



Guide to the Desert Inn "Black Book" Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Collector:	Desert Inn Hotel and Casino (Las Vegas, Nev.)
Title:	Desert Inn "Black Book" Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00191
Date [inclusive]:	1955 to 1969
Physical Description:	0.10 Cubic Feet (1 folder (shared box))
Physical Description:	0.10 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Desert Inn "Black Book" Photograph Collection (1955-1969) consists of 36 black-and-white photographs of individuals arrested for gambling-related crimes in Reno, Sparks, and Las Vegas, Nevada and Oakland, California. The photographs contain information on the verso with name, date of birth, crime(s) committed, and known aliases and associates and where gathered by Desert Inn security. These types of photographs were widely circulated amongst casinos, particularly after the formation of the Gaming Control Board in 1955 and the Gaming Control Act in 1959. Crimes listed include slot spooner, slot slugger, dice switcher, and hand mucker.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Sarah Jones removed these photographs from cataloged Desert Inn promotion and publicity material and created a separate collection based on conversations with curators Su Kim Chung and Aaron Mayes; accession number 2022-115.

Processing Note

In 2022, Sarah Jones rehoused the material and created the finding aid.

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Names and Subjects

- black-and-white photographs
- Gambling and crime -- Nevada

- Nevada. State Gaming Control Board

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Black-and-white mugshots gathered by Desert Inn security, sent from various locations, 1955 to 1969	box SH-052	folder 01
Physical Description: 36 Items		