WILLIAM SMOLLETT
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

Minneapolis police Wednesday cracked the three-month series of safe-crackings in the city.

A special police squad arrested Frank Pipan, 31, 2737 Chicago avenue, described as "king-pin" of the series of safe burglaries.

Pipan admitted "at least" nine safe jobs to Police Chief Ed Ryan, including burglary of the Chippewa Springs Corp. office at 206 Colfax avenue N., Sept. 11. There the safecracker disappeared while two policemen who had surprised him sought reinforcements.

Pipan was arrested at the Lynedale Junction of the Great Northern railroad, where he is employed as a switch tender.

A 35-year-old friend of Pipan was jailed for investigation.

Ryan said Pipan is known to have visited and been visited by several former convicts during the last week.

Additional arrests are expected to result in solution of other burglaries and safe-crackings not yet admitted by Pipan.

SECOND MAN HELD

Pipan insisted he worked alone on the Chippewa Springs burglary.

Pipan was arrested by Patrolmen W. T. Tripp and L. V. Brucciani, members of a special squad who had been working for days on the burglary investigation under Deputy Inspector Eugene Bernath.

The arrest was the result of patient police work that began Sept. 6, when 15 special squads were organized to combat the series of burglaries.

Every safe job in the past 15 years was listed, with the motive of operation and pattern of performance studied. The various types of burglaries were segregated and listed in chronological order.

KNOWN YEGGS LISTED

Then the squads listed the names and obtained pictures of every known safe robber in this area. Each man's method of operation was studied and compared with burglaries of recent weeks.

Some of the special squads drove private cars. Others used police cars whose white shields were hidden with black paper. The squads were placed under supervision of Detective John Hilborn.

In a half dozen meetings, the squads met behind locked doors at Fifth precinct station and were "briefed" by Chief Ryan, Inspector Joseph Burns, Detective Inspector James Mullen and Inspector Bernath. They were given orders to "shoot to kill."

WORK 18 HOUR DAYS

Later Bernath was secretly taken off his duties as head of the morals squad and he and the squad members began constant surveillance of known suspects. They worked 16 and 18 hours a day, sometimes all night. They checked the exact movements of suspect after suspect.

Tripp and Brucciani, with the

Safe-crackers

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GROUP URGES CUT IN TAXES

25 Billion Slash
Sought in New Plan

By MARR MCGAFFIN
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—A new post-war tax program was presented Wednesday to the joint congressional committee on taxation. It is based mainly on a sharp reduction in federal government expenditures and the future maintenance of a balanced federal budget.

It was prepared by a committee headed by Roswell Magill, former undersecretary of the treasury and Columbia university economist.

Work of the committee was financed by a special grant of funds from the Falk foundation.

The committee emphasizes that the key to hoped-for tax reductions must be the federal government's spending policy. It proposes alternative programs which would reduce federal revenues from the present 47 billion dollar annual total to a figure between 15 billions and 22 billions.

REDUCTIONS RECOMMENDED

Proposals for bringing about these reductions do not differ greatly from those contained in the Twin Cities plan offered a year ago.

The committee estimates it may require three years to make all the adjustments necessary to reach the goal which are outlined.

Immediate reductions recommended include:

- Repeal of the three per cent normal tax on individual incomes
- Repeal of the excess profits tax on corporations.
- Repeal of the capital stock tax and the declared value excess profits tax.
- Gradual reduction, during the transition period, of corporation normal and surtaxes.
- Reduced rates for small corporations.

These reductions would compen-

Tax Plan

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Bears 'n' Stuff

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — (AP) — Earl Bullis, minus his glasses, stepped out into his front yard Wednesday morning, then raced back inside for his gun and blazed away at the "big, black bear." He missed the bear, hit a neighbor's dog, stepped closer to the target—and discovered it was stuffed.



POLICE CHIEF ED RYAN, FRANK PIPAN, DEPUTY INSPECTOR EUGENE BERNATH

Police question confessed safecracker

Police 'Novices' Crack Safe Robbery Epidemic in City

Patrolmen W. T. Tripp and L. V. Brucciani, whose sleuthing Wednesday night was credited with solving at least nine recent Minneapolis burglary-safe-cracking jobs and may lead to solution of others, are comparative novices on the police force.

Tripp, 28, who formerly operated a private patrol service, joined the police department in October, 1942. Three months later he entered the navy, serving 31 months. He was wounded in the Mediterranean and was awarded the purple heart.

He returned to Minneapolis Aug. 25, was assigned to Inspector Eugene Bernath's special squad three days later. He is a son of Traffic Sgt. Claire Tripp.

Brucciani, 25, received a discharge from the navy in 1942 and joined the police force in June, 1943. Working out of Bryant avenue station, he received a com-

mendation last July for his part in arresting two Minneapolis youths who later were convicted of assaulting a St. Paul girl. He is a brother of John Brucciani in the police traffic bureau.

Both officers are married. Tripp lives at 3720 Twenty-eighth avenue S. He has a daughter, Beverly Ann, 11 months. Brucciani lives at 4228 Thirty-ninth avenue S. He has a daughter, Jean Marie, five months.

Police Inspector Eugene Bernath said Wednesday night both Tripp and Brucciani "definitely will be recommended for official commendation and promotion."

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PATROLMEN W. T. TRIPP AND L. V. BRUCCIANI

They "tailed" Pipan seven days before arrest

SHADOWS NIGHT AND DAY

Safecracker's Downfall: 87 Cents---in Stamps!

Stamps, 87 cents worth, were the clue which solved three months of safecrackings running into thousands of dollars.

Failure to dispose of 87 cents worth of 3-cent postage stamps, part of the loot in the Sept. 11 burglary of Chippewa Springs Corp. office, 206 Colfax avenue N., was the slip which put Patrolmen W. T. Tripp and L. V. Brucciani on the trail of Frank Pipan the next day and led to his arrest Wednesday, Police Chief Ed Ryan disclosed Wednesday night.

STAMPS FALL OUT

The morning after the burglary a switch tender was sitting in the shanty at Lyndale Junction of Great Northern railroad perusing a magazine between trains. At intervals he slashed with the magazine at bothersome flies.

On one slash across a desk, a partial sheet of 3-cent stamps fell to the floor. The employee put them in a drawer.

An hour later Tripp and Brucciani stopped at the shanty, and talked with the employee. The conversation turned to the burglary of the preceding night. Tripp and Brucciani told the employee part of the loot included a sheet of stamps. The employee told the patrolmen about the sheet of stamps he had picked from the floor.

TRACED TO PIPAN

They found Pipan had been on duty the night before, determined there was a lull between trains for at least long enough for Pipan to have staged the burglary and decided on a course of action.

The stamps immediately were traced to the Chippewa Springs office. Pipan became the logical suspect.

Tripp and Brucciani picked up his trail at the rooming house where he stayed and until Wed-

nesday, when the suspect was arrested, never left it.

Except for hours when they knew Pipan was in his room, one or the other of the team never let him out of their sight. Sometimes they ate their meals in the same restaurant with him. Once, Tripp sat next to Pipan at a restaurant counter and gave the waitress the same order of ham and eggs as the suspect. When Pipan worked all night tending switches, Tripp was a few hundred feet away watching him.

MINUTES KEPT

The two officers kept minute-to-minute records of every move the suspect made for seven days and nights. They recorded when he went to bed, when he arose, where he ate his meals, how much he paid for them, to whom he talked and even overheard some of the conversations.

Before the suspect "broke" and gave his confession Wednesday, Pipan gave an account of his whereabouts at different times. Tripp tripped him up on several occasions.

He said he ate a 20-cent breakfast last Friday morning.

Tripp looked at his little book and corrected:

"Oh, no, you didn't. You had 75 cents worth of cereal, wheat cakes, ham and eggs, and coffee that morning. I sat right next to you. You were hungry."

Tripp at the time was wearing a jacket stamped in large letters on the back "U. S. NAVY."

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SAFE-CRACKERS

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help of Inspector Bernath, trailed Pipan for seven days after the Chippewa Springs burglary.

They knew that burglary of Gladness Bakeries, 2412 University avenue SE., Aug. 26, was a duplication of a similar burglary there in 1937. At that time Pipan was a suspect.

Day after day the two policemen followed every movement of Pipan. Under Bernath's direction, they checked his bank account. He opened an account in April, and banked moderate sums from April to July.

BUYS \$1,200 CAR

Then his deposits became heavy. He banked large sums in July, August and September. He spent \$1,200 for an automobile in Au-

gust, purchased new tires. When arrested, he had \$60 on his person. Police found \$150 cash in his room at his residence.

Inspector Bernath said Pipan's bank account and sums of money he handled indicated he might be connected with most of the burglaries of recent weeks.

Tripp and Brucciani's investigation led to discovery that a sheet containing 29 3-cent stamps was found in a switch tenders' shanty at Lyndale Junction the morning of Sept. 12. A stenographer at Chippewa Springs office said the stamps looked like ones she had in the company safe at the time of the robbery. Edges of the sheets were torn in the manner that she had torn them, she said.

Valuable tax reports and other records taken from Chippewa Springs office were recovered Wednesday night in weeds near Bassett's creek and Dupont avenue, after Pipan told police he had buried the papers there.

WATCHED HIM 'CASE' JOBS

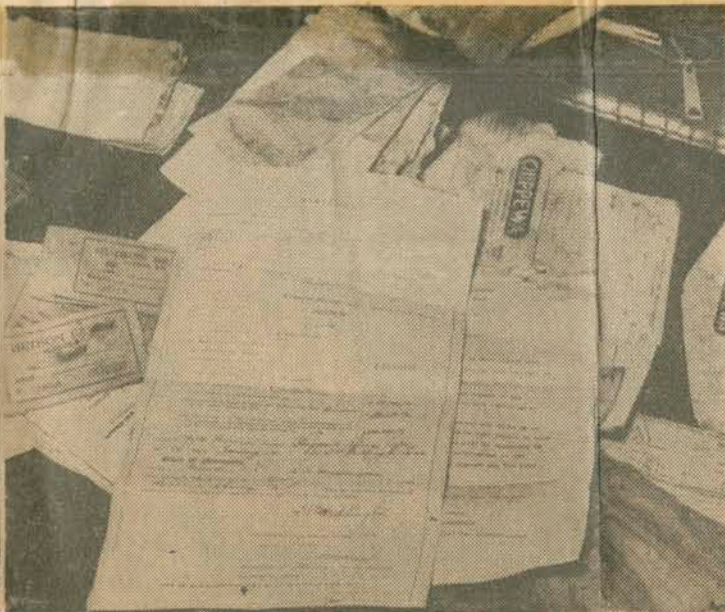
In trailing Pipan, Tripp and Brucciani saw him study plants and buildings on several occasions.

Praising the two patrolmen, Bernath said the officers "practically slept" with the suspect.

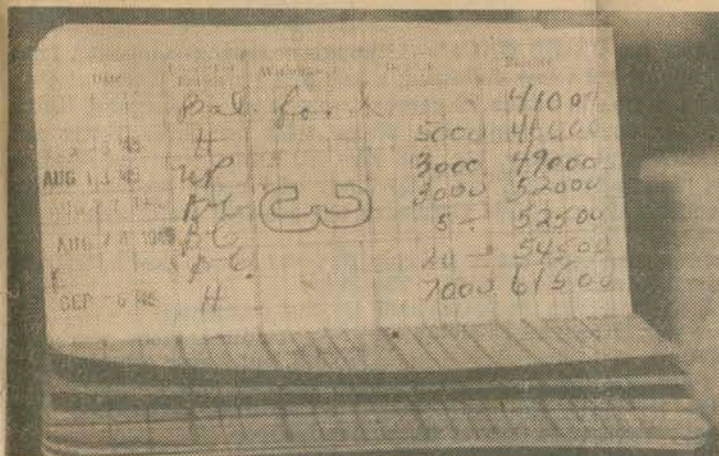
Chief Ryan lauded Bernath for his work in the case. He revealed that Bernath had a single day of appointment as deputy in July.

Ryan also praised the squad members for their careful work on the investigations. "They put out any thought of a he said. "Now we can suits."

Pipan has served Cloud reformatory, in prison and in North prison at Bismarck, N.



CHIPPEWA SPRINGS CORP. BUSINESS PAPERS
Recovered with arrest of Pipan



FRANK PIPAN'S BANK BOOK
Deposits increased in August

PIPAN ADMITS HE CRACKED NINE SAFES, NETTED \$3,916

Police Wednesday night provided Frank Pipan, suspect in more than 30 safe-crackings in the past three months, with a list of all Minneapolis lootings. In the list were names and addresses of the victims, dates and the amount of loot.

From the list Pipan checked with a red pencil the burglaries and safecrackings he admitted perpetrating himself.

They are:

- Aug. 10—Foote Lumber & Coal Co., 2528 University avenue SE., \$308 cash.
- Aug. 15—Brown Ice Cream Co., 1855 E. Lake street, \$1,800 including \$700 cash.
- Aug. 27—Thompson Lumber Co., 917 Washington avenue SE., \$308 cash.
- Aug. 26—Gladness Bakeries, Inc., 2412 University avenue SE., \$1,360, only \$550 of which Pipan admitted getting.
- Aug. 31—Grand Union Tea Co., 307 E. Lake street, \$50.
- Sept. 1—Pure Oil Co., 101 E. Lake street. No loss.
- Sept. 6—Bruer Lumber Co., 2830 Lyndale avenue S., \$300, of which Pipan admits \$100 to \$125.
- Sept. 7—Northern Lumber & Fuel Co., 3939 E. Forty-sixth street. No loss.
- Sept. 11—Chippewa Springs Corp., 206 Colfax avenue N., \$100

Pipan Tells of Chippewa Safe Theft

Frank Pipan, suspected yeggman extraordinary, Wednesday told a detailed story of events the night of Sept. 11 when he escaped a police trap at Chippewa Springs Corp., 206 Colfax avenue N.

Police said Pipan admitted he stayed "calm and collected" about 11:30 p.m. when Patrolmen Audrey Doughty and Joseph Hudak stopped at the office to make an investigation. He said he could see the police through a front window, flashing their lights, then walking around the building.

Pipan said he watched Doughty and Hudak leave and surmised they were going to call reinforcements. He kept on working.

Pipan said he finished rifling the safe, picked up three canvas bags and a strong box containing the loot, jimmied a pin from a back door lock and walked away.

He made his way across Glenwood avenue and paused in some high weeds between Bassett's creek and Northwestern-Hanna

Fuel Co. coalyard, Second and Dupont avenues N., where he checked the contents of bags and box, removing the stamps and money.

He tossed the box with some papers into some weeds where it later was recovered by a Chippewa Springs employee. (Pipan denied he was in the weeds when police reinforcements arrived to investigate the burglary.)

Pipan said he then circled back to the Lyndale Junction shanty of Great Northern railroad, where he is employed as a switch tender, and was there an hour later when police were looking in the vicinity for clues to the burglary. At that time, Pipan admitted, he brushed elbows with several of the police who were searching around the railroad yards.

Burglar Kills Officer, Is Slain as He Flees



Youth, 16, Held; Third Man Sought

By DAVID JORDAN

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A Minneapolis policeman and a burglar were shot to death Monday night in an exchange of gunfire outside a plumbing shop.

The slain policeman was Richard Bergquist, 29, a Juvenile Division officer. He lived at 4851 Bryant Av. N.



Johnson

The other dead man was identified by police as Frank Pipan, 56, Osseo.

Police arrested a 16-year-old youth three blocks from the scene of the shootings a few minutes afterwards. They continued to search last night for a possible third participant in the attempted burglary.

Officers said Bergquist and Pipan were shot after the officer and his partner, Ellsworth Johnson, responded to a call shortly after 9 p.m. from a resident who said that a burglary was in progress at E. W. Bjorlin Plumbing, 3558 Fremont Av. N.

Minneapolis Tribune Photo by Mike Zerby

BODY OF BURGLAR LAY OUTSIDE PLUMBING SHOP

Police said Frank Pipan had shot and killed a policeman, Richard Bergquist.

BERGQUIST'S CAR was the first to the scene. As it pulled up to the curb on 36th Av. N. behind the shop, a man who had been jimmying the back door fired a shot, according to police.

Johnson said the burglar fired "four or five times," with two bullets striking the squad car.

Johnson and officers in two other squad cars, which then arrived, fired at the burglar as he fled on foot west on 36th Av. toward Fremont. He fell to the sidewalk at the corner, near the front door of the shop.

Pipan was dead on the scene. Bergquist died 10 minutes after arrival at North Memorial Hospital, Robbinsdale.

POLICE SAID that when Johnson and Bergquist arrived at the shop, a man fled east on 36th Av.

Bergquist leaped from the car, shouting, "I'll get that one," and Pipan opened fire, Johnson said. Bergquist was hit and fell to the ground a few feet from the squad car in a grassy area behind the shop.

Police found a crowbar next to Pipan's body and a pistol in his hand.

Bergquist joined the Police Department April 20, 1962, and had been a juvenile officer for the past year. He grew up at the home where his parents still live, two blocks from his home.

He is survived by his widow, Sharon Mae, a daughter, 4, and a son, 7.

Police Chief Donald R. Dwyer said Pipan had at least eight convictions for burglary, and had been on parole from Stillwater State Prison since February 1967.

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