

LETTER  
FARRELL

Phone Edward 22719  
708 W. 35th Street  
P.O. Armour Station  
Chicago, Illinois



ANSWERED

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Chief U.S. Dept of Investigation  
Washington D. C.

Information submitted in confidence about St. Valentines Day Massacre  
Dear Sir:

In order to assist your Dept., in getting at the truth, of reported confession of Byron Bolton may I relate information that I picked up while on "Undercover Investigation" work here.

At present I am holding a patronage position as Junior Highway Engineer with the State of Illinois and therefore request that if you decide to make any part of this information public to press that my connection with giving it be concealed and treated as confidential.

62-34299-97  
RECORDED & INDEXED

There were five victims of the above massacre who took Wm Davern Jr., son of Lieut. Wm Davern of the Chicago Police Dept and of Mrs. Nellie (White) Davern of Juvenile Court for a "ride" and threw him wounded from a car on either Nov. 29th or Nov 30th 1928 near Rush and State Sts. He died at Kennerly Hospital here Dec. 29th or 30th 1928. Davern parents were divorced and Lieut. Davern had he married a newspaper Sunday feature section of Chicago's Tribune either writer or other employee. My memory of dates should be checked as if shot on 29th of Nov. he died on Dec 29th or if shot on Nov. 30th he died on Dec 29th. Sometime prior to his death he told his first cousin Wm. S. White who had shot him, while White better known as "3 Fingered Jack White" was a prisoner convicted of manslaughter confined in our Cook County Jail.

White without revealing his knowledge that he knew they had shot Davern, planned a factory payroll holdup in which they (the 5 killers) were to be assisted by himself and a pal in police uniforms and on the fatal day one of the Guseberg brothers decided he wanted a share also and he just horned in as White and another in Police Uniforms were lining them up for final "instructions". The garage mechanic also was unfortunate and seems as there were seven massacred instead of only the 5 who killed Davern.

When I furnished this information to the Coroner personally (Dr. Herman Bunderson) he was amazed to learn that such laxity existed at County Jail under the regime of a fellow Democrat, Sheriff John Thayer and the agreement we had was that Dr. Bunderson was to check the Jail Records and get as he found best, as no hint must reach Lieut. Davern at the Detective Bureau that it was known that White participated.

White and Moran were pals as my information established at the time I connected him with several Bank Robberies and furnished that information to all Bankers in 1925 and 1926 and if Byron Bolton had any connection I never heard of him till his recent arrest. However, I am at your service if you seek further information.  
Sincerely,  
Frank Farrell