

a gas station, a hardware store, some other type of business. The local police are investigating those crimes and we know it. We know from the modus operandi that it is the same person. So the postal inspector and the police work together in the case. Perhaps the crimes committed against the State law are more numerous and considered to be more important than the crime that we have. In such circumstances, it would be considered that the police have a primary interest. They might decide to give a lie detector test, independent of the inspector's decision or request.

We have included such cases in our statistics.

Mr. KASS. You say normally the individual will not only rob a post office, but he may go around robbing department stores and gasoline stations?

Mr. MONTAGUE. That is correct.

Mr. KASS. How do you know this?

Mr. MONTAGUE. We know it from experience. Sometimes you have a thief who preys solely on post offices, but that is unusual. They generally also hold up or rob other places.

Mr. KASS. Mr. Montague, does the Post Office Department maintain a list of recommended polygraph operators outside of the Federal Government?

Mr. MONTAGUE. We don't maintain such a list. Our men in the area know who they are, though, from associating with them, from attending law enforcement meetings. From attending professional meetings of various types, you get this information. It is part of the profession, part of the business that you know this.

Mr. KASS. Mr. Montague, are these limited to other Federal agencies?

Mr. MONTAGUE. No.

Mr. KASS. Are these limited to State and local police agencies?

Mr. MONTAGUE. It could be State and local agencies, and it could also be a local university where they have a qualified lie detector operator or someone who teaches a course in it.

Mr. KASS. Could it also be a private polygraph examiner?

Mr. MONTAGUE. We have not gone out and engaged a private examiner to whom we had to pay a fee for any examination of this kind, to my knowledge.

Mr. KASS. But without a fee, have you also used private polygraph examiners?

Mr. MONTAGUE. I don't know of any case offhand. [Turning to Mr. Brown and Mr. Baleiko:] Do either of you know of any such case?

Mr. BROWN. Unless you would consider a professor in police science or something of that sort as a private individual.

Mr. KASS. He would have to be a private individual or he is a part of the Federal Government or the State government.

Mr. BROWN. That would be true. There have been several instances like that, not numerous, but several.

Mr. KASS. And these have been without a fee?

Mr. BROWN. So far as I know; yes.

Mr. KASS. Could you supply for the record the information of those individuals that have given polygraph exams outside of the local and State organizations and outside of the other Federal organizations?

Mr. Chairman, could we get that for the record?