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RYAN, FRED
Moore, Robert

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DEAD

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Cap Ryan Fred

(Robert Moore, JAMES MOORE, JAMES LYONS, JAMES NAVARRE

(ASSOC.) MATT CLOCKSIN, MRS RUTH, WIFE MRS. MARY ROCH LYONS (MOORE)
X JACK SULLIVAN, EVA BROWN, JACK KENNEDY
X LEGGS LYNN, Fred Burke

INVOLVED IN KILLING of JAMES BUCKLEY Detroit Rodicannon
in 1930

~~TED~~ PIZZINO, Angelo Livechi, Joe Bonamasito were equated
JONNY Licavoli also indicated

shot & killed by sheriff @ S. Bend, Ind. 1-9-36

Mogual, Mex.

June 19, 1931

Joseph Karaba

Stickup Gas Station

Robert Moore

alias Fred Ryan

*Robert Moore
Fred Ryan*

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
Fargo, North Dakota.

Wanted for Bank Robbery

ROBERT MOORE



Age 35 years.
Height 5 ft. 10 inches.
Weight 165 pounds.
Build, Slender.
Complexion, Ruddy.
Hair, dark brown.
Eyes, brown.

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MARY MOORE



Age 26 years.
Height 5 ft. 5 inches or 6 inches.
Weight 185 pounds.
Build, stout and large.
Hair, blond or light brown.
Good features, attractive looking.

The two above described persons are wanted by the Sheriff of Cass County, at Fargo, North Dakota, for the robbery of the First National Bank of Hunter, North Dakota, on the 3rd day of September, 1932.

Anyone having any information as to the present whereabouts of either of these persons communicate at once with Peter MacArthur, Sheriff, at Fargo, North Dakota, or if arrested, hold and wire collect.

ROBERT MOORE
FARGO, N. DAK.










BANK ROBBER - Item 5

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Robert Moore; 35; 5'10"; 165#; slend.bld. ruddy comp. dark brown hair; brown eyes.
MARY MOORE; 26; 5' 5" or 6"; 185#; stout and large bld. blonde or lt. brown hair; good features; attractive.

The two above described persons are wanted by Sheriff for robbery of a bank in Hunter, N.Dak. on 10-3-32. If apprehended, notify Sheriff Peter MacArthur, Fargo, N. Dak.

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Ryan, Fred
Moore, Robert

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Apprehended Jan 9th 1936 at
So. Bend, Ind. by Sheriff

ROBERT MOORE



Age 35 years.
Height 5 ft. 10 inches.
Weight 165 pounds.
Build, Slender.
Complexion, Ruddy.
Hair, dark brown.
Eyes, brown.

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Identified Jan 9 - 1936

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

Name

Robert Moore

Alias

Fred Ryan

Alias

Age

Eyes

Height

Comp.

Weight

Build

Hair

Born

Wanted at N. Dak. for Bank Rob-
bery and by St. Bureau for Forgery.
Dec. 1935, supposed to be on a
Drinking spree in Twin Cities.

Left index finger amputated.

F. P. Class

STATE OF MINNESOTA, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING - ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Record from Blue Earth Co. Sheriff's Office

(Address) Mankato, Minn.

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



Date of arrest January 11 - 1933

Charge Vag.

Disposition of case 45 days

Residence Detroit Mich.

Place of birth Mich.

Nationality American

Criminal specialty _____

Age 35 Height 5-10

Weight 165 Hair W.B.

Build slender Eyes Brown

Comp. Bundy

Marks and Scars at first joint
left hand -

Sept 3 - 1932

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Wanted for Hunter-M. D. Bank robbery
Also his wife Mrs. Moore and Matt Clocksin
Mrs. Esther Ruk who was with the mob locked
up at Minneapolis on July 22 - 1933

Information as to arrest of Ryan in Mankato was obtained
from Matt Clocksin by Agent Connolly in Minneapolis, July, 1933,
where Clocksin admitted the Bank Robbery implicating Ryan his
wife Mrs. Ruk.







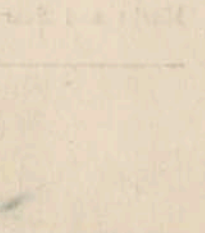



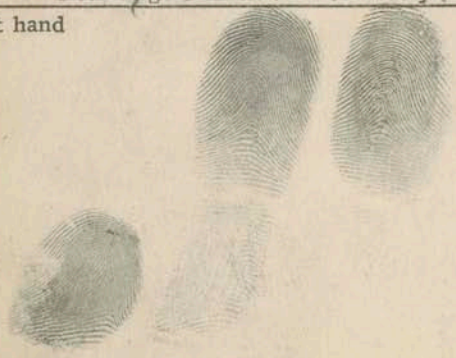

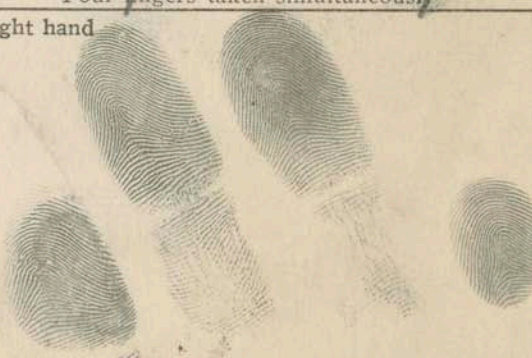


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DEAD
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Name Fred Ryan
Alias Robert Moore
No. Color White Sex Male

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1.—Right Thumb  12	2.—R. Index Finger 	3.—R. Middle Finger  4	4.—R. Ring Finger  2	5.—R. Little Finger  6
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Four fingers taken simultaneously Left hand 		Amputations <u> </u> Left Thumb Right Thumb 		
		Four fingers taken simultaneously Right hand 		

Classified by _____
Verified by _____
Searched by _____

Prisoner's signature
Fred Ryan

Blotter

December 22, 1934

Chief of Police,
Columbus, Ohio.

Not the same woman

Dear Sir:

We will appreciate receiving the fingerprints and photograph of Julia Koven, arrested in your City recently, as this woman under the name of Mary Moore is wanted in this State for Forgery and also wanted in Hunter, North Dakota for Bank Robbery.

Also, please advise if this woman is still being held by your Department.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation in this matter, we are

Very truly yours,

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

M. C. Passolt,
Superintendent.

/F

STATE OF ILLINOIS
HENRY HORNER, GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
GENERAL OFFICE, SPRINGFIELD

A. L. BOWEN, DIRECTOR
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W. C. JONES, SUPERVISOR OF PAROLES

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION
AND INVESTIGATION
T. P. SULLIVAN, SUPERINTENDENT
PAYNE BUILDING, SPRINGFIELD
TELEPHONE, CAPITOL 1400 STATION 721

January 7, 1936.

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Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

Mr. M. C. Passolt,
Superintendent,
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly forward
copy of the photograph and finger prints of
one Robert Moore, alias Fred Ryan, who is
wanted in connection with a bank robbery at
Hunter, North Dakota?

This subject was published
in your Bulletin under date of December 30, 1935,
on page 3.

Thanking you in advance for
the above data, I am

Very truly yours,

T. P. Sullivan
T. P. Sullivan,
Superintendent.

S:K

Office of **SHERIFF**

Bayfield County, Wis.

HARRY A. KENNEDY, Sheriff
HJALMAR FROSTMAN, Under-Sheriff

WASHBURN, WIS., 1/7/35

M. E. Passolt
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Will you please have about 2 doz.
pictures made of our friend Moose and
send to me.

I have you any thing new on this case?
Would appreciate information.

Yours truly
H A Kennedy
Sheriff.

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Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

January 9, 1936

Mr. T. P. Sullivan, Supt.,
Bureau of Investigation,
Payne Building,
Springfield, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 7th, regarding Robert Moore,
alias Fred Ryan.

Robert Moore was shot and killed by the Sheriff of
South Bend, Indiana, this morning, January 9th.

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

Yours very truly,

M. C. Passolt,
Superintendent.

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January 9, 1936

Mr. Harry A. Kennedy, Sheriff,
Bayfield County,
Washburn, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 7th, regarding Robert Moore.

As per our telephone conversation of this morning,
Robert Moore was shot and killed by the Sheriff's
Office at South Bend, Indiana, this morning, Jan-
uary 9th.

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

Yours very truly,

M. C. Passolt,
Superintendent.

/B

January 10, 1936

Mr. Mathew H. Spurgen,
Police Department,
Robbinsdale, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We are returning herewith the forged checks which
our Agent Jensen received from you recently.

Mrs. Mary Moore, wife of Robert Moore, claims that
these checks were written by Robert Moore. Robert
Moore was shot and killed by the Sheriff at South
Bend, Indiana, on January 9th.

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

Yours very truly,

M. C. Passolt,
Superintendent.

By. _____
F. W. Sommer,
Chief Investigator.

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DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
Detective Division
Homicide Squad

January 11, 1936.

From: Sergt. Harry C. Genshaw.

To: Inspector.

Subject: INTERVIEW WITH WILLIAM CARLON, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. HOMICIDE
FILE #2299.

1. About 10 PM January 11, 1936, Officer Edw. Jensen, of St. Paul, and myself went to Minneapolis, Minn., and interviewed William Carlon, 323 1/2 Marquette Ave., as Mary Moore stated her husband had told her William Carlon and a girl named Florence Daley and her husband James left Detroit together in an automobile some time in 1930 and came to Minneapolis.

2. William Carlon operates a small hotel, the Regis Hotel. He stated he had never been in Detroit and had operated this hotel since 1928; also that he does not know any Florence Daley. However, he did admit he knew Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and that, in fact, James had been at his hotel shortly before Christmas. We checked from other people and they claimed Carlon had always been at the hotel since 1928.

Harry C. Genshaw

HARRY C. GENSHAW,
Sergt., DS-60,
Homicide Squad.

LSM (5)

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
Detective Division
Homicide Squad

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January 11, 1936.

From: Sergt. Harry C. Genshaw. JAN 29 1936

To: Inspector. Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

Subject: INTERVIEW WITH MARY MOORE, ALIAS MAY LYONS,
WOMEN'S REFORMATORY, SHAKOPEE, MINN.

HOMICIDE
FILE #2299.

1. The following is a report of my interview with the above named woman at 2:30 PM January 11, 1936. Present- Officer Edw. Jensen, of St. Paul, and Matron Estelle Jamieson.

2. Mary Moore, alias Lyons, is 27 yrs. old; 5 ft. 7½ in.; 165#; fair complexion; reddish hair. She was born July 22, 1908, in Lakeville, Minn. Scholarship- 1 yr. in high school in Lakeville, Minn. Father- William Roche; mother- Emma Roche -- in Lakeville, Minn. Married February 18, 1931, in Hastings, Minn., to James Moore, whose real name is Leon J. Lyons. Has one daughter, Mary, 10 yrs. old, by a former husband named Mollers, who is dead. After being married to Moore lived with her parents about three or four months.

3. They then went to Toledo, Ohio, where James Moore stated he saw Yonnie, whom she claims he knew; but Mary never saw him. Then they came back to St. Paul, Minn., to live and about that time James told her he was involved in the killing of Jerry Buckley; also that a pal of James Moore named Jack Sullivan, 30 yrs.; 5 ft. 2 in.; 125#; slim build; fair complexion., was also involved in the Buckley killing and three Italian boys whom she does not know, although she claims the names of Pete and Angelo were mentioned. She also stated that James was following the Buckley case in the papers and mentioned if they were guilty they would never be convicted.

4. About June 1931 James and I were in Chicago Heights and we gave some man, who looked like an Italian, a ride to Cicero, Ill., and after he got out James said, "That is one of the boys in the Buckley killing" but mentioned no name. He was about 30 yrs.; medium height; stocky build; dark complexion.

5. She stated Sullivan served time in Ohio, so James said, although was not so sure of Ohio and may have been some other State. I only saw Sullivan once, in the Seymore Hotel in St. Paul, Minn.

6. James also told her the night Buckley was killed Sullivan and himself were eating in a restaurant when three men joined them and one said, "Buckley is raising too much hell and ought to be put out of the way"; that Buckley was shaking down racket guys and making his speeches over the radio too openly and James then said, "Tonight is as good a time as any". After the shooting they ran out of the hotel into alley and got into car or maybe a cab, I don't know.

7. James also stated he got one Luger automatic from some one in Hamtramck, no name mentioned. This was before they were married and he brought it to Farmington, Minn., where he worked in restaurant and some one stole it from there late in 1930.

8. Also states Buckley was sitting in lobby of LaSalle Hotel when shot, and after the shooting James went to northern Michigan and around by way of Wisconsin to Minnesota.

9. James and I never stayed at one place very long. We were out West as far as Salt Lake City and South to Arizona, going through many States. On one car we had registered 74,000 miles in ten months and we left many bad checks on our travel.

10. I was never in Detroit, although was in Algonac one week; Brighton, Howell, Ferndale in tourists' homes in the summer of 1933. And James took me through Auburn Heights, near Pontiac, Mich., and showed me the house where he had lived. Stated he had done six months in Oakland County Jail, Pontiac, Mich.

11. James also went by names of Fred Ryan and James Navarre.

12. We also stayed at Houghton Lake a short while.

13. James has one sister in Detroit, Mrs. Rex Wood, who did live on Wilshire and her husband is Ass't Superintendent at A&P Tea Co. I have been at James' mothers place, Mrs. Arthur Buhler, Mackinaw City, Mich. He also has grand-mother, Laura Leichman, 464 Garfield Ave., Cheboygan, Mich. James used to live with a girl, I don't know if it was in Detroit or Pontiac, named Hazel Melps. Later worked in elevator office at Eikton, Mich., her folks living on farm near Caseville, Mich., Tom Melps is father's name. I only knew James six weeks before we were married. We were in Blissfield, Mich. -- could not state the time, in 1932 or 1933, and James left me there and went to Detroit, saying he knew an Italian boy named Pete who was related to Yonnie. Never told me any more. Last May we were in Louisville, Ky., during Kentucky Derby and James won over \$400.00, the most money I ever saw him have.

14. James also told me he knew Leggs Layman and Fred Burke.

15. James was a heavy drinker and on one occasion shot at me, grazing my scalp, and once assaulted me with a knife and beat me up several times; also threatened my life different times.

16. James has a cousin named Bill Ishman in Columbia City, Ind. He also mentioned he knew a lawyer in Hamtramck named Connie. While he lived in Detroit Sullivan lived with him on Winder St. and Park Ave. - as I remember.

17. Mary admitted she read many detective stories and was asked if it were possible she could have seen some of the names mentioned in this statement and in that way remembered these names. She said it could have been. She had two detective story books in her car when arrested December 19, 1935, after holding up a bank out in some small town and when trying to get away was overtaken. She plead guilty and was given 5 to 40 yrs. in the Women's Reformatory in Shakopee, Minn.

18. I left my husband October 19, 1935, at South Bend, Ind., taking both guns and car with me and have not seen him since.

LSM (5)

Harry C. Genshaw!
HARRY C. GENSHAW,
Sergt., DS-80,
Homicide Squad.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 11, 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

RECEIVED

FBI-694223.

J. E. Hoover

JAN 13 1936
Air Mail
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
St. Bu., St. Paul, Minn., #-- (AIR MAIL) PD South Bend, Ind. (SPECIAL DELIVERY)	Fred Ryan, #--, 80, Mankato, Minn. Jimmy Lyons, #-- (deceased)	1-11-33 1-9-33 shot and killed	vag.	45 days.
* (CC-St. Bu., Bismarck, N.Dak.) (AIR MAIL) (CC-SO Fargo, N.Dak.) (AIR MAIL) (CC-State's Attorney's Off., Fargo, N.Dak.) (AIR MAIL)	WANTED: As Fred Ryan, bank rob., Hunter, N.D., 9-3-32. Notify St. Bu., St. Paul, Minn., and St. Bu., Bismarck, N.D., (inf. rec. St. Bu., St. Paul, Minn., 7-31-33). Also notify SO, and St. Atty., Fargo, N.D., (inf. rec. St. Atty., Fargo, N.D., 10-10-33). STILL WANTED: As above, (inf. rec. Mo. Crime Prevention Bureau Bulletin, dated 11-23-34). This person was published as a fugitive in the monthly bulletin for September 1935, issued by this Bureau. Fingerprint classification: 11 S 1 A 6 AMP S 1 At	Notified 1-11-36.		

* 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.

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
Detective Division
Homicide Squad

January 13, 1936.

From: Sergt. Harry C. Genshaw.

To: Inspector.

Subject: INTERVIEW WITH EMMA ROCHE, LAKEVILLE, MINN.

HOMICIDE
FILE #2299.

1. The following is a report of my interview with Emma Roche, 67 yrs. old, at her home in Lakeville, Minn., January 13, 1936, as to what she knew about the Buckley murder case. I was accompanied by Officer William Conley, of the Apprehension Bureau, St. Paul, Minn.

2. Emma Roche stated that contents in letter written to Officer Conley September 18, 1935, were mostly found in newspaper. Moore told her he was not in hotel when Buckley was shot, but he did say Jack Sullivan was one of the men; that Moore and Jack had an apartment together in Detroit at that time and Moore said he could not understand why Jack was not coming home the night the shooting happened; that he was waiting for him at the apartment.

3. Mrs. Roche also mentioned Elmer Jolly, house detective; Mr. Stein, motion picture operator being there. I asked her how she got these names and she said, "Out of paper, I guess".

4. Mrs. Roche also stated her daughter Mary told her once that Jack Sullivan was staying at a ranch in Montana between two towns called Two Dot and Harlowtown. Mrs. Roche stated that Sullivan lived in Detroit and also has lived in Minneapolis, Minn.--told to her by Mary and Moore. Although Moore told her Sullivan was 15 yrs. older than he, which would make him about 50 yrs. now, while Mary saw him once in 1931, saying he was about 30 yrs.

5. Mrs. Roche stated that no one knew Mary any better than she did and that as for telling the truth she could never be relied upon; also saying that in all their crimes they have done together Mary was worse than Moore; that she once shot at Moore, putting several holes in the car they had. She also said her daughter should never be released from prison until some doctors examined her and approved of her release.

6. Mrs. Roche also mentioned a girl named Florence that knew Sullivan but did not know her last name, saying that Mary had told this; also saying that Mary was to blame for Moore's action and what he turned out to be.

7. Mrs. Roche also mentioned about the reward in the Buckley case to Moore; that she said to him, "You have no work, why not try for this reward?"; that Moore stated, "I would not testify against Sullivan as the underworld still has some pride and I couldn't do that".

8. We also went to Farmington, Minn., and checked on restaurant where Moore worked just before he was married and from where the Luger gun was stolen. This restaurant has been out of business for a couple of years and we could not locate the owner.

LSM (5)

Harry C. Genshaw
HARRY C. GENSHAW,
Sergt., DS-80,
Homicide Squad.

January 20, 1936
File 1

Mr. Paul J. Gruber,
State Agent,
Iowa State Bureau,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent conversation with Mr. Dwyer while at our Bureau, regarding a number of checks which were believed to be passed by Robert Moore.


We are enclosing copy of check and copy of signature of Fred Ryan, alias Robt. Moore which was taken off his fingerprint card. It now develops that these checks are not Moore's checks, regardless of the fact that Mary Moore stated that they were, as we have received several of these checks which were passed during the last week at various points throughout the State, and since Moore was killed.

Hoping that this information may be useful to you, I am

Yours very truly,

M. C. Passolt,
Superintendent.

Enc.
/B



Prisoner's signature

Fred Ryan

FOLD THIS CARD

C-6.

Deputies Kill Gunman Sought In North Dakota Bank Holdup

1/9/36
Wife, Captured After
Robbery, Gives
Police Clue

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 9.—(AP)—A man identified by police as Robert Moore, sought since 1932 in connection with the holdup of the First National Bank of Hunter, N. D., died here today after being wounded by deputy sheriffs.

Police said they traced the man to a tourist camp through information obtained from his wife, Mary Moore, who was arrested 10 days ago after a bank holdup in Twin Lakes, Minn.

Five deputies who found the man in a tourist camp cabin said he attempted to draw two guns and they fired. The deputies asserted they found a rifle and 200 rounds of ammunition in an automobile which they said was identified as a machine stolen from Homer S. Schwartz of Welcome, Minn.

Prior to his death, the man refused to make any statement other than a request that a message be sent to his mother, Mrs. A. H. Buhler of Mackinaw City, Mich.

WIFE CLAIMS HUSBAND KILLED RADIO MAN

Superintendent Melvin C. Passolt of the state crime bureau disclosed today Mrs. Mary Roche Moore, convicted bank bandit, quoted her husband, believed the Robert Moore slain by South Bend, Ind., police, as claiming responsibility for a Detroit murder.

In a signed statement to authorities after her arrest for robbing the State Bank of Twin Lakes, Minn., Mrs. Moore declared, Passolt said, her husband said he killed Jerry Buckley, Detroit radio commentator.

Buckley, political commentator, was slain in a Detroit hotel lobby July 22, 1930, and the case, Passolt said he was informed today from Detroit, has been marked "unsolved."

BANK ROBBER ROBERT MOORE (32)

Robert Moore; 35; 5 ft. 10 in.; 165 lbs.; slender build; ruddy complexion; dark brown hair; brown eyes.

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1 Aa 11

His wife, Mary Moore, also wanted; 26; 5 ft. 5 in., or 6 in.; 135 lbs.; stout and large build; blonde or light brown hair; good features; attractive.

Wanted by Sheriff for robbery of a bank in Hunter, N. Dak., on Oct. 3, 1932.

If apprehended, notify Sheriff Peter MacArthur, Fargo, N. Dak.
N. P. O., Jan., 1935.

Woman Bandit's 1/9/36 Husband Shot

James Moore, husband of Minnesota's lone woman bank robber, was shot and critically wounded by a sheriff in a South Bend (Ind.) tourist cabin today, the Associated Press reported.

Sheriff Roy H. Wolfe fired when Moore drew two guns from beneath the covers of the bed in which he lay as the officers entered to arrest him.

Mary Lane Moore, his wife, staged a lonehanded raid on a Twin Lakes, Minn., bank December 19. She was captured and confessed.

Detroit Police Check Buckley Story

The Detroit News
1/10/36

Detective Is Sent to Minnesota

Widow of Bank Rob- ber to Be Quizzed

By JOHN M. CARLISLE

(Staff Correspondent of The Detroit News.)

SHAKOPEE, Minn., Jan. 10.—

Minnesota's only convicted woman bank bandit, Mrs. Mary Lyons, declared today in the Minnesota State Reformatory for Women that her late husband, James Lyons, alias Robert J. Moore, confided to her several years ago he was one of the trigger-men in the slaying of Jerry Buckley, Detroit radio commentator.

Lyons told her in a St. Paul hide-away, when his own conscience hammered down on him after months of hiding in one room, that he and his bootlegging pal, Jack Sullivan and "three Italian fellows" had killed Buckley.

"We killed Buckley because the mob was afraid of being exposed over the radio by Buckley, and what he might do," Mrs. Lyons quoted her husband as confessing to her.

"I am certain in my own mind, from what he told me at various times, when he was worried, that he killed Buckley," she added.

RESISTED ARREST

Lyons was killed by deputy sheriffs in South Bend, Ind., Thursday when he resisted arrest in a tourist camp. He had been hunted since 1932, under his favorite alias of Robert J. Moore, for the holdup of the First National Bank of Hunter, N. D.

"Detroit News"

1/10/36

Slain Robber's Arsenal and Widow Who Tells of Buckley Killing



—Associated Press Wirephoto

Police who shot and killed James Lyons, alias Robert J. Moore, bank robber, in a raid on a South Bend tourist camp Thursday found guns, ammunition, extra license plates and liquor in the car he had been using. Lyons' widow, serving a term for robbery, said he admitted to her he was the man who slew Jerry Buckley, radio commentator, here in 1930.

MRS. LYONS
JAMES LYONS

Mrs. Lyons is serving a sentence of from five to forty years (Minnesota's sentences for felonies are all for an indeterminate number of years) for the robbery of a bank at Twin Lakes Minn.

Alone with a .32 caliber automatic in her hand Mrs. Lyons held up the bank Dec. 19, 1935, cowing a half dozen bank employes and escaping with \$700.

Not until a posse shot her rear tires out and put a bullet through the rear window of her car did Mrs. Lyons surrender.

"I wanted to show Jim I was tough after he had deserted me the month before," she said. She

pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the reformatory.

REARED IN MICHIGAN

Lyons was a farmer boy from Cheboygan, Mich., who went to Detroit and Ecorse and then to Pontiac, Mich., and made good in a big way, she said, in the bootlegging racket.

Then he branched out, she said, as a pal of mobsters in Detroit and Cicero, Ill.

Her husband shot and killed Peter Karaba, a gasoline attendant, in Moquah, Wis., the morning of June 19, 1931, during a holdup, Mrs. Lyons said.

"My husband was a tough guy, plenty tough," she said, "and he hung around with tough people. But he always seemed to have something on his mind. I met him in Farmington, Minn."

Her father was a banker and she met Lyons at a dance. She didn't say this, but records of the Department of Criminal Apprehension, which corresponds to the State Police in Michigan, reveal this.

PREVIOUS CONFESSION

The interesting part of Mrs. Lyons story is the fact that she disclosed her husband's alleged connection with the Buckley case the day after her arrest, in a confession and a statement to Superintendent Melvin C. Passolt, of the State Crime Bureau, Dec. 20, 1935.

At that time she said in a statement that was notarized.

"My husband said he killed Jerry Buckley."

Passolt notified Fred W. Frahm, deputy superintendent of the Detroit Police Department, and he said he had reason to believe the "facts are genuine and beyond reproach." This letter was written Jan. 4, 1936. Passolt had not yet heard from Frahm.

THE WHOLE STORY

Mrs. Lyons' story, as she told it today in the reformatory, follows:

"I met my husband-to-be at a dance in Farmington, Minn. We were married in Hastings, Minn., Feb. 18, 1931.

"We were always living in one-room hideouts, and he was always afraid of going out in the daytime. I knew he was from Cheboygan and

that he had lived for six or seven years in Detroit. I wondered why he never went there.

"We were living in one room in St. Paul. He paced up and down all the time. He couldn't sleep. He had something on his mind. One night he blurted out:

"'Detroit is my home, but I can't go back. I was in on the Jerry Buckley job.'"

Mrs. Lyons said her husband was guarded in his remarks about Buckley, but through the years he had told her these things:

"He told me," she said, "that he had met a lot of people in Detroit and Ecorse because of his bootlegging connections. He said he knew a fellow named Angelo Livecchi at the La Salle Hotel in Detroit, and a fellow named Pete Licavoli, whose brother Yonny later moved into Toledo and ran things there in the alky combination.

"My husband said he was a friend of Eva Brown, a friend of Angelo's."

Livecchi was tried and acquitted in the Buckley case and Licavoli was arrested in Toledo, O., after the trial and brought to Detroit, where the case against him was nolle prossed.

A STATE WITNESS

Eva Brown, one-time sweetheart of Livecchi, testified against him as a State witness at his trial.

(Yonny Licavoli was also arrested in Toledo for the Buckley slaying and released. He is now serving a life sentence in the Ohio State Reformatory for the slaying of Jack Kennedy, Toledo gang chieftain.)

"He told me Buckley had made a campaign on the gangs of Detroit and that the mob he was with was worried and decided to do something about it," Mrs. Lyons went on. "The last night of Buckley's life was the night Mayor Charles Bowles was recalled by the voters of Detroit, and my husband was sitting in a restaurant in Detroit where the gang held out.

"He was there with his pal, Jack Sullivan. Sullivan was a former bootlegger. I met him once. He was a little fellow, about five foot, one.

"My husband told me a fellow came into the restaurant. He was a big shot in the mob, I gathered. He said that 'something has got to

be done quickly about this guy.' My husband said he understood it.

"My husband said he told him, 'Well, tonight is as good as any other night.'

"They all agreed on that. They then went to an apartment in downtown Detroit. I think he said on Clifford street or Park avenue. I have never been to Detroit. Two others, Italians, met him. They played cards and listened to Buckley's fast radio address. Then they got a telephone call and went out.

"My husband said:

"'We walked into the lobby of the hotel and Buckley was there, like they said he would be. Sullivan and I let him have it. I never had anything against him, and I am sorry, and . . .'"

He broke down many times, she said. He told her how he had been paid for the job, though he didn't say how much. He said he fled to Mackinac, then to Superior, Wis., and then to Duluth, Minn. Then he went to Minneapolis, and later worked as a hired man on a dude ranch in Montana. Finally he came back to Minnesota and met and married her, she said.

SPOKE OF YONNY

"After we were married we went to Toledo, and he left me in a rooming house and went to see someone," she said. "When he

came back he started talking about Yonny.

"Another time he took me as far as Blissfield, Mich., and left me. He went to Detroit. He came back. He said he had been looking around and he wondered where Pete was.

"On another occasion we went to Cicero, Ill., and he went into a pool-room, and he came out with a swarthy-looking fellow. We drove him into Chicago and I sat on the back seat.

"Months later he said to me: 'That's one of the boys I worked with on the Buckley job. I was trying to get some dough.'"

Mrs. Lyons pulled on the hem of her dress and suddenly she said:

"I am convinced, in my own mind, that my husband helped kill Buckley. I am sure he did."

* * * Detroit Detective to Question Woman

A Detroit detective today was to question Mrs. Lyons regarding her statement to Minnesota police that her husband had told her he was the slayer of Jerry Buckley.

Before he died Lyons asked that his mother, Mrs. A. N. Buhler, of Mackinaw City, Mich., be informed.

Although Detroit police discount Lyon's alleged statement to his wife, Henry W. Piel, chief of detectives, decided to send a detective to question her.

Inspector John I. Navarre, head of the homicide squad, said that Detroit police wanted only one more suspect—Leo (Black Leo) Cellura,

Woman Bank Robber Says Husband Killed Jerry Buckley

MARY LYONS IN INTERVIEW SAYS TIP GIVEN HER

Hillbilly Daily Tribune
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Talks to Prisoner
1/10/36 at Shakopee.

IMPLICATES OTHERS

States Man Named Jack Sullivan Helped to Slay Announcer.

By JACK B. MACKAY
(Associated Press Staff Writer.)

SHAKOPEE, Minn., Jan. 10.

—The killing of Jerry Buckley, Detroit radio announcer, in a hotel lobby in 1930, broke into the limelight again today when Mary Roche Lyons, 27-year-old bank robber, told the Associated Press her husband confided to her that he and a man named "Jack Sullivan" committed the crime.

Mrs. Lyons, whose husband was slain by police at South Bend, Ind., yesterday, was interviewed in the women's state reformatory where she is serving a 5-to-40-year term for raiding, single-handed, the Twin Lakes State bank three weeks ago. She said her husband's true name was James (Jim) Lyons, although he was known to police as Robert Moore.

"I believe Jim was telling me the truth when he said he killed Buckley in the LaSalle hotel in Detroit," said Mrs. Lyons, mother of a child.

The woman said she first learned of Moore's admitted part in the killing while he was "hiding out" here less than six months after the political commentator's death.

Rob Bank.

Mrs. Lyons, who admitted she participated with her husband and another couple in the holdup of a bank at Hunter, N. D., said "Jim told me three others also were mixed up in the Buckley killing" and detailed trips Moore allegedly made to Cicero, Ill. and Toledo. She named Angelo Livecchi, Peter Licavoli and his brother, Yonny Licavoli, as men with whom Lyons had "dealings."

Asserting her husband said he staged bank robberies also at Sturgis, Mich., Janesville, Wis., and Pinconning, Mich., and killed a man in Moquah, Wis., Mrs. Lyons recited how he took refuge in northwest states—Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana after the radio announcer's death.

"Did he ever tell you why he killed Buckley that particular night?" Mrs. Lyons was asked.

Put Out of Way.

"Jim said he and Jack Sullivan were sitting in a restaurant when a man—I can't remember his name—came in and sat down at the table," she said. "He said to Jim, 'Buckley was raising hell on the radio and he ought to be put out of the way.' Jim told me he said 'tonight is as good as any night.'"

"My husband said he and Sullivan then went to their apartment and there sat around with three other men playing cards and listening to

MARY LYONS IN INTERVIEW SAYS TIP GIVEN HER

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the radio. Then after Buckley had finished his radio broadcast, he said they went to the LaSalle hotel and Buckley was sitting in the lobby, reading. Jim said he and Sullivan did the actual killing but he didn't explain just how these three others were connected."

The woman was asked whether her husband ever told her why Buckley was killed.

"He said Buckley had been making a campaign on the radio against gangs and criminals," she asserted.

Sensation in Detroit.

The Buckley killing created a sensation in Detroit because it followed by a few hours a bitter political fight in which former Mayor Charles Bowles was recalled from office by popular vote after charges of misfeasance had been preferred against him.

Buckley's death was followed by a crime cleanup in Detroit. Indictments were returned charging Angelo Livecchi and Ted Pizzino, room-mates at the LaSalle hotel, and Joe Bommarito with the murder of the radio announcer. All three were acquitted.

Livecchi, with whom the woman said her husband had "dealings," was named as the "finger man" in the killing. After his acquittal, he was convicted for the slaying of George Collins and Williams Cannon, Chicago dope peddlers, in front of the LaSalle hotel 19 days before Buckley's death. He is serving a life sentence at Marquette, Mich.

The Licavoli brothers—Pete and Yonny—who also were linked in the woman's interview with her husband also had been arrested in the Buckley crime. Pete was arrested after the Buckley trial in Toledo. The case was nolle prossed and he was freed. He was later arrested for the Stork club murder in Detroit of Milford Johnes, St. Louis hoodlum, and released. Then he pleaded guilty to bribing a federal officer and was given a two-year term in the Leavenworth prison. Yonny now is serving a life term in the Ohio state prison for the killing of Jack Kennedy, Toledo gang chief.

Woman Robber Depicts Radio Slaying by Mate

Detroit Commentator's Attacks on Gambling Prompted Murder, Mary Lyons, Widow of Robert Moore, Tells

Associated Press.

Dispatch P.M. 1/10/36

A second hand story of the sensational slaying six years ago of a crusading Detroit radio commentator came today from a woman bank robber in the women's reformatory in Shakopee.

Mrs. Mary Roche Lyons, 27-year-old raider of the Twin Lakes, Minn., State bank, told the Associated Press that her dead husband, James Lyons, alias Robert Moore, and a "Jack Sullivan" killed Gerald E. (Jerry) Buckley in Detroit in 1930.

Slaying of Lyons (or Moore) Thursday by South Bend, Ind., police, reopened the Buckley case. Two Detroit detectives were reported en route to Shakopee today to check Mrs. Lyons' story, although police officials there are skeptical of the woman's version.

Outwardly unmoved by news of her husband's death, Mrs. Lyons said he told her in a Cedar street rooming house in St. Paul of his participation in Buckley's assassination as the radio commentator sat in the LaSalle hotel lobby in Detroit.

"I believe Jim was telling me the truth when he said he killed Buckley," asserted Mrs. Lyons. "Jim told me three others were mixed up in the Buckley killing."

After the Buckley slaying, Mrs. Lyons said, her husband went to Superior, Wis., then to Duluth and from there to the Dakotas and Montana.

"One day while we were in our small room in St. Paul—that was shortly after I met him in Farmington on New Year's eve in 1931—I asked him why he stayed in so much," Mrs. Lyons said. "He said he had to keep under cover—that he had to be careful. It was then that he told me about the Buckley murder."

"Did he ever tell you why he killed Buckley?" she was asked.

"Jim said he and Jack Sullivan were sitting in a Detroit restaurant when a man—I can't remember his name—came in and sat down at the table," Mrs. Lyons replied. "The man said to Jim: 'Buckley was raising hell on the radio and he ought to be put out of the way.' Jim said, he told them that 'tonight is as good as any night.'"

The woman then said that Lyons

and Sullivan went to their apartment and sat around playing cards with three other men. After Buckley concluded his broadcast, in which he scored Detroit gambling interests, Lyons, Sullivan and three others went to the LaSalle hotel lobby and found the radio commentator sitting in the lobby, according to Mrs. Lyons' story.

"Jim said he and Sullivan did the actual killing," said the slain bank robber's widow, "but he just didn't explain how the three others were connected with it."

During her recitation of the story Mrs. Lyons named three men with whom her husband told her he had had "dealings." They are Angelo Livecchi and Pete and Yonny Licavoli. Whether they were the "three others" with Lyons and Sullivan the night of the slaying Mrs. Lyons did not say.

However, Livecchi, Ted Pizzino and Joe Bommarito were arrested, charged with Buckley's slaying and acquitted.

Livecchi now is serving a life sentence in Michigan for murder. The Licavolis also were arrested in connection with the murder, but never tried. Pete Licavolis later was sent to Leavenworth penitentiary, and Yonny is a lifer in Ohio for the murder of a Toledo gang chief.

Mrs. Lyons related that she was with her husband in Chicago Heights, Ill., one night in 1932 when Lyons met a man "who was in the Buckley deal." She said she was not introduced, but that the stranger was "dark and swarthy."

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Woman Bank Robber's Husband Killed On Tip She Gives Police

Pioneer Press 1/10/36
**Robert Moore, Who Boast-
ed He Shot Gerald Buck-
ley, Detroit Radio Speaker,
Trapped in Indiana.**

ALSO TOLD WIFE HE SLEW ANOTHER MAN

Reported to have admitted two murders, Robert Moore, the husband of Mary Moore, convicted Minnesota woman bank robber, was shot to death Thursday by deputy sheriffs at South Bend, Ind., as the result of information given by his wife.

The slain fugitive, authorities said, admitted to his wife that he killed Gerald E. Buckley, Detroit radio political commentator, in 1930, and Joseph Karaba, Moquah, Wis., filling station attendant, in 1931.

Moore and his wife, it was reported, also participated in the robbery of a bank at Hunter, N. D., and Moore was sought for questioning in other bank robberies. Moore also distributed counterfeit currency, his wife told authorities.

Traced following a statement by his wife, convicted of the recent holdup of a Twin Lakes, Minn., bank, and now serving a term at the Women's reformatory at Shakopee, Moore was killed by machine gun bullets in a tourist camp at South Bend, the Associated Press said.

Shot as He Draws Pistols.

Five deputies surprised Moore in a cabin, Sheriff Roy H. Wolfe reported. Moore pulled a revolver from each sleeve, the sheriff said, and the deputies opened fire. The fugitive died a short while later in a South Bend hospital.

His only statement before he died was that a message be sent to his mother, Mrs. A. H. Buhler of Mackinaw City, Mich.

Sheriff Wolfe said the deputies found a heavy caliber rifle and 200 rounds of ammunition in Moore's coupe. The automobile was reported stolen December 18 from Homer S. Schwartz of Welcome, Minn.

A statement that Moore admitted the Buckley killing was given by Mrs. Moore to Melvin C. Passolt, head of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Passolt said Thursday night.

The murder of the Detroit radio commentator, one of the most sensational in Detroit's history, occurred July 23, 1930, when three men opened fire on Buckley as he sat in a Detroit hotel.

Had Won Political Fight.

Two hours previously Buckley had announced the success of a fight for the recall of Mayor Charles Bowles. The radio announcer also had waged a war on gambling.

Three men, Ted Pizzino, Angelo Livevchi and Joe Bommarito, were tried and acquitted of the slaying. Three other men and a woman named in the indictment, never were prosecuted.

The Detroit city council offered a \$5,000 reward for capture of the slayers. Public interest in the case was intense. Police estimated that more than 100,000 persons watched Buckley's funeral procession.

Although Henry W. Piel, Detroit

IN MURDER MYSTERY



Following the slaying at South Bend, Ind., Thursday of Robert Moore (upper left), authorities reported that his wife, May Moore (upper right), serving a sentence for the robbery of a bank at Twin Lakes, Minn., told them her husband had admitted two murders to her. One of the killings, she said, was that of Gerald Buckley, Detroit radio announcer (below).



**FRANK WHITE HEADS
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HUSBAND OF BANDIT KILLED ON HER TIP

Robert Moore, Confessed Slayer of Gerald Buckley, Trapped in Indiana.

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chief of detectives, expressed doubt Thursday night that Moore was one of the trio who shot Buckley, detectives left that city for Minnesota to question Mrs. Moore, the Associated Press said.

The slain man's wife told Sheriff H. A. Kennedy of Bayfield county that her husband confessed to her that he murdered the Moquah man.

Mrs. Moore, who married Moore at Wakefield, Mich., the day before the murder, said she was at a Wakefield hotel the next morning when her husband left the room and said he was going to Ashland. "He came back the following morning and we started for Menominee, Mich.," she said.

Sees Killing Account.

"The next morning at Rhinelander, Wis., my husband asked me to get a paper. I got a Superior paper. He read it and put it in a dresser drawer. While he was in the bathroom, I read the paper and saw the account of the killing of Peter Karaba.

"On the trip from Rhinelander to Minneapolis," her statement continued, "I asked him about the Moquah killing and he said he drove up for gasoline, asked for cigarettes, followed Karaba into the store and held him up in there. The man was facing the wall and Moore shot him in the back of the head, killing him.

"I recall that at Wakefield my husband was practically broke. He had between \$20 and \$25 on the way to Minneapolis. On a narrow bridge at the crossing of the south fork of the Jump river near Prentice, Wis., my husband threw the revolver and shells over the railing into the river. The gun was a new Colt which he had gotten from a bootlegger at Red Wing.

"This killing was never mentioned again. My husband forbade me to mention it."

Karaba's body was found later in the day by two friends. The cash register had been rifled. The sum of \$25 which had been given Karaba by his employer, Peter Polaneski, was missing.

Woman Admits Holdup Role.

Mrs. Moore, according to Passolt, also admitted participation with her husband in the holdup of the First National bank of Hunter September 3, 1931.

The holdup was carried out by four bandits, two men and two women. The women remained in a car outside the bank, while the men entered the institution. Approximately \$1,100 was taken.

Robert Campbell, alias Robert (Goldie) Benton of Fargo, was convicted in connection with the robbery and sentenced to 25 years, but later was released when he was exonerated.

Matt Clockson pleaded guilty and now is serving a ten-year sentence. Mrs. Esther Ruh, who confessed to being the other woman in the robbery and who was shot in escaping,

was held at Fargo for about a year and then released.

Clockson and Mrs. Ruh named the Moores as their accomplices in the robbery and exonerated Benton, whose description is almost identical with that of Moore.

Passolt said Moore was sought for questioning regarding bank robberies at Sturgis, Mich., Pinconning, Mich., and Janesville, Wis.

The Sturgis robbery has never been solved. Five bandits held up the First National bank there December 17, 1932, escaping with \$15,000 in cash and \$60,000 in negotiable securities. Later some of the stolen bonds were traced to Minneapolis.

Moore, his wife said, left her last October. At that time, she told Sheriff Kennedy, he was carrying more than \$2,000 in counterfeit bills. Secret Service agents here sent out bulletins on the suspect, Kennedy said, according to the Associated Press.

Mrs. Moore was captured by a posse soon after she had held up and robbed the Twin Lakes bank on \$700 December 19. She is serving a 5-to-40-year term at the Shakopee women's reformatory.

Moore also was known as Leon Lyons and Robert Ryan.

ITALIAN DRIVE CALLED A FAILURE THUS FAR

Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood, explorer, naturalist and curator who led an expedition into remote recesses of Ethiopia several years ago for the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, said in Minneapolis Thursday that Italy's campaign in the African country has been a failure so far.

It will take at least five years to complete military occupation, and long before that time the Italians may give it up as a bad job. Ethiopia's terrain, he stated, will balk the invaders.

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GIRL BANDIT'S MATE IS SLAIN

1/10/36

Husband Linked to 1930 Murder of Detroit Radio

Announcer.

Tribune A.M.

Robert Moore, 40, husband of the woman bandit who tried to rob the bank at Twin Lakes, Minn., a month ago, was shot and killed by deputy sheriffs near South Bend, Ind., Thursday.

His death came as the result of information given to Melvin Passolt, head of the Minnesota bureau of criminal apprehension, by Mrs. Moore shortly after her arrest.

And as a result of the killing, authorities in Michigan and Indiana began investigation of the possibility that Mrs. Moore may be able to throw light on one of the most celebrated crimes of recent years in Michigan—the killing of Jerry Buckley, Detroit radio commentator, in 1930.

Buckley was shot down in the lobby of a Detroit loop hotel in July, 1930, by three men, only two hours after he had announced over the air the success of his campaign for the recall of Mayor Charles Bowles. Buckley had also waged a vigorous war on gambling over the radio and a definite motive for his killing was never established.

It was about a month ago that Mrs. Moore attempted to hold up the bank at Twin Lakes. She got away with a bagful of currency but was pursued and captured by a posse of citizens.

Husband 'Big Shot.'

Jailed, she said that her husband, Robert, from whom she had been estranged, was a "big shot" in the criminal world. She said she had been forced to "little jobs" like the Twin Lakes holdup, after she and her husband had been separated.

Pleading guilty to the charge of bank robbery, Mrs. Moore was sentenced to a term of from 5 to 40 years in the women's reformatory at Shakopee. There Passolt interviewed her at length concerning the crime records of her husband.

She is reported to have admitted that her husband told her he was one of the men who "bumped off" Buckley, that he had killed a man in a holdup at Washburn, Wis., and that he had been involved in a bank robbery at Sturgis, Mich., in which about \$75,000 in cash and bonds was taken. Moore also was wanted for a bank robbery at Hunter, N. D.

Mrs. Moore gave Passolt information concerning the hideout of her husband in Indiana. Passolt passed the word along.

Thursday, deputy sheriffs at South Bend, Ind., caught up with Moore. Five of them trapped him in his hideout at a filling station not far out of the town. He was lying on a cot, fully dressed, as they burst into the room.

Moore pulled a revolver from each sleeve and started to leap to his feet. The officers cut loose with a sub-machine gun, riddling their victim. He died within a few hours. In his car, authorities found a large caliber rifle and 200 rounds of ammunition.

News of the slaying was communicated to Detroit, and a member of the detective force was ordered to Minneapolis to interview Mrs. Moore at the reformatory.

Seek Another.

Whether or not her husband actually was implicated in the slaying of the radio commentator, police professed not to know. They said that records disclosed only one man was still sought in connection with that shooting and that that man was not Moore.

But they believed Mrs. Moore's story worth further investigation, in the belief that even if her husband himself was not implicated, he may have had inside knowledge of the crime which he had passed along to his wife.

To substantiate further Mrs. Moore's story that her husband had been guilty of several killings, came word Thursday night from Washburn, Wis., that an employee in a general store, Steve Karaba, 24, had been murdered by holdup men there early on the morning of June 19, 1931, under circumstances described by Mrs. Moore in her story to Passolt. Authorities there were convinced the killing of Moore had cleared up that crime.

Woman Bank Bandit Faces New Quizzing

Husband, Named as Detroit

Slayer in Confession

Killed by Police

MICHIGAN OFFICERS

EN ROUTE TO STATE

Mary Lane Moore's Story of
Announcer's Murder to

Be Checked

1/10/36

Detroit detectives were on their way to Minnesota today to question Mary Lane Moore, lone woman bank robber,

whose confession to Melvin Passolt, head of the state crime bureau, named her husband, Robert J. Moore, as the slayer of Jerry Buckley, Detroit radio announcer, in 1930.

Moore was killed late yesterday by sheriffs at a South Bend, Ind., cabin camp, at the end of a three year hunt for the fugitive. He was traced through a tip given police by his wife.

Mrs. Moore's confession, taken after her capture when she held up a bank at Twin Lakes, Minn., declared her husband had told her he was one of three men who staged the spectacular Buckley killing in the lobby of a Detroit hotel. He admitted killing a man at Moquah, Wis., the day after they were married.

Law officers had been closing in on Moore since his wife gave her statement. Yesterday, Sheriff Roy H. Wolfe of South Bend and four deputies stepped into Moore's hideout cabin. Moore whipped out two pistols, one from each sleeve of his coat, as the sheriff entered. He never had a chance to use them. He dropped in a blast from five guns and died a few hours later in a South Bend hospital.

Detroit detectives were inclined to doubt the truth of the story told Mrs. Moore by her husband. But a detail was ordered to Minneapolis immediately after Passolt reported the implication of Moore in the Buckley murder. The woman is serving a 5 to 40 years sentence in the women's reformatory at Shakopee for the Twin Lakes holdup December 19.

The woman's story was told from her quarters in the reformatory today.



Robert J. Moore

Believes Killing Story

"I believe Jim was telling me the truth when he said he killed Buckley in the La Salle hotel in Detroit," she said.

She described the career that took them through another murder and several robberies into a St. Paul hideout and finally to the robbery of the First National Bank at Hunter, N. D., three years ago.

"He told me three others were implicated in the Buckley killing," she said. She named the three men.

"He said something about Buckley being a radio announcer who was naming gambling places and men in Detroit, and said something about Buckley being in the fight to recall the mayor of Detroit," she said.

The woman said she married Moore in Michigan. The day afterward they stopped at a store and Moore entered. He came out later and they drove on. That night, she said, he told her how he had held up Peter Karaba, stood him face to the wall and shot him in the back of the head.

Forbid Further Mention

"He forbade me to mention the killing and we never talked about it again," Mrs. Moore said.

After the Buckley murder, she said Moore told her he went into northern Michigan and hid out.

"One day while we were in our small room on Cedar street in St. Paul—that was shortly after I met him at Farmington, Minn., on New Year Eve, 1931, I asked him why he stayed in so much. He said he had to keep 'under cover'—that he had to be careful. It was at that time he confided the Buckley murder."

"Did he ever tell you why he killed Buckley that particular night?" Mrs. Lyons was asked.

"Jim (Moore) said he and a Jack Sullivan were sitting in a restaurant when a man—I can't remember his name—came in and sat down at the table," she said. "He said to Jim, 'Buckley was raising hell on the radio and he ought to be put out of the way.' Jim told me he said 'Tonight is as good as any night.'"

"My husband said he and Sullivan then went to their apartment and there sat around with three other men playing cards and listening to the radio. Then after Buckley had finished his broadcast he said they went to the LaSalle hotel and Buckley was sitting in the lobby reading."

"Jim said he and Sullivan did the actual killing but he didn't explain how the others were connected."

Detroit Detectives to Check Prisoner Her Dead Bandit Husband Held

Tribune 2 M.

**Woman Bank Robber
Gives Details After Mate
Is Slain by Officers.**

Two Detroit detectives Friday night were reported en route to Shakopee to question a woman bank bandit serving time in the woman's state reformatory about the slaying of Gerald Buckley, crusading Detroit radio commentator, in 1930.

The 27-year-old woman, Mary Roche Lyons, sent to the reformatory after her unsuccessful attempt to rob the State bank of Twin Lakes, Minn., three weeks ago, Friday accused her husband, James (Jim) Lyons, alias Robert Moore, and a man named "Jack Sullivan" of the murder of Buckley, who was shot as he sat in a hotel lobby.

Husband Slain on Her Tip.

Lyons, known to police as Robert Moore, was killed by deputy sheriffs near South Bend, Ind., Thursday. It was information given to Melvin Passolt, chief of the Minnesota bureau of criminal apprehension, by Mrs. Lyons that led to the killing of her husband.

"I believe Jim was telling the truth when he said he killed Buckley in the LaSalle hotel in Detroit," Mrs. Lyons said Friday. "After the Buckley affair he went across the Straits of Mackinac in northern Michigan, spending a day or two at Superior. He then went to Duluth, where he had relatives, and then to Minneapolis. After that he went to North Dakota and South Dakota and for a while was on a ranch in Montana. He lived for a short time around Ellingson, S. D."

'Had to Be Careful.'

"One day while we were in our small room on Cedar street in St. Paul—that was shortly after I met him in Farmington, Minn., on New Year's eve in 1931, I asked him why we stayed in so much. He said he had to keep 'under cover'—that he had to be careful. It was at that time he confided in me about the Buckley murder."

She said her husband told her three other men were involved in the machine gun killing of Buckley, and named Angelo Livevchi, Pete Licavoli and his brother, Yonny Licavoli, as men with whom he had had dealings. The three were tried in Detroit for the killing, and were acquitted.

Mrs. Lyons said her husband told her Buckley was killed because he "had been making a campaign on the radio against gangs and criminals."

DETROIT DETECTIVE WILL QUESTION MARY LYONS

Harry Genshaw, Detroit detective, arrived here today to investigate the statement of Mrs. Mary Roche Lyons, bank robber, that her husband had told her he and a Jack Sullivan killed Gerald Buckley, Detroit radio announcer, in 1930.

Lyons was slain by South Bend, Ind., police Thursday.

Genshaw who is familiar with the slaying of Buckley in the lobby of a Detroit hotel, planned to confer with Frank Sommer, chief agent of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and then interview Mrs. Lyons at the Shakopee reformatory. 1/11/36

Buckley Slaying Suspect

LYONS OFFER TO 'TALK' TOLD

**Detroit Detective Questions
Wife Who Tipped
Off Captors.**

Had James Lyons, fugitive, lived five minutes longer after he was shot by deputies, authorities might have obtained solutions to 10 or 12 major crimes.

This story of death that came too soon, was told Saturday by Detective Sergeant Harry C. Genshaw of Detroit, who came to Shakopee to interview the widow of the slain man. The widow, 27-year-old Mary Roche Lyons, is serving time in the Shakopee women's reformatory for her attempt to rob a bank at Twin Lakes, Minn.

Wounded by deputies who surprised him as he slept in a tourist camp, and informed by doctors that he had only one chance in 10 to live, Lyons offered to confess to "10 or 12 big jobs," Genshaw said.

Five Minutes Too Late.

Five minutes before an officer arrived to take the confession, Genshaw said, Lyons died.

Whether or not the confession would have linked Lyons with the murder of Gerald Buckley, crusading Detroit radio commentator, Genshaw was unable to say.

In talking with Genshaw Saturday, Mrs. Lyons repeated her earlier assertions that her husband had told her he was one of the men who shot down Buckley as he sat in the lobby of a Detroit hotel in 1930.

"I am convinced Mrs. Lyons is telling the truth," Genshaw said, "but we must determine whether her husband told her the truth."

Had Luger Pistol.

Genshaw said he was interested in the information, given him by Mrs. Lyons, that Lyons had a German Luger pistol in his possession in 1931 in Farmington, Minn., where she met him New Year's eve of that year. After the Buckley killing ballistics experts concluded that such a weapon was used in the murder. Mrs. Lyons said her husband told her he purchased the pistol prior to the Buckley killing, Genshaw said.

As a result of his interview with Mrs. Lyons, Genshaw said, a Michigan girl will be sought for questioning in connection with the Buckley killing. The girl is a former sweetheart of Lyons, who was wanted for a Hunter, N. D., bank robbery when he was killed, Genshaw said.

NAMES MATE RADIO KILLER



—Associated Press photo.

"I believe my husband killed Buckley," Mrs. Mary Roche Lyons, center, told Detective Sergeant Harry C. Genshaw of Detroit, left, and Edward J. Jensen of the Minnesota bureau of criminal apprehension Saturday at the Shakopee women's reformatory. Mrs. Lyons, widow of James Lyons, slain fugitive, was questioned about the murder of Gerald Buckley, Detroit radio commentator, in 1930. She was sentenced to the reformatory for a bank robbery attempt.

Mrs. Moore Quizzed By Detroit Detective

Detective Sergeant Harry G. Genshaw of the Detroit police force questioned Mrs. Mary Roche Moore at the woman's reformatory at Shakopee last night about her claim that her husband told her he killed Gerald Buckley, Detroit radio announcer, in 1930. Moore, also known as Lyons and Ryan, was killed by police at a tourist camp in South Bend, Ind., as the result of a confession given to Minnesota authorities by Mrs. Moore. The woman is serving a 5 to 40 year term in the reformatory for the robbery of the Twin Lakes State Bank a month ago. 1/12/36

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TIP FROM WIFE

BRINGS KILLING

OF HUNTED MAN

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**Machine Gun Slays Alleged
Robber—Mate Links Him
With Two Deaths.**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP). Sheriff's deputies using a machine gun at close range shot down an alleged bank robber and a few hours after he died officers investigated a report he may have been responsible for the unsolved assassination in 1930 of Gerald E. Buckley, Detroit radio political commentator.

Sheriff Wolfe said Robert Moore, 40, was spotted at a filling station hideout near South Bend after his wife, recently convicted of robbing the State bank of Twin Lakes, Minn., gave information as to his whereabouts. Moore, the sheriff said, had been hunted since the \$1,100 holdup of the First National bank of Hunter, N. D., Sept. 3, 1931.

At St. Paul, Superintendent Melvin C. Passolt of the Minnesota state crime bureau quoted Mrs. Mary Roche Moore as saying her husband told her he killed Buckley in a Detroit hotel lobby July 23, 1930. Mrs. Moore is serving a 5 to 40 year term in the woman's reformatory at Shakopee, Minn.

Doubt that Moore was involved in the Buckley killing was expressed at Detroit by Chief of Detectives Piel. He said, however, Moore's widow will be questioned by police investigators.

Waged War on Gambling.

Three men opened a fusillade at close range on Buckley in the hotel two hours after he had announced the success of a fight for recall of Mayor Charles Bowles. Buckley also had waged a war on gambling. A definite motive for his killing was not established.

Three men—Ted Pizzino, Angelo Livevchi and Joe Bommarito—were tried and acquitted April 21, 1931. Three other men and a woman named in the indictment as parties to the alleged plot never were prosecuted.

Superintendent Passolt at St. Paul quoted Mrs. Moore as saying she married Moore at Wakefield, Mich., June 18, 1931, and that her husband admitted killing Peter Karaba, Moquah, Wis., storekeeper, the next day and recounted subsequent robberies at Sturgis, Mich., Pinconning, Mich., and Janesville, O.

Moore was trapped Thursday morning by five deputies who found him lying fully dressed on a cot. As they entered he pulled a revolver from each sleeve, they said, and the officers cut loose with a machine gun. Moore's guns clattered to the floor.

Sheriff Wolfe said the deputies found in Moore's coupe, a heavy caliber rifle and 200 rounds of ammunition. The automobile, the sheriff reported, was stolen Dec. 18 from Homer S. Schwartz of Welcome, Minn.