

James Balestrere
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Kansas City, Missouri

Balestrere built and owns a building known as the white House at which a gambler named Rainey had a gambling establishment. He received \$250. a month rent from Rainey. Rainey no longer operates there, and he now receives \$100. a month rent for the building.

Balestrere was given an interest in the Green Hills gambling establishment by Binaggio. Binaggio never told him what per cent he had or who were the other partners. About a month after this event Binaggio brought him \$400. or \$500. This continued until he received about \$5,000. He made no investment but insists that if Binaggio had told him of lost money he would have paid.

Balestrere claims he has no bank account, no safe deposit, and no property except the White House and the home he lives in which he built himself about 20 years ago. His wife has a small bank account in which she deposits the rent received from the White House. His son owns a retail liquor store located at 1124 East 18th Street. Balestrere has no business and has not had any for many years.

He is an old friend of Gizzo, Lococo, and Gargotta. He claims he does not know any of the mafia personalities from other cities. He did not belong to Binaggio group.