

10-12-1937

## Everett (Shep) Hurd's account of the Brady Incident

Everett S. Hurd

Follow this and additional works at: [https://digicom.bpl.lib.me.us/spc\\_brady\\_bk](https://digicom.bpl.lib.me.us/spc_brady_bk)

---

### Recommended Citation

Hurd, Everett S., "Everett (Shep) Hurd's account of the Brady Incident" (1937). *The Brady Gang Documents*. 1.  
[https://digicom.bpl.lib.me.us/spc\\_brady\\_bk/1](https://digicom.bpl.lib.me.us/spc_brady_bk/1)

This Text is brought to you for free and open access by the Special Collections at Bangor Community: Digital Commons@bpl. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Brady Gang Documents by an authorized administrator of Bangor Community: Digital Commons@bpl. For more information, please contact [ccoombs@bpl.lib.me.us](mailto:ccoombs@bpl.lib.me.us).

Bangor, Maine  
Oct. 12, 1937

I, Everett S. Hurd, 82 Maine St., Orono, Maine do state that I am the owner of Dakin Sporting Goods Co., 25 Central St., Bangor, Maine.

On Sept. 21, 1937 two men came into my store at 25 Central St., Bangor, Maine, and I spent about 20 minutes with them talking about guns. These men bought 2 .45 calibre Colt Automatic pistols. These men had a note from Hussey Hardware at Augusta, Maine which stated in effect that the men were interested in buying some merchandise and to fix them up. These men paid for the 2 guns in cash. James Dalhover was one of the 2 men in question and he paid for both guns. These men then left and I remarked to Louis La Crosse, one of my salesmen to this effect "I'll bet they are gangsters", meaning and referring to the two men who bought the Colt .45's.

I then went to the Bangor Maine police department and talked to Deputy Chief of Police John Mahoney and told him that two men had just been in my store and bought two .45 calibre Colt Automatic pistols and I told him that I thought that they were gangsters and Ass't Chief Mahoney told me to give it to the stenographer in the Chief's office and I told her the details and furnished the numbers of the guns.

On Oct. 5, 1937 James Dalhover again came into my store alone and I recognized him as the man of Sept. 21, 1937 and I asked him how the .45 Colt Automatics were. Dalhover bought another .45 Colt Automatic pistol, a .45 cal. auto. clip and a box of 50 .45 cal. cartridges. Dalhover asked me if I could get him some cartridge clips to hold 32 separate cartridges for a .38 cal. Luger. I then figured to get him back in the store again and I told him I didn't have any but could get some. He also wanted me to get some clips for the .45 cal. Colt Automatic to hold 25 cartridges and I told him that I had never heard of them but that I would try and get some. Dalhover then asked me if I could get him a Thompson Sub-machine gun and I told him that there was a law against selling them but that some of the rum runners might have some around and that I could try and pick one up. Upon this visit there was an automobile double parked in front of the store with the motor running and the door open with one man in the drivers seat and one man in the rear seat. I was pretty positive then that this man Dalhover and his pals were gangsters. Dalhover left after paying for the gun and I telephoned

720



the Maine State Police and I talked to a man there and asked him to send a man down immediately as I had some vital information concerning gangsters. Sgt. Hall of the Maine State Police came down shortly after I called and I related to him all the facts about the men who bought the guns. I did not know at that time who these men were. Sgt. Hall heard my story and told me that the facts weren't anything for his department but that he thought it was a Government case and that he would get in touch with Government men. The next day Sgt. Hall of the State Police called me and said that a Government man would see me shortly. On Oct. 8, 1937 Special Agent Callan of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice came to me and identified himself and I told him the whole story. Special Agent Callan exhibited an album of photographs to me and I identified James Dalhover as the man who had bought 2 .45 cal. Colt Automatics on Sept. 21, 1937 and who bought 1 .45 cal. Colt Automatic on Oct. 5, 1937. I made the same identification to Special Agent Gurnea of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other Special Agents on Oct. 10, 1937.

On Oct. 5, 1937 at the time I talked to Sgt. Hall of the Maine State Police I talked to Chief of Police Crowley of the Bangor, Maine police and told him the whole story.

I agreed to cooperate fully with Special Agent Gurnea of the F.B.I. and agreed to permit Federal Agents to come into my store and prepare for the men to come back.

I want to say that at the time Dalhover wanted me to get the clips and Thompson Sub-machine gun for him on Oct. 5, 1937 he said that he would be back on Monday or Tuesday which would be on October 11 or 12, 1937.

Special Agent Walter Walsh of the F.B.I. was in my store on Oct. 11 & 12, 1937 acting as a salesman. Special Agent Nitschke was concealed in the store the same dates.

At about 8:30 A.M. Oct. 12, 1937 I was in my store and Dalhover, whom I recognized as being the man who came into the store on Sept. 21, 1937 and on October 5, 1937 came into the store and when he got about to the middle of the floor I walked past Special Agent Walsh and whispered to him "there he is" and then I walked over to him and said "anything I can do for you" and he said "have you got that stuff I ordered" and then Special Agent Walsh came up to this man and said "stick them up" and this man, Dalhover put his hands up. I then saw Mr. Walsh take this man toward the rear of the store and I heard him ask this man Dalhover "where are your pals"

and Dalhover said "they're right out in front", and Mr. Walsh ran to the front door. I heard a lot of shooting and got out of the way and did not see anything more until the shooting stopped and I went outside and saw two bodies in the street.

(Signed) Everett S. Hurd

Witness: (Taken by W. J. Devereux - not signed)  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of  
Investigation, U. S.  
Department of Justice.