

DON OSBORN ET AL - BLACKMAIL.

Agent proceeded to this address and was informed by Mrs. McDowd that Mr. Weh did not inform her as to where he would spend his vacation, but she expected him to return in a few days and would advise Agent by telephone upon his return. On this date Agent called at the SANFORD PRODUCTION COMPANY, 1442 Beachwood Drive, Hollywood, California, and interviewed FRANK M. SANFORD, President of the Company, with reference to subjects OSBORN, RYAN and MADSON,

Mr. Sanford stated he was not acquainted with MADSON or RYAN, but knew OSBORN slightly as the latter had been employed by his company temporarily at various times. Mr. Sanford seemed very indignant over the fact that FRANK S. MATTISON, a young man employed as salesman on the road for him and who had acted as director for him in the past, was being stopped in various cities in the Middle-West by government officers who suspected him of being R. G. MADSON. Mr. Sanford said Osborn's former associates about the studio were shocked to hear the news of his arrest as a blackmailer at Springfield, Ohio, as published in the Los Angeles papers.

LEONARD CLAPHAM and LEO MOLONAY, who lived directly across the street from OSBORN's residence at 2575 Beachwood Drive, stated they had met Osborn in the pictures and became friendly with him, attending a number of parties at his home, and that they had had a great deal of respect for him and his niece, ROSE PUTNAM, who resided with him as his housekeeper. They stated they were surprised to hear of his trouble and CLAPHAM stated to Agent, "You can imagine the position Osborn has put us in, in the community and with the neighbors, as being associates of his and Rose Putnam. Mr. Moloney and his wife, as well as my wife,

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and myself have been placed in most embarrassing circumstances, and if you can convey word to Don Osborn, you might tell him that it will not be well for him or Rose Putnam to show their faces in this neighborhood or in Los Angeles Again."

August 2, 1923, Agent with Detective Trainor, called at 1731 South Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, and found that GEORGE F. WEH had returned from his vacation. He was taken to the Bureau office and questioned by Agent, who was of the opinion that he would throw a good deal of light on this case. However, Mr. Weh advised Agent that he had been running around with Madson's wife for sometime unknown to Madson and that he was never closely associated with Madson and was unaware what his business was. He told Agent to consult Police Records at San Diego, California, as information could be secured there regarding MAY RYAN, supposed wife of Madson.

Agent questioned Mr. Weh in regard to the letter mailed to J. R. BUSHNELL, from Los Angeles on December 20, 1922, signed EARL FRANK DUSTIN, General Delivery, Los Angeles. Weh denied that he ever wrote any such letter or that he was aware of the fact that Osborn and Rose Putnam were blackmailers.

A sample of Weh's handwriting is being attached to copy of this report to the Cincinnati office, and it is requested that Weh's writing be compared with the signature of Earl Frank Dustin.

Agent has had a cover placed on the mail of EARL FRANK DUSTIN at General Delivery, but up to this date no such person has called for mail.

There is a question in Agent's mind as to whether or not WEH is

persons to live in.

Agents interviewed Maybelle Anderson, former wife of DON OSBORN, and in addition to the information as given in previous interview by this party by Agent Meehan, she advised that a girl by the name of Ellen had been living with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Clapham across the street from DON OSBORN and ROSE PUTNAM, and that this girl, who is now playing in a review at the Newhouse Hotel, Salt Lake City, had made admissions to a friend of hers, one Helen Page, also with this same review, to the effect that ROSE PUTNAM had confided all of her relations with DON OSBORN to Mrs. Clapham, also the transactions as to the second trip to Springfield, Ohio, etc. Mrs. Maybelle Osborn, or Anderson, also advised that she had received information that ROSE PUTNAM shortly before making a trip to Springfield, in July, 1923, had undergone an operation for an abortion, at 2575 Beechwood Drive, and that Mrs. Leo Maloney had nursed her at this time.

Agents interviewed Leonard Clapham and wife, 2567 Beechwood Drive, but these parties absolutely denied that ROSE made a confidant of Mrs. Clapham, although they did know that she and DON OSBORN were to make a trip East for some purpose. These parties deny that they even knew that ROSE had been sick, although they evidently were frequent visitors at the place there. Handwriting of these two parties indicate they are not the parties who wrote the letters under the name of Earl Frank Dustin. These parties recognize the picture of BLACKY MADSON as being a party who was seen at DON OSBORN's place. Mrs. Clapham advised that party at Salt Lake City is Ellen Dunkle, and on October 26th, the following wire was sent to Agent Kimball, Salt Lake City:

"KIMBALL  
DEPT JUSTICE  
SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

LOS ANGELES CAL.  
OCTOBER 26th, 1923.

DISCREETLY INTERVIEW EILEEN DUNKLE WITH NEWHOUSE REVIEW AS TO ANY KNOWLEDGE SHE HAS OF RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN DON OSBORN AND HIS BRICE ROSE PUTNAM ROSE PUTNAM AND DON OSBORN LIVED TOGETHER AS MAN AND WIFE BEACHWOOD DRIVE LOS ANGELES NOW UNDER ARREST CINCINNATI OHIO FOR BLACKMAIL AND EXTORTION OF JOHN L BUSHNELL SPRINGFIELD OHIO THIS GIRL HAS ALREADY MADE ADMISSIONS TO HELEN PAGE ALSO WITH SHOW OF FACTS SHOWING COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF CONDITIONS EILEEN LIVED WITH MRS. LEONARD CHAPMAN ON BEACHWOOD DRIVE.

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Agents interviewed Leo Maloney and wife, 2305 Beechwood Drive, who advised they knew both DON and ROSE and visited at their place and have also had them at their home here. Mr. Maloney advises that he has known OSBORN for about nine years all together, and ROSE for the last year. He denies that he knew there were any relations existing between these two parties. He advises that he often attended parties at their place, at which they had considerable to drink. He could not advise of any place where OSBORN had worked except in the production of the picture in which Matty Mattison appeared. He advises that he met BLACKY MADSON once at 2575 Beechwood Drive, and at this time his brother of ROSE PUTNAM was also present. He advises he understands George Nesh was running around with the wife of BLACKY MADSON. Both advise that ROSE had been sick shortly before going East on this last trip and that Mrs. Maloney had visited her at the place while she

was sick, but deny that they knew what the cause of the sickness was. They advise that they understand PATRICIA PALMER was arrested in connection with a diamond robbery, together with BLACKY THOMPSON.

Agents interviewed Herman A. Mosher, 2225 Beechwood Drive, and he advises that the equity of PATRICIA PALMER from 2575 Beechwood Drive was assigned to DON OSBORN on March 9, 1923. PATRICIA PALMER's equity at that time was worth, according to payments made, \$313.20. On April 6th, OSBORN made one payment of \$350.00. All payments of OSBORN on this place, to June 22nd, totaled \$470.00.

Inquiry of the neighbors in the vicinity of 2575 Beechwood Drive developed that most of the people here are unwilling to say anything of value, with the exception of Mrs. Edward Johnson, 6121 Glen Alder, wife of a carpenter, and evidently of a different class from the usual tenants of the property along this drive, and she advises that there were numerous all night parties at this place, and although they live immediately to the rear of this place OSBORN and ROSE PUTNAM never had much to say to them.

Continuing investigation as to developments looking to the location of R.G. MADSON and J.A. RYAN and to details involving HERBERT I. ROSS, alias ALBERT S. HARRIS, now in jail at Cincinnati, especially as to his trip to Springfield, Ohio in October in an effort to make a second shake down of JOHN L. BUSHELL.

Through a confidential informant, Detective Reed of the Los Angeles Police Department, had learned that ROSS, together with certain other parties here in August, were planning some sort of a shake down of a party in the East. At that time, HERBERT I. ROSS was occupying