

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627 SF1)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/6/68

RE: 1963 Chevrolet
VIA 34847A 175312

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Boyle

TYPE VEHICLE: 63 black chev. 2Dr.
VIN. 31847A175312

OWNER: R. V. Steadham
Gen. Del. - Grand Bay, Ala.

WHERE STOLEN: Mobile, Ala.

DATE STOLEN: 3/24/68

LICENSE: 68 Ala. 2A-295

RECOVERY INFO: ?

MOBILE POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFENSE REPORT

Complainant: Ralph V Steadham Case No. 21430
Address: Gen Del. Grand Bay, Ala Phone: none
Offense grand larceny (auto) Place of Occurance: Oasis Club on Moffat Rd
Reported By: complainant Address: same
Report Received By oper At: 114 E M. Date: 3-24-68 How phone
Date and Time Committed: bet 8:30 PM 3-23-68 and 11:1 AM 3-24-68 Area No. 34
Persons Attacked: Ralph V Steadham
Property Attacked: Oasis parking lot
How Attacked: by driving car away
Means of Attack: hands and feet of unknown person
Object of Attack: one blk '63 Chev, 2 dr, ht 2A 295 value \$1200.00
Trade Mark: _____ Vehicle Used: _____
Suspect Wanted: _____
Persons Arrested: _____

Details of Offense — State Fully All Circumstances and Investigation.

Complainant revealed that he had parked his car at north east corner of parking area
at the Oasis Club on Moffat Rd at approx 8:30 P. 3-23-68 returned at 1 14 AM to
go home found car missing. Car has a S T P sign in rear window.

I have checked this out as far as I can at this time, am unable to get
any farther information 4-2-68.

Sgt, Troy Pounder

Investigating Officers: N Yates Date: 3-24-68y
Commanding Officer: _____ Date: _____

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Priskind

TYPE VEHICLE: 64 lt blue chev. 4dr
415 69 A 158746

OWNER: Jessie M. Taylor - Prichard
405 Lucky St. Tel. 452-3619

WHERE STOLEN: Mobile

DATE STOLEN: 4/5/68

LICENSE: 2-76884

RECOVERY INFO: ?

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1967 Ford
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THE VEHICLE: 1967 Ford VIN 7A62H160143
68 Ala. license S-19936

OWNER: ALTON BOYETTE
909 Daphne Road
Bay Minette, Ala

WHERE STOLEN: mobile

DATE STOLEN: 3/20/68

LICENSE: 68 ala S-19936

RECOVERY INFO. unrecovered

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1959 Pontiac
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Whe

TYPE VEHICLE: 1957 Pontiac 4 door - white over blue

VIN 859A 4083

OWNER:

Wm B. Thornton
708 L. Thomas ave., Mobile, Ala. Ch. 452-1953

WHERE STOLEN

Mobile

DATE STOLEN:

4-7-68

LICENSE:

2 - 44157

RECOVERY INFO:

NOT.

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1968 Chevrolet
VIN 136698A102753

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Shute

TYPE VEHICLE: 1968 Chevrolet Chevy, Malibu 4 door.
Calif. white, VIN 136698A 107753

OWNER: James Carroll, 2400 Stewart St., Mobile, Ala.
Phone 477-0635

WHERE STOLEN: Mobile, Ala.

DATE STOLEN: 3-28-68

LICENSE: 1968 miss. T-4164

RECOVERY INFO:
NOT.

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RE:

1965 FORDA
VIN C 200121617

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THE VEHICLE: 1965 HONDA, MOTORCYCLE, WHITE
MODEL 90, VIN. C 200121617.

OWNER: EDWARD STUTTSMAN
3200 COTTAGE HILL RD. MOBILE, ALA.
Phone 479-3948

WHERE STOLEN: MOBILE, ALA.

DATE STOLEN: 3-28-68

LICENSE: ?
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RECOVERY INFO: BY MOBILE PD- 4-22-68

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RE: 1964 Ford 1/2 ton
VIN F10 JK 470527

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Mexia - Heller

TYPE VEHICLE: 64 Ford, green, 1/2 ton
#108K470527

OWNER: Ralph Smith
Mexico, Ala. Tel. —

WHERE STOLEN: Mexico

DATE STOLEN: 4/9/68

LICENSE: 8D193988

RECOVERY INFO:

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RE: 1967 Ford Fairlane
VIN 7F428138795

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Attmore *Seller*

TYPE VEHICLE: 67 burgundy Ford Fairlane 2 Dr.
7H428138795

OWNER: Bank of Atmore
Atmore Ala.

WHERE STOLEN: Atmore

DATE STOLEN: 3/16/68

LICENSE: 5-20007

RECOVERY INFO: ?

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Spohn

TYPE VEHICLE: 1968 Chevrolet, 4 door, green -
VIN 164398S125022

OWNER: AVIS RENT-A-CAR
Gulfport, Miss

WHERE STOLEN: Gulfport, Miss.

DATE STOLEN: 2-3-68

LICENSE: 68 Miss G-12415

RECOVERY INFO:

stop placed authority FBI - mobile PD.

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VIN 8T02C31648

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Hepstetter

TYPE VEHICLE: 68 red mustang 2Dr
8T02C131844

OWNER: Dismukes Ford Co.
Enterprise, Ala.

WHERE STOLEN: Enterprise

DATE STOLEN: 3/1/68

LICENSE: none

RECOVERY INFO: Springfield Ill on 4/11/68
by Dept Pub Safety.

5/9/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-1586)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627-SF1) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

RE: 1968 CHEVROLET
VIN 164398S125022

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The car described in the subcaption was stolen Gulf Port, Miss., 2/3/68, and is covered in Jackson file 26-4197.

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SAC, MOBILE (157-2627 SF 1-24)

5/13/68

SA ROGER E. FRITZ

MURKIN

Re: 1967 FORD VIN 7A62H160143
ALA. LICENSE 5-19936

Re vehicle is listed as stolen 3/20/68 at Mobile, Ala., and unrecovered to date.

Detective TROY POUNDER, Auto Theft Detail, Mobile PD, advised SA HARRY J. DEGNAN on 5/7/68, that stolen vehicle report 20837, dated 3/20/68, covers the reported theft of a 1967 Ford VIN 7A62H160143, Alabama license 5-19936. The vehicle is owned by ALTON BOYETTE, 909 Daphne Rd., Bay Minette, Ala. According to theft information the car was stolen from a location at the Shady Banks Motel on Highway 90 West in Mobile. The victim owner had apparently taken or met a female at the motel for the purpose of an illicit sexualdate and after the victim had removed his trousers, his female companion took them and threw them out the motel room door to a companion who was outside. This companion took the trousers, the car keys of the owner, and the two of them drove away in the victim's car, leaving him at the motel sans trousers.

Thereafter, on the evening of 4/16/68, WILLIAM HENRY GATES and his 17 year old wife were arrested following a high speed chase by a State Trooper in Baldwin County, Ala. Shots were fired during the chase and resulted from an armed robbery occurring at Fairhope, Ala. The female companion of GATES was badly injured and is at the Mobile General Hospital. GATES is lodged at the Baldwin County Jail, Bay Minette, Ala., on an Alabama armed robbery charge.

Additionally the vehicle in possession of GATES at time of arrest had been obtained from an Orange County, Fla., resident on 4/17/68. The owner of this car had been held at gun point for eight hours in Florida before the car had been taken from him.

Detective POUNDER stated that following the arrest of GATES he had been identified by ALTON BOYETTE as the person who had stolen the 1967 Ford from him at the Shady Banks Motel.

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Motel in Mobile on 3/20/68.

WILLIAM HENRY GATES is the subject of MOfile 26-21850. He declined to make any statements to Agents.

Deputy Sheriff BURTON DAVIS, Baldwin County, Ala., advised that during interrogation of GATES, he has declined to offer any information as to what he did with the BOYETTE vehicle or where it is currently located.

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SAC (157-2627-SF1-25)

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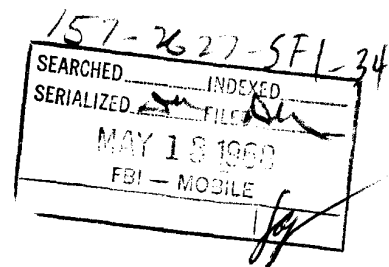
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, (157-2627-SF-1)

FROM : SA DANIEL R. STANKOSKI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/15/68

Re 1962 Chevrolet automobile, VIN 20469N123735
Stolen Andalusia, Alabama, 3/17/68

On 5/10/68, PCIs BOB BERRY of Andalusia, Ala., and FLOYD PHILLIPS of Opp, Ala., were contacted concerning this automobile and could furnish no information concerning the theft of it.

On 5/10/68, BILL LARIGAN, Agent (PROTECT IDENTITY) General Insurance Company, Opp, Alabama, advised that his company had a car owned by JOE LASHLEY insured. He advised that LASHLEY at one time had lived in the vicinity where the automobile had been burned and abandoned. He stated that he checked at the First National Bank of Opp, Alabama, where LASHLEY had this automobile financed and determined that LASHLEY was in fact 3 payments behind on his auto payments, however, he stated a general credit check on LASHLEY failed to disclose any financial difficulty.

He advised that the insurance adjustor's investigation had not disclosed any information concerning who could have been responsible for the theft and abandonment and burning of the automobile.

THURMAN NUTT (PROTECT IDENTITY) Installment Loan Dept., First National Bank, Opp, Ala., advised that a 1967 Chevrolet automobile had been financed through that bank by JOE LASHLEY who also had a 1966 Ford automobile financed with that bank. He stated that when LASHLEY purchased the 1967 Chevrolet he also re-financed the 1966 Ford automobile leaving a total balance of \$3316 for both automobiles. He stated that the high on this loan was \$3646 and his payments were \$100 a month. He stated that he paid \$1100 and then re-financed this loan leaving a balance of \$3,093 after one year. He stated that the present balance is \$2,993 and the last payment was overdue since January 1, 1968, in other words he was 3 payments behind.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, (157-2627)(SF1)

FROM : SA WILBOR J. HUST

SUBJECT: MURKIN
Rememo SA JTB dated 5/6/68

DATE: 5/13/68

Re: 1961 Chevrolet
VIN 11737A126527

C. M. CRAFT, Montgomery PD, Auto Squad, advised on 5/13/68 that he has no report on captioned vehicle being stolen. He contacted Alabama State Police Information Division, and was advised that dispatch put out on captioned vehicle at request of AST Opelika, Ala. According to dispatch Mrs. POOL resides at 202 Gay St., Opelika, Ala.

E. M. HALL, Gulf American Insurance Co., advised on 5/13/68 that captioned vehicle belonged to Mrs. Pool, now deceased, and individual came to residence to try car out, did not return car. Opelika PD has statement from ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ relative who observed man who obtained car.

Recommend this be reassigned to agent at Opelika to contact PD and thereafter exhibit photo of Ray to proper person or persons.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627) (P)

FROM : SA Raymond J. Maxwell

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/13/68

RE: 1963 Chevrolet, VIN 31847J322984

This vehicle involved in Mofile 26-21832. Car stolen at Dothan, Ala., around 12:30 p.m., 4/4/68. Car obtained from Automobile Shopping Center, Dothan, under pretext.

MERLON THOMLEY, Mgr., Automobile Shopping Center, viewed photos of JAMES EARL RAY and stated RAY definitely is not the person who obtained instant Chevrolet.

This vehicle has not been recovered.

RE: 1954 Ford Pickup Truck, VIN F101V4A15420

On 5/10/68, BILL ROGERS, Chief of Police, Samson, Ala., advised this vehicle owned by VICTOR WISE who operates Wise Gulf Service Station, Samson, and the vehicle is old dilapidated truck used by the service station to make road calls. It reportedly was stolen by juveniles and recovered at DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

On 5/10/68, WISE advised instant truck stolen sometime between 11:30 pm on 4/4/68, and 7:30 am, 4/5/68. He stated the truck was taken by two juveniles who are in local custody at DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

WISE was unable to identify photos of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/10/68, Chief Deputy L. D. SIZEMORE, Geneva County SO, Geneva, Ala., advised two juveniles reportedly stole instant pickup truck and they were subsequently arrested at DeFuniak Springs, Fla. He stated they were involved in several burglaries in Walton Co., Fla., and were being held in Walton Co. for prosecution. He stated these persons were not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627 SF1)

DATE: 5/14/68

FROM : SA EDWARD A. HEGSTETTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: 1968 ReddFord Mustang
VIN 8T02C131644

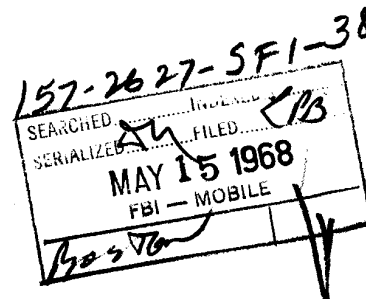
Investigation in Mobile File 26-21690, reflects that reference auto was stolen 2/29-31/68, from Dismukes Ford Co., Enterprise, Ala. This auto was recovered 4/11/68, at Metamora, Illinois by Sheriff's Dept. Woodford County, Ill.

Investigation reflects that this car is one of three which was possibly stolen by MICHAEL MICHAEL HAYES and/or JAMES EDWARD Mc MILLAN. HAYES has been convicted and sentenced for the theft of one of the cars. All three cars have been recovered and investigation reflects that these two individuals are responsible for the theft of this Red Mustang.

In accordance with SAC's memo dated 5/6/68, no active investigation is being undertaken since previous investigation reflects RAY would not be considered as a suspect in this case.



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Memorandum

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SUBJECT: MURKIN
Rememo SA JTB, dated 5/6/68

DATE: 5/13/68

Re: 1960 Cushman
VIN o72221

W. M. CRAFT, Detective, Montgomery Pd, Auto Theft Squad, advised on 5/13/68 captioned vehicle stolen 3/29/68, Montgomery, Ala., from residence of owner, JAMES BRADFORD, 928 Mill St. This is a ~~xxx~~ scooter, value \$50.00. Vehicle located ~~2~~ block from residence of owner, at Frazier Memorial Church, Clayton St. No suspect developed, and scooter had not been started and this is ~~is~~ probably reason why it was abonded.

JAMES BRADFORD, 928 Mill St., owner of scooter, advised had no idea who may have stolen his scooter but suspects it may have been juveniles in the neighborhood. GEORGE CARPENTER, 924 Mill St.; ULYSSES S. PITTS, 1000 Mill ~~St.~~ St.; and Mrs. LELA MORGAN, 1004 Mill St., advised have no info as to who may have stolen the scooter.



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SAC, MOBILE (157-2627SF1) (P)

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SA ROBERT W. MC DONOUGH

MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re: 1965 Mustang
VIN 5F07T706559

On 5/9/68, ROBERT L. LANGERHANS, 3770 South Conway Dr., Mobile, employed as Plant Manger, Union Carbide Corp., Chickasaw, Ala., advised that he was the owner of the 1965 Ford Mustang VIN 5F07T706559, 1968 Ala. license 2-40193. He stated that he parked instant car at the Mobile airport on 3/6/68, left Mobile by plane and returned on the evening of 3/8/68, at which time he noted that this car was missing. When he left this car the car was locked and the keys were not in the ignition. On 3/8/68, he immediately reported the theft of instant car to the MO PD.

LANGERHANS stated that he had no suspects, however, it was his impression that the car was probably stolen by professional car thieves.

LANGERHANS advised further that he settled with his insurance company on 4/11/68, and that he turned over the 1968 Ala. tax receipt and the bill of sale for instant car to the U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company, 118 N. Royal St., Mobile, Ala.

On 5/9/68, Mr. T. E. ELLIOTT, Adjuster, U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co., 118 N. Royal St., Mobile, Ala., advised that their company is presently the legal owner of instant car. ELLIOTT stated that that company has in their possession the keys, tax receipt and bill of sale for instant car and he advised that the car is still missing. ELLIOTT stated that their company reported the theft of instant car to the National Automobile Theft Bureau and is subject of NATB file number 193477. ELLIOTT advised that their investigation along with investigation of the NATB regarding instant car has been negative and he stated that to his knowledge

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SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (SF1) (P)

5/17/68

SA ROBERT W. MC DONOUGH

MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re: 1960 Buick
VIN 7G6013824

On 5/9/68, LESTER V. CLARK, residence 1860 Diggs Avenue, Mobile, Ala., employed as Patrolman, MO PD, advised that he is the owner of a 1960 white over blue Buick 4 door sedan, VIN 7G6013824, 1968 Ala. license 2-71936. On the evening of 3/31-4/1/68, about midnight, he went to a party at 619 English St., Mobile, parking instant car on the street in the vicinity of this address. He stated that the car was unlocked, the keys were not in the ignition, and the ignition switch was in the off position. He left the party approximately 2:30 a.m. and noted that his car was missing. He immediately notified the MO PD of the theft of his car.

CLARK stated that although he has no proof he suspects an unknown Negro who attended the same party and who lives in the Crichton area where instant car was abandoned as the thief.

CLARK stated that his car was found abandoned in the woods at the foot of Rose Ave., the Northeast corner of the Springhill College property, near the beltline. He advised that there was nothing found in the car to identify the thief nor were there any fingerprints developed by the PD.

The following individuals in the vicinity of 619 English St., were contacted on 5/9/68, with negative results:

GEORGE J. DIXON, 619-A English Street;

WILLIAM L. BOYKIN, 623 English Street;

Mrs. LEILA S. PRESTON, 616 English Street

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POUNDER stated that he recalls recovery of this car very well inasmuch as the car had been mired in the mud and they had difficulty recovering the car because the wrecker which came to pull the car out of the mud also got stuck.

The following neighbors in the vicinity of Rose Ave., where the car was recovered, was contacted and all stated that they had no information relative to the abandonment of instant car.

Mrs. JANICE H. JACOBSON, 12 Rose Avenue;

Mrs. FLORENCE F. BOSARGE, 11 Rose Avenue;

Mrs. JANICE KLEINSCHRODT, 9 Rose Avenue

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627-41) (P)

DATE: 5/17/68

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SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

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SAC (157-2627)(P)

5/13/68

SA ROGER E. FRITZ

MURKIN
(OO: ME)

RE: 1965 HONDA
VIN C200121617

Mobile PD report 22252, dated 3/29/68, which covers reported theft of above vehicle, was obtained. An addendum to this theft report shows the vehicle to have been recovered and returned to owner. Date and place of recovery is not indicated.

Detective TROY POUNDER, Auto Theft Detail, Mobile PD, advised SA HARRY DEGNAN on 5/7/68 that recovery of lost or stolen motorcycles is handled in the manner of lost or stolen bicycles, i.e. no recovery reports are made when the property is located and returned to the owner. For record purposes, a notation will be made, as in this situation, only to the effect the property has been recovered.

ARTHUR D. STUTSMAN, 3200 Cottage Hill Rd., Mobile, Ala., advised SA FRITZ on 5/8/68 that his Honda cycle had been located on the day following the theft by the Mobile PD. They had called him, and he had gone to a location in his general neighborhood and reclaimed his cycle, which is now in his possession.

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MOBILE POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFENSE REPORT

Complainant: Arthur Douglas Stutsman Case No. 22252
Address: 3200 Cottage Hill Rd. Phone: 479-3948
Offense: Grand Larceny (Motor) Place of Occurance: Carport 3200 Cottage Hill Rd.
Reported By: Complainant Address: 3200 Cottage Hill Rd.
Report Received By: Operator At: 1:37 P.M. M. Date: 3-29-68 How: Phone
Date and Time Committed: 6:00P.M. 3-28-68 & 6:30A.M. 3-29-68 M. Area No. 25
Persons Attacked: Complainant
Property Attacked: 1965 All white (Blk. seat and headlight) Honda Mtr. C200121617
How Attacked: Stealing motorcycle
Means of Attack: Hands and feet of person or persons unknown
Object of Attack: To obtain motorcycle
Trade Mark: _____ Vehicle Used: _____
Suspect Wanted: _____
Persons Arrested: _____

Details of Offense — State Fully All Circumstances and Investigation.

Complainant stated he left cycle in carport at 6:00P.M. 3-28-68 and took key out at 6:30P.M. and when he went out at 1:00P.M. to go to work on 3-29-68 he discovered cycle missing. The cycle was taken during the night. Tag no. but not available at write up time.

This Motor was recovered and released to owner.

Sgt. Pounder

Investigating Officers: Bishop Date: 3-29-68n MRCB
Commanding Officer: _____ Date: _____

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627)(P)

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SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: ME)

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SA MICHAEL E. STROH

MURKIN
(OO: ME)

Re Office Memo, dated 5/6/68.

On 5/9/68, JAMES CARROLL advised that the man who rented the 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu from Econo Car, 2100 Government St., Mobile, on 3/28/68 was not identical with Subject JAMES EARL RAY. CARROLL advised after observing the photos of RAY, that the unsub, aka George M. Carpenter, who rented the vehicle was substantially younger than Subject RAY and did not in any way resemble him.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627-SF1)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA CHARLES A. BOYLE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re 157-2627-SF, Serial #22.

RE: 1963 Chevrolet
VIN 31847A175312

Investigation on 5/9/68 indicates that a 1963 Chevrolet, black in color, two-door, VIN 31847A175312, was reported stolen by R. V. STEADHAN, General Delivery, Grand Bay, Alabama. This vehicle bore 1968 Alabama license 2A-295, and was stolen from the parking lot at the Club Oasis on Moffat Road, Mobile, one mile west of the intersection of Moffat and Spring Hill extension.

On the same date, RALPH STEADHAN, an employee of Ingalls Ship Yards, stated that on 3/24/68, he went to the Club Oasis at approximately 8:30 P.M. and when he left at 1:30 A.M. the following morning he discovered his vehicle missing from the parking lot. He stated that this vehicle was fully paid for, but not insured, as it had over 80,000 miles on it. He stated he has no suspects.

On the same date, TOM DEES, Mobile County Sheriff's Office, advised that his department was in receipt of a stolen report on the above-mentioned vehicle, but had developed no suspects regarding this vehicle, nor had the vehicle been recovered. The vehicle was parked in the northeast corner of the parking lot and had a STP oil sticker on the rear window.

Sgt. TROY POUNDER, Mobile Police Department, reviewed his files and stated that they were in receipt of a stolen report on this vehicle on 3/30/68, but his department has developed no suspects in this matter.

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The following individuals were contacted
in the vicinity of the point of theft of this vehicle,
with negative results:

MARION THORMAN
3409 Moffat Road

J. F. ANDERSON
3403 Moffat Road

NELSON KENNEY
3413 Moffat Road

DOROTHY FITZ
3365 Moffat Road

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627-SF1)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA CHARLES A. BOYLE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re 157-2627-SF, Serial #23.

RE: 1964 Chevrolet
VIN 41569A158746

A 1964 Chevrolet, four-door, VIN 41569A158746, light blue, was reported stolen by its owner, JESSIE M. TAYLOR, 405 Lucky Way, Prichard, Alabama, on 4/5/68. It bore 1968 Alabama license 2-76884.

On 5/10/68, attempts to contact above individual were negative.

On 5/14/68, JESSIE M. TAYLOR, 405 Lucky Way, Prichard, advised that she had parked her 1964 Chevrolet in front of her residence. She stated that she had the keys in her possession and gave no one permission to drive this vehicle. She stated that the windows were closed and every door was locked except the one on the driver's side. She stated that approximately two hours later, she noticed the vehicle was gone from in front of her house and she notified the Prichard Police Department of the theft. She stated this vehicle was fully paid for and was insured with Allstate and they had subsequently replaced this loss with proper settlement. She stated that inquiry at the Prichard Police Department indicated that this vehicle had not yet been recovered.

The following individuals who reside in the vicinity where the vehicle was stolen were interviewed regarding this theft, with negative results: 157-2627-SF1-46



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BEATRICE ROGERS
302 Lucky Way

TOM SANDERS
308 Lucky Way

LEVI SUMMERS
401 Lucky Way

SIDNEY LOFTIN
416 Lucky Way

On 5/22/68, Lt. BLAKE, Prichard Police Department, indicated that his department had been cognizant of the theft of this vehicle, however, they have not developed any local suspects to date.