

July 14, 1950

MEMORANDUM

Re: AUGUSTINE GARGOTTA, aka Gus, Steno, Skinny

Augustine Gargotta was reported to have been born at Kansas City, Missouri on July 4, 1906 and is said to have since made that city his home. He is reported to maintain a residence at 633 Garfield Street in that city. He is said to be a brother of Charles Gargotta who along with Charles Binaggio was the victim of a killing in Kansas City, Missouri this year.

Gargotta is alleged to be best known through his connections with gambling activities it being said he owned considerable interest in all gambling establishments operated by north end hoodlums in Kansas City, Missouri. It is said that among others he has operated the "Green Hills" gambling establishment near Parkville, Missouri and a cafe and gambling establishment at 33 Central Avenue. Gargotta allegedly sold the cafe at 33 Central Avenue and discontinued his gambling activities at this address. It is also said that he has possessed an interest in both the Rosedale and Chesterfield Clubs in Kansas City, Missouri.

According to an article appearing in the Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri dated April 30, 1950 Gus Gargotta allegedly is conducting a gambling venture located at, 1899 Merriam Boulevard, Kansas City, Kansas and that he is associated in this enterprise with Homer Cooper, Pete Alderson and Dutch Enderly. This newspaper article is entitled "The U. S. Grand Jury Report."

Since 1925 Gargotta has been arrested on numerous occasions by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department under their numbers 13470 and 30508 on charges of bank robbery, gambling and investigation. He has also been arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, their number 10306, on charges of investigation, murder and grand larceny. In addition Gargotta has been arrested by the State Highway Patrol, Lee's Summit, Missouri under their numbers 5640 and A-5640 on charges of investigation and operation of a gambling device. The Police Department at Wichita, Kansas arrested Gargotta, their number 10476, on a charge of highway robbery. He was also arrested by the Omaha, Nebraska Police Department on a charge of investigation (suspicion of forgery). The Kansas City, Kansas Police Department arrested Gargotta, their number 121406, on the charge of operating a gambling nuisance. On June 6, 1950 Gargotta was fingerprinted at the Kansas City, Kansas County Jail and charged with gambling.