

YOUNG GIRL IS FORCED TO RUN RUM, SHE STATES

Charges Railroad Pass Man Made Her Tote Booze Into Reservation

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A pitiful story of how she was made to run whiskey thru the Hoover Dam reservation gate for Paul Thomas alias Max Kinnaman, Railroad Pass resort man, was unfolded yesterday to reservation police by Evelyn Hardy, 22, former Chilton, Missouri, girl, who alleges in a signed statement that Kinnaman put her into a life of prostitution, and that at one time recently he beat her, slashing her with a knife.

Kinnaman was jailed in the federal bastille at Boulder City by Police Chief G. E. Bodell early yesterday and is being held for investigation by the department of justice and probable return to Tucson, Arizona, for violation of parole.

Mrs. Hardy, whose husband is now a marine in China, according to her statement, used to drive the car through the reservation gate with liquor in it, while Kinnaman walked around the gate and got into the car in the reservation, going on to Boulder City where the liquor was sold.

The girl stated Kinnaman had threatened her life several times, and that she had come to reservation police for protection because she was "afraid that he might use violence, and " she did not think she could "get protection in Las Vegas," she said in her signed statement.

On December 23, 1932, she said, she drove through the gate with a large quantity of bottled whiskey, four cases, in the car. It was that night that a man named Butler had a brush with Chief of Police G. E. Bodell on the porch of a dormitory in Boulder City.

On the night of January 21 the girl said she went to Kinnaman's joint at Railroad Pass from a dance and tried to get some whiskey. Kinnaman said he was "not putting out," without the money being paid, and the party left, returning soon, the car at that time nosing into a corner of the tent-house, by accident.

Kinnaman came out infuriated, she said, and struck her several times, then stabbed at her with a knife, cutting her wrist. She said she then drove away but "passed out" from loss of blood before she had driven far.

She states she was taken to Las Vegas, and treated there at the county hospital, that she reported

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to the sheriff's office and had Kinnaman arrested.

She states in her signed statement that:

"Kinnaman was put in jail, but was released on Sunday afternoon, January 22, 1933. I was to go to the office on Monday, January 23, and sign the complaint. I went there and the sheriff said that Kinnaman had told him that I was a public prostitute and that I would only be getting myself run off the hill if I would sign a complaint against him. I told the sheriff that I was not working, but was living with Mr. and Mrs. Speck. But upon advice of the sheriff, I did not sign the complaint and was willing to let the matter drop.

"After this affair, every time I would meet Kinnaman he would threaten me and tell me what he was going to do to me. He said he was sorry that he didn't stamp my teeth down my throat and said that he was going to take me for a ride and let his girl, Minnie Wishon, beat me to death with a club.

"Max was later picked up by the police in Boulder City and held there a day on a charge of investigation. After he was released, he made numerous threats against me and as I was afraid that he might use violence, I came to the police at Boulder City for protection as I did not think I could get protection in Las Vegas.

"—I have read this statement and find it to be true and correct. Signed Evelyn Hardy."

The girl's statement details on the part of Kinnaman, including alleged surprising number of sha-

dy activities, burning of a car owned by his cousin, who collected insurance, and burglarizing of the home of a man named Phelan at Miami, Arizona.

Kinnaman is said to be on five years probation now from Tucson on white slavery charge. He was arrested at 2 a. m. yesterday by Bodell, at Railroad Pass.

Mrs. Hardy said she first met Kinnaman (Thomas) at Jefferson City, Missouri, and that he took her and another girl from there to Texas, then to Bisbee, Arizona, in his cousin's car, burning it there. Then he took the girls to Miami, and put them into a house of prostitution there. She said he was sentenced to five years for white slavery then, after burglarizing the Phelan's home.

She said she then ran away, to Hawthorne, Nevada, thence to Las Vegas. In August 1932 she worked at a place at Sunset, and she said Kinnaman came to this part of the country and got her to move to Railroad Pass, to run his joint

there. She went back later to Hawthorne, staying 10 days, and returned to Las Vegas.

Kinnaman got her into his place again, where she remained until the difficulty January 21 involving the slashing of her wrist, she said.