



Bootlegging Informant Letter, 1919

Letter to the Lane County Sheriff relating to bootlegging, Lane County Sheriff's Descriptions of Criminals, 1919. (original document on page 2)

Salem, Oregon, January 28, 1919

Mr. D. A. Elkins,
Sheriff of Lane County,
Eugene, Oregon.

Mr. C. C. Christensen,
Chief of Police,
Eugene, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

In appreciation of the fact that you are doing what you can towards stamping out the bootlegging business in Lane County and the city of Eugene, I have what I consider some very reliable information that I want to give you and hope it will be some benefit to you in your efforts.

Information reaches me through undisputable sources as follows:

Within the past three months there has been organized and is now in operation what I might term a bootlegging league with Eugene as its headquarters, the whole Willamette Valley, Coos Bay and Tillamook country as its territory, with a man and woman by the name of Galloway as its prime movers, and a man by the name of Dave Lucas as the chief distributor. I am reliably informed that the Galloways are professional bootleggers, having operated in Washington, Idaho and Eastern Oregon with considerable success. My informant tells me that Galloway is a traveling salesman for the Portland branch of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, and travels mostly by auto, sometimes by rail. The woman usually accompanies him on his trip, and when in Eugene they usually stop at the Osborn Hotel. For professional reasons I am not going to attach my signature hereto, but hope it will suffice in saying that I am a resident of the city of Eugene where I have lived for many years and am a taxpayer in both the county and city, and am well known to both of you gentlemen, and a little later on, should the occasion require I will disclose my identity to you.

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