

United States District Court

FOR THE

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Commissioner's Docket No. 42

Case No. 129

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.
The premises known as Room
123- 8400 Sunset Blvd.,
Sunset Towers West
Los Angeles, California

SEARCH WARRANT

To any Deputy U. S. Marshal or any Special Agent of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation
Affidavit having been made before me by John Robert Barron

that he {has reason to believe} that {~~another person~~ }
{is positive} {on the premises known as} The premises known as
Room 123 - 8400 Sunset
Blvd, Sunset Towers West
Los Angeles, California

in the Southern District of California

there is now being concealed certain property, namely bookmaking records, wagering
paraphernalia, including but not limited to, bet slips, betting markers,
run down sheets, schedule sheets indicating the lines, adding machines,
money, telephones, telephone address listings

which are designed and intended for use as the means of committing
criminal offenses in violation of Title 18, United States Code Section
1084, and violations of 441, 4412 and Section 7203 of the Internal
Revenue Code.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WHICH IS NOW

ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE

and as I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the property so described is being
concealed on the {person } above described and that the foregoing grounds for application for issu-
{premises} ance of the search warrant exist.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER

You are hereby commanded to search forthwith the {person } named for the property specified, serv-
{place} ing this warrant and making the search {in the daytime } and if the property be found
{at any time in the day or night} there to seize it, leaving a copy of this warrant and a receipt for the property taken, and prepare a writ-
ten inventory of the property seized and return this warrant and bring the property before me within
ten days of this date, as required by law.

Dated this 25th day of February , 19 65

RUSSELL R. HERMANN S. Commissioner.

1. The Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure provide: "The warrant shall direct that it be served in the daytime, but if the affidavits are positive that the property is on the person or in the place to be searched, the warrant may direct that it be served at any time." (Rule 41C)

JKV:mao

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I am John Robert Barron, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of
2 Investigation, assigned to the Los Angeles Office.

3 For the past two years I have been engaged in the investigating of
bookmakers and their activities, and I have a knowledge of the
4 methods and language of the operators.

5 In October 1964, I received information from confidential informants
(who in the past have furnished reliable information) that a New York
6 bookmaker was in the Los Angeles area operating a sports book.

7 Surveillance conducted of his activities showed one of his associates
to be Charles Katz, also known as Larry Day.

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9 Subsequent investigation determined Charles Katz to be residing at
The Sunset Towers West, 8400 Sunset Boulevard, Room 122, in the
period February 4, 1965 to February 25, 1965, and to be in contact
10 with gamblers.

11 A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in
the past, advised that Charles Katz made long distance phone calls
12 from pay phones in the mornings and in the evening hours.

13 and Special Agents of the FBI on February 10 and February 11, 1965,
observed Charles Katz make phone calls which a representative of the
14 Pacific Telephone Company, Los Angeles advised were made to Boston,
Massachusetts telephone number 254-5266.

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16 Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Boston
informed me that Boston telephone number 254-5266 is subscribed
to by Harry Green at Apartment 4, 28 Colborne Road, Brighton,
17 Massachusetts. Previous investigation by the FBI in Boston in-
dicated that this apartment is used by Harry Clayton and George
18 Lanzetta, both well known gambling figures, and associates of
Elliott Paul Price, currently under federal indictment on book-
19 making charges in the Southern District of New York.

20 On February 19, 20, 21, 23 and 24, 1965, Charles Katz was observed
by me and fellow Special Agents to enter either one of two public
21 phone booths located at 8210 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California,
which have phone numbers OL 4-9275 and OL 4-9276.

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23 From these booths Charles Katz made daily station to station tele-
phone calls to Boston, Massachusetts telephone number 884-1733.
His conversations were recorded by taping microphones on the outside
24 of the phone booths daily. I have listened to the recordings of
his conversations and in his conversations he daily received the
25 basketball line and made wagers with the person using the telephone
number he was calling.

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27 On February 23 and 24, 1965, Charles Katz from the described booths
called Miami Beach telephone number JE.4-0976 and on February 24, 1965,
he made sports bets on the Duquesne and Temple basketball games to a
28 party on the Miami number. He used the following language, "Give me
Temple 10-1/2 for a nickel and give me Duquesne 7-1/2 for a nickel.

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30 From my experience in investigating violations of the Federal Gambling
statutes I am aware that the above language construed the placing of
bets.

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3 On February 23, 1965, Special Agent Allen F. Frei of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, occupied Room 123 of the
Sunset Towers West which is adjacent to Room 122 occupied by
Charles Katz. SA Frei overheard from his room Katz engage in
approximately 15 telephone conversations with unknown persons,
indicating he was making sports bets. Based on the information
revealed in the investigation and the consistent pattern shown
by the defendant in his activities, it is my opinion that de-
fendant is engaged in the business of betting and wagering.

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12 JOHN ROBERT BARRON
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of
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February 25, 1965

The following items were seized by Special Agents Robert R. Rockwell and Leo V. Lo Rue during execution of a search warrant at Sunset Tower West, 8400 Sunset, Los Angeles, Calif. on this date:

1. One dark blue plastic brief case containing: 1) 48 yellow, legal size sheets of lined paper. Each bears names of colleges and surnames with numbers beside them in columns.
- 2) One copy 1964 Inside Football, a sport magazine. Between pages 78 + 79 is yellow legal size sheet of paper with names of colleges and various numbers.
- 3) Newspaper clipping captioned "College Basketball Standings".

~~the~~ Brief case located in upper left hand dresser drawer.

2. Following taken from a blue National Airlines bag on floor of east closet:
~~Not taken~~ Grey plastic folder containing:
 - 1) Registration card issued by Las Vegas

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Police Department, #A-44612 to Charles (NMN)
Katz.

- 2) Newspaper clipping starting with "The Expert: ---" ending with "games."
 - 3) Sheet of white, heavy paper with red hand writing. At upper left corner "Knicker" at lower right "Day."
- 3) Following from desk drawer:
- 1) Large manila envelope containing 7 copies of Sports Journal listing College and pro basketball games.
 - 2) Two rolls of quarters - \$10⁰⁰ each.
 - 3) Copy of Basketball Yearbook 1965
 Inserted between pages 26 and 27 were:
 - 1) White sheet of paper with names of cities and numbers - marked #1
 - 2) Clippings from Sports Journal dated February 23, with markings. marked #2
 - 3) Six legal size yellow sheets with names of schools. marked #3 through #8.
 - 4) One yellow legal size sheet marked #9

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4. Slip of lined paper with red ink writing. marked #10.
5. Phone slip marked #11. dated 2/22/65
6. Phone slip 1/26/65, 6:53 PM marked #12
7. Lined slip with school names and markings. marked #13.
8. Clipping from Sports Journal 2/22/ with markings #14.
9. Clipping from Sports Journal dated 2/24 with markings and attached clipping 1/28. #15
10. Hotel Stationery with notations. #16
11. Legal size card Board with phone number. #17.
12. National Airlines Ticket, 1/22/65, serial # 147560 #18
13. Envelope with markings #19.

Leo V. LaRue, Special Agent,
 FBI, Los Angeles 2/25/65
 Robert R. Rockwell Special Agent
 FBI Los Angeles 2/25/65