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OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
to Chief of Police only.

Judge L.B. Wight,
City and County Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

In Re: A. O. Frank

The following concerning Arthur O. Frank, recently sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary, is for your information:

Frank first was arrested by this department September 24, 1919, for the theft of a Buick automobile belonging to Max Rosenblum from in front of the Newhouse hotel. This car was recovered by Detective James E. Woodward in Frank's garage, where it had been "worked over" by means of a new paint job and other changes. At that time Frank gave his age as 29. Through the intercession of a number of influential friends, he escaped prosecution.

The recent arrest of Frank, in company with Charles A. Silver made by Officers Hughes, Roberts and Nilson of the Automotive Bureau, was for a wholesale series of thefts, which included the stripping of tires from scores of automobiles, the robbery of the Nash place, the robbery of the Social Hall garage and the theft of Mitchell Stewart's Ford coupe.

The confession of young Silver implicates Frank, and in fact makes him the directing spirit, in numerous thefts extending over a period of three months prior to their arrest. According to this confession, Frank and Silver entered the Pacific Nash company's place two times by means of a pass key and looted the store room of several thousand dollars worth of tires and accessories. Most of this loot was recovered, some of it from the garage used by Frank and some at the Silver home and at the home of Silver's grandmother. If necessary, the names of twenty automobile owners can be given to whom stolen tires have been returned.

One of the worst examples of stripping was that of the David Spitz Marmon. This car was taken on the Fort Douglas military reservation and accessories stolen which took \$600 to replace.

Trusting this information will be of aid to you, I remain

Yours very truly,

Jos. E. Burbidge
Chief of Police.

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