

Massachusetts Police Seek Gang Which Pulled Off Biggest Cash Robbery In U.S. History

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BOSTON (UPI) — The Post Office Department's top sleuth flew here today with a 10-man team and took personal command of a massive hunt for the bandits who stole \$1.5 million in the nation's largest cash holdup.

U. S. Chief Postal Inspector Henry B. Montague, 51, a 25-year veteran, went into an immediate conference with William F. White, chief inspector for the New England region.

"I have brought in my top investigators from Washington, Pittsburgh, New York City, Detroit and Florida," Montague told newsmen at Logan International Airport on arriving from Washington. "In all I have brought in 10 extra men."

Might Use 1,000

Earlier, White had said the Post Office Department was prepared to use 1,000 men if necessary to find the clever bandit gang that hijacked a mail truck in Plymouth, 35 miles southeast of Boston, Tuesday night.

The holdup gang was believed to include five men and a woman who switched traffic off a main highway with detour signs so they could rob the red, white and blue mail truck in privacy.

A phony policeman flagged down the truck while his companions in the rear put up detour signs and sent busy Route 3 traffic off toward a state park.

During the night, an informer came forward and said he could positively identify one member of the gang. The suspect was seized immediately for questioning.

Has Good Alibi

Massachusetts State Police Det. Capt. Michael J. Cullinane said that "for a time it looked pretty good. But after questioning we are satisfied he had nothing to do with the robbery. He answered to one of the nicknames and descriptions but was off on one par-

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ticular point and he proved that he was working at the time of the robbery."

The fake "police officer" was described as being six feet, 200 pounds, wearing horn-rimmed glasses, about 40 years old and addressed by other gang members as "Tony." The woman was said to be in her 20s, short hair, simply face, last seen driving a white Chevrolet.

Kennedy's Bank Involved

Some of the description came from two Post Office employees, the driver and the guard, in the panel truck which had picked up the currency from six banks on Cape Cod. About \$400,000 of it came from the Barnstable County National Bank in Hyannis where the Kennedy family often cashes checks when in Hyannis Port residence.

The two guards were not harmed and not a shot was fired in the robbery. They were left in the abandoned truck near Randolph, Mass., about 25 miles northwest of Plymouth, and first found by an Ecuadorean pre-medical student who came along on his motor scooter to have one of the men tell him:

"Call the police! We've been

robbed of a million dollars!"

Boston Police Commissioner Edmund L. McNamara, who as an FBI agent helped crack the \$1,219,000 Brink's counting house holdup, ordered every man on the city's 2,800-strong force to turn in any information of the slightest bearing.

Suspect Not Identified

Capt. Michael J. Cullinane, head of the Massachusetts State Police Detective Bureau, said he had one strong suspect and that his men had staked out three locations in case he shows up. He would not identify the suspect but said he was not a "big-time criminal."

Descriptions of the five men and one girl were distributed. The FBI threw its agents and files into the search.

So meticulous was the performance of the robbers, however, that there was little reason to believe that they had not been just as precision-minded in plotting their moves after the holdup.

The robbers got one gigantic assist from the Post Office Department and the state police. Up until a month ago, the mail trucks making the pickups of cash for transfer to the Federal

Reserve Bank of Boston had an escort patrol car.

On July 17, it was removed. It was like taking Wyatt Earp off riding shotgun for Wells Fargo in Jesse James country.

Guards Crack Shots

Instead, the Post Office put in the small panel truck as driver and guard two men who were crack pistol shots and had been given top security clearance. The driver was Patrick Schena, 36, of Everett, Mass., and the guard William Barrett, 49, of Mansfield. Both are family men who make about \$100 a week.

Late Tuesday afternoon, the mail truck picked up nine sacks of registered mail (the currency at the Hyannis Post Office). Shortly before 7 p.m., seven more sacks were picked up at the Buzzards Bay Post Office. Then Schena and Barrett headed up Route 3 toward Boston, driving about 45 miles an hour in drizzle, cold weather as the day's light began to fade.

Schena and Barrett, in five hours of subsequent questioning told what happened then:

Shortly before 8 p.m., as they neared the Plymouth by-pass, a light-colored sedan whipped past

them at 80 miles an hour. A few miles later, the mail truck came upon a man in police uniform standing by two parked cars. Before they could reach for their .38 caliber revolvers, gun barrels were thrust into the mail truck windows and Schena and Barrett were told, "drop your weapons on the floor or we'll blast off your heads."

The robbers wore white gloves, no masks. They bound and gagged — but did not blindfold — the two Post Office men and put them in the back of the truck with the sacks of money. One of the robbers, who was addressed as "Tony," got in the back with them.

Detour Set Up

The scene was five miles north of the phony "detour." It had not been there when they passed by. It must have been set up seconds later so that not another motorist came up Route 3 at the time. Southbound cars on the divided highway were screened off by a 100-foot wide area of ground rising to a 15-foot crest.

Two other men got into the mail truck and drove off, soon leaving Route 3 and taking to back country roads that bumped

and jostled Schena and Barrett, tied back to back on the truck floor.

Three times the truck was stopped and each time Tony pulled out some of the dirty white sacks and handed them to a man in front called "Buster." He presumably tossed them out to accomplices in other automobiles.

About 90 miles after the stick-up, the car was abandoned outside Randolph. Tony's parting words were: "You can't see anything, you don't know anything and don't call the cops for 15 minutes."

It took Schena and Barrett just about that long to work themselves loose and it was at that moment the young man from Ecuador appeared on his motor scooter.

Guards Not Suspect

Police believe this was partially an "inside" job although no suspicion of any sort rests on Schena and Barrett. They were sent home to their families for rest.

The currency pickups are on irregular schedule known only to about 50 Post Office Department employees. It was also known only to so few that the state police es-

identifying pictures of them as among the four men they saw. To solve the \$1.5 million hold-up, the Post Office was limited by law to offering a reward of only \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the robbers.

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