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PAROLE REPORT

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Name of Convict: SAM BRENNER, with aliases: "Monk" Brenner, Abe Frank, Morris C. Martin, Samuel Brenner.

Title of Case: SAM BRENNER, with aliases: "Monk" Brenner, Abe Frank, Morris C. Martin, Samuel Brenner, Democratic Judge; WILLIAM E. BUCK, with aliases: W. Ellis Buck, Ellis Buck, Democratic Judlg MRS. RUTH B. TUCKER, Democratic Clerk; MRS. LOUISE DAVIS, Republican Judge; MRS. VIOLA P. DOSS, alias Viola Pearl Doss, Republican Judge; MRS. FRANCES M. EATON, Republican Clerk; ERNEST WILLIAMS, JR., alias Ernie Williams, Democratic Precinct Captain; MRS. FRANCES S. RYAN, Democratic Ward Leader; HERMAN SUPOFSKY, Democratic Worker; MRS. ELVA M. O'BYRNE, Republican County Committeewoman; LESTER L. AULGUR, Republican County Committeeman; MATHEW DEVOE, alias Matt Devoe, alias Matthew Dworsky, Democratic Worker; (Election Frauds in General Election of November 3, 1936, 15th Precinct, 12th Ward, Kansas City, Missouri.)

ELECTION LAWS.

On April 1, 1937, the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Missouri, returned an indictment, under Docket #13754, against Sam Brenner, a Democratic Judge, charging him with violation of the election laws. Brenner pleaded not guilty and was tried in Federal Court at Kansas City, Missouri, 3-3-38, and a verdict of guilty was returned against him, Brenner was sentenced on March 10, 1938, to serve a term of two years in a Federal Penitentiary and fined \$100.00, without costs. This case involved the vote

frauds on November 3, 1936, in the 15th Precinct of the 12th Ward, which poll was located at 4007 East 15th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, being a tire shop. This case was one of many cases developed through investigation which disclosed wholesale fraud and corruption among many of the political workers who were in charge of polling places.

Investigation disclosed the polls were opened from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., but that there was no count of the ballots and in fact the election officials signed the necessary certification of books and records pertaining to

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the count at 10:00 A.M. Further, that before the polls closed Brenner and his co-conspirators pulled numerous ballots out of the ballot box and took them to a table where the ballot pad was kept and erased marks which the voters had placed on these ballots, and changed them from Republican to Democratic votes. Brenner and Herman Supofsky, a Democratic Worker, took certain election books and ballots in the apartment upstairs over the polling place, about 3:00 P.M., and worked on them for about an hour. When Brenner was interviewed during the early stage of this investigation, he lied profusely and grossly misrepresented the facts as they existed. A survey of the precinct

indicated voters names recorded on the poll books hours before they voted and numerous names were found to be padded votes. The investigation included considerable work and study by the technical experts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and it was found that numerous ballots had been marked before they had been torn from the pads, the indentations being clearly shown on the ballots. The laboratory experts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation also did much work in fingerprint and handwriting examinations with respect to the ballots.

Sam Brenner has been residing at 1124 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri. He is a white man, 43 years of age, and was born in Kansas City, Missouri. His wife is Zula Brenner, who has also been indicted in another case involving election frauds in another precinct. He is of Jewish extraction and is a well known gambler. It is understood that Brenner has no children.

Sam Brenner's criminal record as furnished by the Kansas City Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI-36231, is as follows:

As Samuel Brenner, #7972, arrested 3-17-17, P.D., Kansas City, Missouri; charge inv. - susp. burg.; disch. 3-27-17.

As Morris C. Martin, #6803, arrested 7-27-20, P.D., Omaha, Nebraska; charge P.L. (boosting); fined \$25. and costs.

As Abe Frank, #6077, arrested 8-18-20, P.D., Sioux City, Iowa; charge shoplifting; 1 year County Jail; chg. red. to vag.; number changed to 2077.

As Abe Frank, #2077, arrested 8-18-20, P.D., Sioux City, Iowa; charge vag.; sent. 30 days County Jail.

As Sam Brenner, #1727-KC, arrested 1-13-37, U.S.M., Kansas City, Missouri; charge Sec. 51, Title 18, U.S.C.A.

As Sara Brenner, #1945-KC, arrested 4-2-37, U.S.M., Kansas City, Missouri; election fraud.

As Sam Brenner, with aliases:

5-14-19, inv. (strong arm man, att. robbery) 5-15-19 disch.

5-19-19, susp. theft auto tires.

7-1-19, strong arm robbery, dism. want of pros.

10-6-19, susp. stealing goods from transfer wagons; 10-7-19, fined \$100.
10-15-19, inv., taking money from news boys; 10-16-19 fined \$100. and comm. to WH.
4-6-21, inv., prob. 4-7-21 disch.
7-7-21, inv., vag. disch.
8-21-21, vag. disch.
10-21-21, inv, 10-24-21 disch.
11-25-21, bootlegging, to Govt.
12-17-21, bootlegging, fined \$150 and costs, appealed to Criminal Court 3-7-22, dism.
12-21-21, bootlegging, 2-9-22 dism.
1-27-22, gambling and vag., 1-30-22 disch.
2-4-22, vag. 2-6-22 disch.
4-21-22, vag. 4-24-22 disch.
11-27-23, inv. 11-30-23 disch.
3-9-29, inv. arson, rel.
11-19-29, keeper gambling game, rel.
6-2-30, sale and poss. of narcotics, rel.
6-27-30, frequenting gambling game, rel.
(The above notations received from P.D., Kansas City, Missouri, 2-4-37)