

# WOMEN INVOLVED IN GEM SWINDLE

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San Diego, Calif., Feb. 20.—An alleged diamond swindle involving \$20,000 worth of gems and in which two wealthy Chicago women are said to have been victimized, was exposed today with the arrest here of Baranova, a diamond merchant of this city, on a felony warrant issued at Los Angeles.

The women, Mrs. Jessie Ullray and mother, Mrs. McMath, invested about \$20,000 in diamonds which they purchased from Baranova, according to the story told the police. The stones were placed in a safe deposit vault in Los Angeles, from where, it is alleged, they were taken by another man, who is now sought in the east.

The missing man, is Enrico Aresoni, operatic singer, said to have been Mrs. Ullray's voice instructor, and later her finance. Aresoni is said to have taken the diamonds from a safe deposit box where Mrs. Ullray had placed them. He is believed to be in New York the police say.

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