HENRY J. FERNEKES

(MIDGET, JIMMY WARD, C.F. RICHARDS, HENRY BARNES
JIMMY KNIGHT, HENRY GOODWIN, RALPH GOODWIN
HENRY J. FERNEKES)

Amen

Escaped 7/11/35 for Robbery, Ass. Murder
Recaptured 10-28-35 - Took possession 10-29-35
Henry J. Fernekes  46789

Age       38 (1935)
Height    5' 4\frac{1}{4}"
Weight    134 lbs
Comp      Dark
Hair      Dk Cht
Eyes      Grn slate
Build     Med Slim

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ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY

Joliet, Illinois

Rec'd from Cook Co. Aug. 5th 1925 to serve 10 yrs to life for Robbery etc.
NOW 38 yrs old, height 5'4½"", weight 134 lbs, dark compl., chest. dark hair.
Haz. Grn Sl eyes, med. slim build
SCARS AND MARKS: - RIMS OF EARS FLATTENED AND EARS STAND OUT. III-2 blue scars on head edge of hair.
I-Pl red sc 1¼ lg back of hand II-cut curve sc outer thumb.
Fifty ($50) dollars will be paid for the capture of this man. WIRE
Colonel Frank D. Whipp, Warden
Joliet, Illinois

Prisoners' Signature: Henry J. Tennessee

10/28/35 Captured in Chicago, Ill. 10/29/35 Committed Suicide by Poisoning in Jail at Chicago.
RECEIVED
AUG 5 1935
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

REC'D
JUL 31 1935
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION
KILLER WALKS OUT OF ILLINOIS PRISON

By Associated Press.

Joliet, Ill., Aug. 3.—Henry “Midget” Fernekes, 33, diminutive quick-shooting gunman accused of at least five murders and a dozen bank robberies, was missing from his cell in the state penitentiary Saturday night. Officials said he apparently had escaped by donning civilian clothing and walking past the guards as a visitor.

Fernekes, serving a 10 year to life sentence for the robbery of the Inland Trust & Savings bank in Chicago, was described at the time of his arrest a decade ago as “a gunman who could give Gerald Chapman and Tommy O’Connor lessons in both shooting and robbery.”

The gunman, who was given the name “Midget” because of his size—he was five feet three inches tall and weighed only 140 pounds—was missed during a daily check of prisoners.

A short time before, guards recalled, a mysterious man entered the interview room, inside the prison walls. He presented a card on which was written “Amenn—4408”—the name and number of a prisoner friend of Fernekes.

A clerk in the interview room directed the “visitor” to seek Amenn at the new prison. Still bearing the card, the man, whose resemblance to Fernekes was later reported by guards, walked through gates and disappeared.

Ends Life in Cell

Chicago, Oct. 29.—(INS)—Henry J. (Midget) Fernekes, diminutive escaped killer and bank robber, recaptured here yesterday, collapsed and died today in a cell at the detective bureau.

Physicians said that Fernekes had taken poison to cheat the long prison term he faced at Joliet penitentiary where he escaped last August.

Fernekes escaped from Joliet by merely walking out in citizens’ clothes and disguised in dark horn-rimmed glasses.
August 14, 1935.

Mr. Roscoe C. Hill,
Superintendent,
Bureau of Criminal Identification
and Investigation,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

You will find enclosed herewith a number of our circulars #33, concerning Henry J. Fernekes alias "Midget" Fernekes, Illinois State Bureau #192, Illinois State Penitentiary Joliet #44-E, who escaped from the Illinois State Penitentiary Joliet (Old Prison) on August 3, 1935, about 1:45 P.M.

Fernekes is a notorious bank robber and a dangerous killer, and all police departments should make every effort to cause his apprehension. Fernekes is reputed to possess considerable wealth, which he saved from his bank depredations prior to his incarceration in the Illinois State Penitentiary.

I shall appreciate it if you will use any and all means that are available to you to broadcast this information throughout your state, and in the event that a bank robbery occurs in your state, will you see to it that a photograph of Fernekes is shown to the victims of the robbery? On account of his very small size Fernekes will be easily identified.

I shall also appreciate it if you will have your officers keep a sharp look-out for this man, and as he is known to be a dangerous killer, every precaution should be taken by persons attempting to place him under arrest.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

T. P. Sullivan
Superintendent.

RECEIVED
AUG 16 1935.

Bureau of Criminal Identification

CC-State Bureau, East Lansing, Mich.
CC-State Bureau, St. Paul, Minn.
NAME--HENRY J. FERNEKES,
ALIAS "MIDGET".

CIRCULAR NO. 33 ISSUED AUGUST 12, 1935.

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**$1000.00 REWARD**

Governor Henry Horner has offered a reward of $1000.00 for the apprehension of the following subject who escaped from the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill., August 3, 1935.


FERNEKES is a notorious bank robber and killer and a very clever operator. Officers should take no chances.

Notify Frank D. Whipp, Warden, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.; or this Bureau.

HENRY J. FERNEKES
STATE BUREAU #192.

ILLINOIS STATE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION
T. P. SULLIVAN, SUPT.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

WANTED
HENRY J. FERNEKES, with aliases: "MIDGET" FERNEKES,
JIMMIE WARD, C. F. RICHARDS, HENRY J. DARCHE, JIMMY
KNIGHT, HENRY GOODWIN, RALPH GOODWIN, HENRY J. FERNEKES.

DESCRIPTION
Age, 38 years (born July 27, 1897 in Illinois); Height, 5'41"; Weight, 146 lbs. (1935); Build, medium slim; Hair, dark chestnut; Eyes, hazel green slate; Complexion, dark; Ears, rims of ears flattened and stand out; Teeth, fair, upper right and left molars crowned; Nose, very slight elevation; M.L., M.W., M. deep root. Chin, medium short and straight. Scars: Left hand, vertical scar, 1" long on back of hand between thumb and index finger. Right hand — cut curved scar on outer and palm of thumb, outer phalanx. Face, dim oblique scar root of nose; rough blue scar on upper right side of head at edge of hair; curved blue scar on center upper forehead at edge of hair. Peculiarities: Very quiet. Occupation: Electrician and chemist.

Photograph taken August 5, 1925.

CRIMINAL RECORD
*As Henry J. Fernekis, served one term in the Illinois State Reformatory, Pontiac, Ill., #9520; crime, armed robbery; paroled and discharged.

As Henry J. Fernekis, #95872 arrested P. D. Chicago Ill. Apr. 18, 1925.

As Henry J. Fernekis, #E 44, received Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill., Aug. 5, 1925 from Cook County, Ill.; crime, robbery; sentence, ten years to life; escaped Aug. 3, 1935.

RELATIVES
Mrs. J. C. Fernekis, wife,
2724 Lehmann Court, Chicago, Ill.

Robert Darche, son,
454 West Lincolnway, Valparaiso, Ind.

Donald Fernekis, son,
2216 Pleasant Street, South Bend, Ind.

Irvin J. Fernekis, brother,
R.F.D. #1, Valparaiso, Ind.

Henry J. Fernekis is wanted by the Warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois for his escape from that institution on August 3, 1935.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

*Represents notation unsupported by fingerprints.

[Signature]

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**Descriptive Marks**

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**Date**