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CONVENTION FOR LIMITING THE MANUFACTURE AND  
REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS OF 13 JULY 1931  
AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

CANADA

SEIZURE OF 1.2 GRAMME MORPHINE TARTRATE AT VANCOUVER, ON 24 APRIL 1947

Report No. 35 Communicated by the Government of Canada on 26 August 1947

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Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with Article 23 of the Convention for limiting the  
Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs of 13 July 1931,  
as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946, the Secretary-General has the  
honour to communicate the following report on the above mentioned seizure  
to the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties to the  
Convention.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

No. 35

1. Name of person or persons implicated: Kloyce Carl Howard (Citizen of U.S.A.: born 16-12-23) (Pharm./Mate, 2C, U.S. Navy)  
Wilma Mae Plumbtree (Canadian: born 15-10-26) (Clerk)
2. Date of Seizure: April 24, 1947
3. Place of Seizure: Vancouver, B.C.
4. Kind and quantity of drug seized: Morphine Tartrate 38-1/2 grain  
Syrettes = 19 gr. (1.2 gramme).
5. Act and Section under which charged: Sec. 4(d) Opium & Narcotic Drug Act:  
"Illegal Possession of Morphine".
6. Result of prosecution:
  - (a) Date sentenced: May 15, 1947
  - (b) Where sentenced: Vancouver, B.C.
  - (c) Sentence: Howard: 5 years, fined \$500 or 3 months (and deportation)  
Plumbtree: 12 months, fined \$200 or 1 month
7. REMARKS:

At about 1.00 a.m. on April 24, 1947, the female subject was apprehended in Chinatown, Vancouver, B.C., and escorted to Police Headquarters. Examination of her handbag disclosed 38-1/2 grain (1.2 gramme) Syrettes of Morphine Tartrate. Upon being questioned Plumbtree claimed the drugs belonged to a sailor of the U.S. Navy known to her only as "Lucky". She broke down on further questioning concerning a telegram, signed "Howard", and some letters from one "K.C. Howard" which were also found in her bag and implicated the male subject. While the questioning was proceeding an American sailor arrived at the Police Station enquiring for Wilma Plumbtree. From the description given by the woman he was immediately identified as the accused, Howard, who, although stoutly denying any knowledge of the drugs, was placed under arrest, as was also his accomplice, Plumbtree, and both were jointly charged with "Illegal Possession". They were found guilty and sentenced.

Investigations by the Canadian Police pointed definitely to the conclusion that the Syrettes had been smuggled into Canada from the United States by Howard, who was employed in the Dispensary at Whidby Island, Washington, and had been handed to Plumbtree for safe-keeping until such time as he had found a purchaser. It is understood that Howard had been a Pharmacist's Mate on a Destroyer Escort and had only recently returned from China.

/The Syrettes

The Syrettes are all 1/2 grain (.03 gramme) Solution of Morphine Tartrate manufactured by E.R. Squibb and Son, New York. Six packages contained 5 Syrettes each (30) and one package contained 8 loose Syrettes (8): total 38. All packages carry U.S. Narcotic Revenue Stamps. Six containers bear Control Number 2B43054, while the package of loose Syrettes bears Control Number 3B42919.

Splendid co-operation was rendered by Operatives of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Narcotics, who were furnished with details of this seizure. Investigation concerning origin of drugs is being continued.

/s/ K. C. HOSSICK

Ottawa  
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