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Two Arrests in Hi-Jacking Truck Mixup

**Edward Prott Names Kenosha Man
Fleuker and Fisher Also Implicated**

Edward Prott of the Town of Burlington was brought before Court Commissioner Goodland in Racine last Saturday, charged with complicity in hi-jacking a load of soap last April. He was bound over for preliminary examination March 5 and released on \$750 bail.

John D'Angelo of Kenosha was charged with the actual hi-jacking and was released after providing \$5,000 bonds. Others implicated are John Ragonne of Chicago and Reinhold Fleuker, both now dead, and Leonard Fisher, now in jail for the Schenning murder.

The hi-jacking out of which the charges arose took place on Highway 41 just north of the Illinois state line on the night of April 17, 1934.

Near a gravel cross road a trio of men blocked the highway, and as a heavy merchandise truck, bound for Chicago after a day of delivering and collecting, approached and slowed down, one of the three leaped onto the running board, poked a gun at the driver and ordered the truck stopped on the side road.

There the driver, John Sliwa, 29, and the relief driver, Stanley Cyz, both of Chicago, were ordered into a light sedan. Sliwa and Cyz were forced to sit on the floor in the rear of the sedan, with their backs toward the driver. One of the hi-jackers drove, while the other covered the two prisoners with a gun.

After being driven about for some three hours, Sliwa and Cyz were ordered out near Burlington and informed they would find their truck three miles away. With all possible speed they walked into Burlington and informed authorities.

It was found that a heavy steel safe in which the days collections had been deposited, bolted to the frame of the truck, has been broken open and the contents, \$479.35 in cash and \$294.50 in checks, had been extracted.

A quantity of soap, valued at about \$250, was undisturbed. The truck was owned by the Samuel Kunin and sons Co., a wholesale grocery company.

Deputy William P. Schmidt of Kenosha was assigned to the case and in a short time he had uncovered some significant information.

A Racine county resident living off Highway 120, reported upon questioning, that a heavy truck bearing the. . .

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Following the tracks of the truck in the soft dirt, deputies traced it to a lane near the home of Edward Prott. Mr. Prott was questioned but at first denied any knowledge of the affair.

Deputy Schmitt persisted in his investigation, however, recording Prott's statements as to his whereabouts on the nights of the hi-jacking. After several trips to Prott's farm Schmitt found that the suspect's stories conflicted on certain points. He took Prott to the sheriff's office in Kenosha and then placed him under arrest. Under further grilling Prott admitted that he knew something of the affair, but denied complicity. He named John D'Angelo as the principal figure in the hi-jacking and Fleuker and Fisher as

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