

# EX-CONVICT SLAIN; 3D BROTHER TO DIE

Louis (Fat Elevator) Reggione, Counterfeiter, Shot 5 Times in Mulberry Street

Twelve shots were fired in rain-swept Mulberry Street shortly before 2 A. M. yesterday and five of them brought death to Louis (Fat Elevator) Reggione, convicted counterfeiter. Two of his six brothers previously had been shot dead.

Another of the brothers, known to the police as the Chip-Chip Boys, was with Louis when the two men following them began to fire. He—Joseph—was not hit, but taken in for questioning by investigators who found him staring at his brother's body in the gutter outside 284 Mulberry Street, near East Houston.

The dead man was 47 years old and believed to have lived with Joseph at 282 Mulberry Street. Four months ago he was freed from the Federal Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., after serving eight years of a twelve-year turn for making money in the strictly literal and strictly illegal sense.

The counterfeiting plant in which Reggione was involved was broken up by the authorities in February, 1932, aided substantially by the unwitting curiosity of a woman whose husband was charged with printing the bills. The woman had been forbidden by her husband to open a certain package; like Lot's wife, she couldn't resist, and found 500 brand-new \$5 notes. Giving one to a Chinese laundryman to pay her regular bill proved disastrous when the Chinese found the money to be spurious.

Louis Reggione, then identified as a malt and bottle man of 174 Thompson Street, was accused of having supplied funds for the enterprise, believed to have encompassed the printing of \$1,000,000 in fake money.

On May 23, 1935, one of the Reggiones, identified both as James and John, was bullet-riddled while he walked with a 12-year-old niece in West Broadway near Houston. In 1933 another brother, Mike, was slain in Harlem. Recapitulating yesterday, police said others of the family were Patsy, jailed in Connecticut for burglary, and Tom, in Sing Sing for burglary. Another brother, John (or James), was at liberty and unwanted. A sister was questioned with Joseph in connection with the slaying of Louis, but neither was implicated in any way.

Louis wore a pale blue slack suit, open at the throat, when his enemies caught up with him. During the counterfeiting trial eight years ago he vanished for a week, appearing the day before sentence to tell the judge he had become afraid of the consequences of the trial.