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MEMORANDUM

September 13, 1950

TO: Harold G. Robinson
FROM: J. N. McCormick

TONY BALLANO

Residence: 401 Garfield, Kansas City, Missouri
Business: 1427 East 18th Street, Kansas City, Mo. Liquor Store
Wife - Rose
Born January 30, 1908 - Costelvitano, Italy

July 19, 1921 - Shot six times by two Motorcycle Patrolmen, Antone Mouritsen (deceased) and George Burwick on Missouri Avenue between Holmes and Charlotte Avenue attempting to remove \$5,000 extortion money from mouth of cannon. Released bond \$2500 pending preliminary hearing 9/1/21.

Person whom Ballano attempted to get money was Sam Nigro, wealthy Italian who resided on 5th Avenue near Campbell.

Charged dismissed 10/14/21 before Justice Edward C. Towne. Sam Nigro failed to appear to press charges.

Police Record #11012

Arrested	7/28/21	Carrying concealed weapons	Dismissed
"	9/26/21	Investigation (Black Hand)	"
"	2/20/22	Charge Suspicion	Released
"	12/19/25	Investigation	Dismissed
"	2/23/28	" City Bank Holdup	
"	6/29/29	With Tony Gizzo, Investigation	

Subject has not been very prominent publicly in the last ten years.

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Ballano is an old-time bomb thrower and Black Hander who extorted money from Sam

Nigro in 1921. The money was placed in a cannon in a public park with police staked out and when Ballano reached in the mouth of the cannon he was shot six times. This case was dismissed for want of prosecution. Sam Nigro wouldn't identify him. Ballano has a record of arrests with Gizzo and Gargotta. The policeman who shot him at the time of the extortion later had his house burned.