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Out of the Past

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A new ruling made by the U.S. District Court affects the search and seizure procedures conducted by Federal Agents in the enforcement of prohibition laws pertaining to the obtaining evidence for the illegal sale or manufacture of illegal liquor. In the past the Federal Agents would work in a community for several weeks to gather evidence relating to illegal activity and then obtain a search warrant and return to raid suspected places. In some cases these raids would occur a month or more after the evidence was procured. The new Court ruling states that a search has to be conducted within 48 hours after the issuance of a warrant. Leo J. Grove, chief of the Upper Peninsula enforcement staff, with a present staff of only two officers, says complying with the new ruling has hampered his enforcement efforts. Grove expects to have five or six more officers assigned soon to take care of his coverage territory which includes the entire Upper Peninsula.