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Name Verne Stankey

Order Verne Stankey

Remarks _____

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Gordon Elkhorn
Gordon Best

Verne Stankey
© Verne Stankey

and
Gordon Elkhorn
© Gordon Best

Film #670

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SANKEY & VERNE

• Not much - Kidnapper - hung
himself in Sioux Falls, S.D.



VERNE SANKEY

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

STATE OFFICE BLDG.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

NAME Verne Sankey Rancher
ALIAS Verne Stankey
ALIAS
CRIME Kidnaping
AGE 42
HEIGHT 5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
WEIGHT 170-175
COMP. Ruddy-smooth shaven
EYES Blue
HAIR Lt. Brown, bald front
BUILD Heavy
SCARS 2 eye teeth gold, gold
F.P.C. in three lower teeth

WANTED by police of Denver

Col. REWARD \$5,000.00

With Gordon Alcorn

1/31/34 arrested at Chicago
Ill.



GORDON ALCORN

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

STATE OFFICE BLDG.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

NAME Gordon Alcorn R. R. FireALIAS Gordon ElkhornALIAS Gordon BestCRIME KidnaperAGE 30HEIGHT 6 ft.WEIGHT 160-170COMP. SlenderEYES R. R. FiremanHAIR Black wavyBUILD SlenderSCARS Face thin

F.P.C. With Verne Sankey wanted
by Denver Co. Police for
Kidnaping

REWARD \$5,000.00

*2/3/34 arrested at
Chicago. Ill.*



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No 2 Gordon Elkhorn



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IDENTIFICATION

ORDER No. 1183

April 6, 1933

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WANTED**REO VERNE SANKEY, alias VERN SANKEY.****DESCRIPTION**

Reo Verne Sankey
 Age, 42 years
 Height, 5 feet, 7½ inches
 Weight, 170-175 pounds,
 Build, heavy
 Complexion, ruddy
 Eyes, blue
 Hair, light brown - bald in front
 Teeth, 2 eye teeth gold and some
 gold in lower teeth
 Race, white - naturalized Canadian
 Occupation, railroad engineer
 Marks and scars, 3 small moles left
 side of chin, small scar on back of
 one hand

RELATIVES:

Fern Mae Sankey, wife, Denver, Colo.
 Frank E. Sankey, brother, Clark, S. Dak.
 Joseph Floyd Sankey, brother, Watertown,
 S. Dak.

CRIMINAL RECORD

Arrested May 8, 1925, at Detroit,
 Minnesota, charge National
 Prohibition Act; fined \$400.00.

KIDNAPING

Reo Verne Sankey



Gordon Alcorn

WANTED**GORDON FRANCIS ALCORN, aliases GORDON ALCORN, GORDON ELKHORN, GORDON BEST.****DESCRIPTION**

Gordon Francis Alcorn
 Age, 27 years
 Height, 6 feet
 Weight, 160-170 pounds
 Build, slender
 Complexion, sallow
 Eyes, blue
 Hair, dark brown or black, wavy
 Nationality, Canadian
 Occupation, railroad fireman

RELATIVES:

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Alcorn, parents,
 Asquith, Sask., Can.
 Harold Alcorn, brother, Meadow Lake,
 Sask., Can.
 Duncan Alcorn, brother, Transcona,
 Man., Can.
 William Alcorn, brother, Asquith,
 Sask., Can.
 Gladys Alcorn, sister, Asquith,
 Sask., Can.
 Adell Alcorn, sister, Asquith,
 Sask., Can.
 Mrs. Walter Reilly, sister, Melville,
 Sask., Can.

An indictment was returned against Reo Verne Sankey and Gordon Francis Alcorn by a Federal Grand Jury at Denver, Colorado, March 29, 1933, charging Sankey and Alcorn with kidnaping Charles Boettcher II at Denver, Colorado, on February 12, 1933, and transporting him to Kimball, South Dakota, where he was held for ransom in violation of the act of Congress approved June 22, 1932. Carl Pearce, Fern Mae Sankey, Elvina Ruth Kohler and Arthur Youngberg were charged in the same indictment with aiding and abetting Reo Verne Sankey and Gordon Francis Alcorn in the aforementioned offense. On March 1, 1933, Charles Boettcher II was returned to Denver, Colorado, and the sum of \$60,000.00 ransom was paid to the kidnapers. Sankey and Alcorn are still at large and their apprehension is desired.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, United States Bureau of Investigation.

If apprehended, please notify Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 900 Ezra Thompson Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, and the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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Issued by: J. Edgar Hoover, Director.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
203 P. O. BUILDING,
ST. PAUL, MINN.
Telephone, Garfield 2193.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING - ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Record from State Bureau.

(Address) Sioux Falls, S.D.

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



Received from U.S. Marshall. County

Date received 2-2-34

Charge Kidinapping.

Sentence

Place of birth Avoca, Ia.

Nationality German-Irish.

Age 42 Height 5-4½

Weight Hair dk. ch.

Build med. Eyes bl.

Complexion lt.

Marks and Scars

Paroled

Discharged

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Feb 1934 Hung himself in Sioux Falls jail



(Please furnish all additional criminal history and police record on separate sheet)

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DEAD

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Name Verne Sankey.

Alias

Classification 9 U 8Ref. 1 T 9

No. Color

Sex

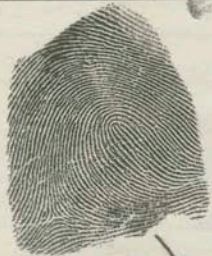
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2.—R. Index Finger

3.—R. Middle Finger

4.—R. Ring Finger

5.—R. Little Finger



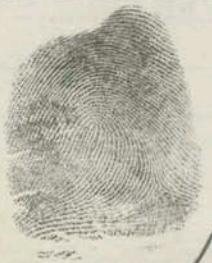
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7.—L. Index Finger

8.—L. Middle Finger

9.—L. Ring Finger

10.—L. Little Finger



Four fingers taken simultaneously

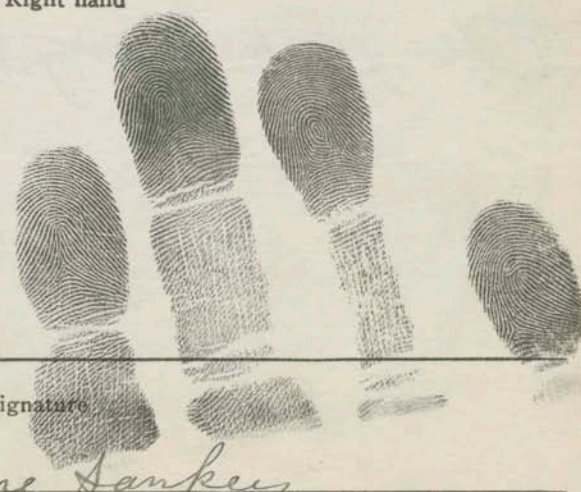
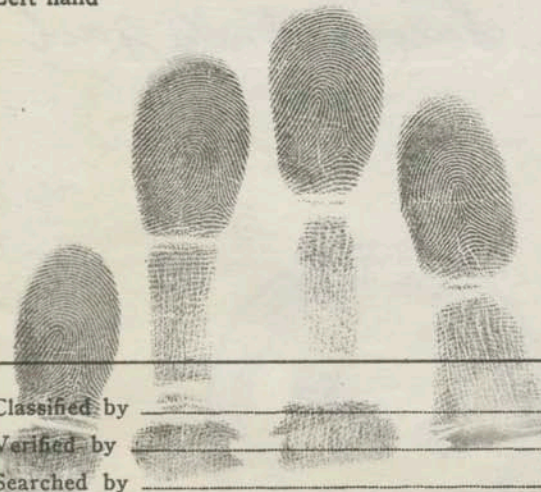
Left hand

Amputations

Four fingers taken simultaneously

Right hand

Left Thumb Right Thumb



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Prisoner's signature

Verne Sankey

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