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H. W. MICHAELIS, Office Manager, George Rose and Company, Inc., 1225 South Grand Avenue, advised that Smith and Wesson .38 revolver, Victory model, with Parkerized finish, bearing serial number V 510210, and assembly number 65248, had been a part of a shipment in one of five cases of similar guns purchased by his company from Empire Wholesale Sporting Goods, Limited, 360 Craig Street West, Montreal, Canada. It was shipped by the latter company to Rose on December 18, 1962, and received by Rose on January 3, 1963, via Acme Fast Freight. This gun originally had a five-inch barrel, but it had been shortened to two and one-half inches, and the original sight then was replaced on the gun by Gunsmith M. L. JOHNSON, 13440 Burbank Boulevard, Van Nuys, California, exact date unknown. This gun was originally received by Rose as a .38 Special with no re-chambering done locally, and no alterations made by Rose's gunsmith, other than to shorten the barrel and reset the sight. MICHAELIS located and furnished a printed mail order form clipped from a publication, which he could not identify, which had been received by his company ordering one ".38 ST. W. 2" BBL." for \$29.95. This order transmitted \$10 cash, bore an illegible name, which appears to be A. G. or A. J. HIDELE, age 28, date of order, January 27 (no year shown), Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas. The order was filled out in ink and witnessing the statement thereon that the person ordering the gun was a U. S. citizen, not convicted of a felony, was a name which appeared to be D. E. DRITTAL. Also written in ink on the order form was an order for one box of ammunition and one holster, but a line was drawn through these items, cancelling that portion of the order.

The above order was mailed to, and shipped out under the name of Seaport Traders, Inc., 1221 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, which MICHAELIS stated is the name under which his company does mail order business.

MICHAELIS also furnished Seaport Traders invoice number A 5371, prepared under date of March 13, 1963, to ship "S & W .38 Special 2" Commando" to A. J. HIDELE, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas Texas, balance c.o.d. \$19.95.

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The order was actually shipped March 20, 1963, via Railway Express, which collected the remaining \$19.95, which Railway Express then sent to Seaport Traders, Inc., also collecting \$1.27 c.o.d. service charge.

MICHAELIS also furnished the shipping copy of the above invoice, the Railway Express Agency receipt completed at the time the gun was furnished Railway Express, and a Railway Express form showing that \$19.95 had been collected from HIDELE, and paid to Seaport Traders, Inc.

On 11/30/63 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 89-75
by SA JAMES W. WOOD:jab Date dictated 11/30/63

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