

Ray, James Earl

Mo Pen
Locksmith

XI-49 No records at Belsaw locksmithing.

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XI-36 Said by inmate Wade to be conservative
with money.
Procedure of drug sold in prison described.
(One can make up to \$5800 a month on
traffic)

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XI-28 MSP mail room has no info on Ray's
 reading material. No mail rec'd for Ray
XI-29 after escape.

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XI-26

If Ray had amphetamines in MSP,
he would have obtained them from
Neal Aeby. Another pusher is
Jimmy V. Bradley.

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X1-22

Warden doesn't know what
Ray read, or what subscription if
any Ray had in prison.

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X1-21

Known to ex-inmate Grider but not
well.

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Xl-20

Ray not involved in 2 racial
incidents at MSP.

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XL-19

Not known to associate with
Johnny Velanti.

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X1-17

Inmate Westberg says Ray was given money and clothing by another inmate and was otherwise assisted in his escape.

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X1-15

Said by inmate Craig to have
complained about stomach trouble.

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X1-13

Not known by inmate Menard to be race-minded. Was known to be friendly with Carl Drake, who was closely connected with Ray in pushing drugs.

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X1-10

Represented by McCormick Wilson
and William Quigg on escape attempted
and by Phillip Baker on writ of
habeas corpus. 1966.

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X1-8

X1-16

Summer 1967

Seen by inmate Wallace entering
Jefferson-Gravois Bank, St. Louis
with James L. Owens, Summer 1967.

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X-139

Said not to have resided Blackstone Hotel since 5/2/67. Also not recalled by employee who has worked there since 1965.

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X-137

Inmate Buckley claims he knew Ray from 2/65-10/67. Buckley says Ray hated Negroes.

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No record of Ray as bartender or hotel
employee in Kansas City, Mo.

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Says he's an only child

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x-143

No Mo. Driver's license.

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X-142

Not known to Kansas City, Mo. postal inspector
as fence

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SA Weaver

X-11 Known as "hide-out guy" because he once hid in the prison. Ray "got along" but not close to anyone. Said he'd go to South America. Not known as especially prejudiced.

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No personal effects found in prison
after escape. Probably stolen by
prisoners.

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X-10

Never talked about Negroes. Said not to have been type to kill King. Use of drugs and homosexual activity not known.

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Kansas City

X1-56 Photo not familiar to W. N. Daniels'
apartment house owner in Roeland Park,
Kansas. Where Paul Bridgeman from Mo.
may have lived.

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Kansas City

X1-57 Photo not identified by Kay R. Hammond,
barmaid.

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X1-76 No indication that he is same as Richard L.
Brey, a school teacher in Columbia, Mo.

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XVII- 19

Friend of Valenti - Said to have
robbed a company in Atlanta together.
Made JFK, killing King and bounty
comment to Valenti.

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XVII- 18

Said by J. Brown to say he was to
get King and \$10,000, in fall of
1963.

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XVII- 15

James W. Brown knew him from 63-6/65.
Said Ray said JFK was nigger loving
SOB. Said was going to kill King and
be paid \$10,000 by a Cooley organization

Gambled; had money sent from outside;
not known to be in drug traffic;
talked of going to Liberia; said
had guns on outside.

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XVIII-1 Known by Paul Lail. Said to have peddled and used dope; hung around powerful prisoners; may have been involved in prison murder of Negroes; Dowda and Aeby were Ray's friends.

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In Jackson County Jail, Kansas
City, Mo. from 3/55 - 7/55,
with Curtis and Ray's co-
defendant. Then went to Leaven-
worth.

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Missouri - Pen~~a~~

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LHM 5/23/68

Sentenced to Pen~~a~~ in 1959 for armed robbery by Judge Casey for 20 years. Filed motion to set aside conviction prior to escape from prison 4/67.

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Curtis' story:

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Raymond Curtis talked of his acquaintanceship with Ray in prison, the bounty on JFK's head, and klan money backing King's murder. Ray said to be interested in killing King.

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in Penn friend of Harry Sero and Raymond
Curtis.

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Curtis story:

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Raymond Curtis and Ray were in burglary in Joliet, Illinois in the fall of 1954. He and Curtis drew maps of where King could be stalked. Curtis stated a man on a houseboat in Vicksburg was to take Ray to New Orleans after murder.

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Curtis' story.

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Prison friend of Raymond Curtis.

Planned with kkk. to kill King.

BRIDGEMAN, Paul

Missouri Penn~~1~~.

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Former inmate at Kansas City,
Mo. Penn - paroled 1/16/68

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Escaped prison 4/23/67.

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Report on method of escape 4/3/67
4/23/67.

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X-15 Said to have practiced Yoga before
 escaping.

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K-16

His clothes said to have been found
after escape.

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SA Weaves


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Donald Johnson says he loaded
bread box on date of Ray's escape
and that Ray did not escape in the
box.

4/23/67



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5/3-6/24/67

Used name of John L. Rayns when worked for Klingeman's at Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka from 5/3-6/24/67 as cook's helper and diswasher.

Letters of his addressed to an attorney in Miss. Shown to Klingeman's by Huie.

Said by Klingeman's to be nice, good, prompt worker, no friends; received calls from his "brother" during last week of employment.

Gave address as 2731 Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois.

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Rented and signed book at Sheffield Apts. on 4/30/67. Occupied rear basement apartment for \$12 or \$13 a week. Stayed 3 or 4 weeks.

Got one letter from Canada. Said he was going to work there. Left 7:00 am each morning. Saw Ad for room in local paper "The Booster."

4/30/67

No I.D. of Ray by Mrs. Connelly.

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A Registered in registration book at
10/8/68 2731 N. Sheffield, Chicago as John L. Rayns.
p. 10 Lived in basement apartment. Had bad feet.
No friends. Said worked on Miss. River
as cook in past. When he left said he
was going to Canada to look for work.

4/30/68 Photo familiar to Dannelly of apartment
building. No. I.D.

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A Said to be familiar looking by Edward
10/8/68 Sperling, occupant of Sheffield Apts.
p. 15 Said Ray was quiet, not friendly, lived
 in rear basement apt.

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A Using name John L. Rayns, registered in
10/8/68 Room 105 for \$13.61 at Lincoln Apt. Hotel,
p. 21-24 1648 Lunt St., Chicago on 6/18/67. Checked
 out even though rented room for a week
 6/19/67. Had baggage. Filled out card
6/18-19/67 (Furnished to SA Downey 8/26/68). Made
 no long distance calls.
 Not identified by Lola Despins.

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Huie Story: Recognized by an unknown man at restaurant who threatened to turn him in if he didn't work for him. Paid \$1200 on initial contract, and \$15,000 more. Even more money due him but not delivered at rendezvous spot in Atlanta & after killing, so fled to Canada.

Man ordered Ray to check crossing to Canada and get false passport names. Ray went 3 times.

Given money to get Mustang; drove to Acapulco; then West Coast where ~~waited~~ waited for orders. Flown once to Atlanta, but returned as time was not right. Told to rent room 312 or 313 at R.H., be there

at 3 pm. Ray did not actually kill King but grabbed rifle and fled in car. When delivery not made in Atlanta, he went to Canada then London. Was going to go to Africa.