

CANIPE'S



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BODENHEIMER, Edwin

Amusement Co.

I-67

With Canipe most of day 4/4 between  
9-9:30 am & 5 pm at Bodenheimer's  
store.

BODENHEIMER, Edwin

Amusement Co. SA Johnson

I-78

Thought Canipe returned to Amusement Co. shortly before 5:20 pm when Canipe called Bodenheimer.

CANIPE, Guy Warren

Amusement Co.

SA Johnson

I-67

4/4/68

Opened store about 5 pm, 4/4/68.

Two Negro males came in (one of whom later was heard to say we heard a shot). About 6 p.m., Canipe heard thud by front door, looked up and saw bundle lying in front door way and saw a white man walking south on sidewalk in front of store. Canipe hesitated, then went to sidewalk, looked in both directions. Saw a white, small car, possibly a compact, pull from curb on east side of Main Street just south of store. Only driver was in car.

Looked north, saw Deputy approaching with pistol drawn, immediately went back into store. After a number of officers arrived, their attention drawn to bundle. Bundle consisted of large rifle-size box, with top ajar and gun barrel showing, green cloth over bundle, maybe curtain. "Browning" written on box, suitcase or briefcase under cloth. Car he saw pull from curb was 2nd or 3rd from his ~~store~~ door. Canipe feels that man he saw on sidewalk is same as man in car.  
Description of man:

white male

age 25-30, possibly older

5' 10" - 6'

175-200 lbs.

chunky build  
dark hair  
wearing dark suit, no hat, neat  
appearance.

CANIPE, Guy Warren

Amusement Co.

I-71

4/4/68

In record store 4/4 around 5:30 pm.  
Heard noise - all went to look at  
bundle by door.

I-72

Saw and heard white car take off.



CANIPE, Guy Warren

Amusement Co.

I-73

Pointed to bundle to show officers.

CANIPE, Guy Warren

Amusement Co.

I-78

With Bodenheimer until a little after  
5 pm 4/4. Canipe called him at 5:20 pm  
upon returning to Canipes.

Canipe, Guy Warren

Amusement 6

Extradition  
Affidavit

Arrived at store 5 pm. Around 6 pm, heard thud, and saw bundle on ground. Saw W/H walking South on Main Street. Walked outside to bundle; white car with one occupant drove away. Saw long box, gun barrel, green cloth and suitcase in bundle.

(Attached are diagrams of South Main and 2 photos of canipe's, one showing bundle (covered), being guarded.

CANIPE,

Amusement Co.

I-81

Told Ghormley of bundle dropped outside business.

FINLEY, Bernell

Amusement Co. SA Johnson

I-71

4/4/68

Entered Canipe Amusement Co. about 5:30 pm, 4/4/68. About 6 pm heard shot, said nothing. Within a minute or so heard a noise at door, looked at door, saw a package or bundle in front at door, saw man walking on sidewalk. Walked to door following Canipe. Canipe started out, then backed up, and said, "Get back, there's some kind of trouble out here, and I don't want no part of it." Immediately thereafter saw Deputy who walked past. Saw Deputy again, then heard "screech" of tires and saw white Mustang speeding

north on Main St. past store.

Saw package containing pasteboard box, gun, luggage, cloth folded over these items.

Description of man: white male, 5' 8" to 5' 10", 160 lbs, average build, wearing dark suit.

FINLEY, Bernell

Amusement Co.

I-75  
4/4/68

With Graham at Canipes 4/4/68 at 5:30.

GRAHAM, Julius L.

Amusement Co. SA Johnson

I-75  
4/4/68

Enter Canipe Amusement Co. about 5:30 pm, 4/4/68, with Finley. Graham saw man on sidewalk. Possibly he looked at the man because he heard running footsteps. Saw man drop package in front of store. Canipe leaned out front door, then stepped back in remarking about trouble outside. Immediately thereafter saw Deputy Sheriff go past. Deputy returned with other officers.

Graham saw package, including gun barrel in large box and green matting or cloth.



Before Deputy ran by, Graham heard screech of tires and saw white Mustang speed north on Main. The other car, believed to be a white Rambler, was still there and obscured view of Mustang. Positive car was Mustang. Description of man: white male, 25-30 yrs, 5' 7" to 5' 8", 165 lbs, average build, black or dark brown hair, dark clothing (either dark suit or dark dress jacket and slacks), no hat, neat appearance.

GRAHAM, Julius

Amusement Co.

I-71

4/4/68

With Bernell Finley 4/4/ at Canipe  
Amusement Co. around 5:30 p.m.  
Looked at bundle by door.

HAMBY, Lt. J.A.

R.H.-Mem.

I-37

Interviewed Marley with SA Johnson  
on 4/5/68.

HAMBY, Lt. J.D.

Amusement Co.

I-67

Interviewed Canipe 4/5/68 with  
SA Johnson.

HAMBY, Lt. J.D.

Amusement Co.

I-71

Interviewed Bernell Finley with  
SA Johnson 4/5/68

HAMBY, Lt. J. D.

Amusement Co.

I-75

Interviewed Graham with SA Johnson  
4/5/68.

HAMBY, Lt. J. D.

Amusement Co.

I-78

Interviewed Bodenheimer with SA Johnson  
on 4/5/68.

SMITH, Dect. Thomas

Amusement Co.

SA Teten

I-163

Took 2 photos of Canipe Amusement Co:  
both of front showing bundle. 4/4/68



ZACHARY, Inspector N.E.      Amusement Co.

I-101

Collected items left outside the  
Amusement Co. 4/4.

Sammon, James W.  
(SA)

Amusement Co

VII-2-4

Contacted motels and Sewer Stations in  
northern Mississippi for knowledge of  
Galt, bedspread, towel, mustang etc. no  
results.

Photo

Amusement Co.

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Photo of front of Canipe Amusement Co.,  
424 S. Main, showing bundle at 10 feet.

By Dect. Thomas Smith, 4/4/68.

Photo

Amusement Co.

I-163

Photo of front of Canipe Amusement Co.,  
424 S. Main, showing bundle - at 10  
feet.

By Dect. Thomas Smith, 4/4/68.

Cardboard Rifle Box  
(Q1)

Amusement Co. SAC Jensen  
Memphis SA Fitzpatrick

I-145            Originally contained Browning Mausee Rifle;  
label on box at one end bears No. 130F12.

Given to Jensen 4/4 by Zachary. Taken to  
DC by Fitzpatrick 4/5.

Ammo Clip (Q2)

Amusement Co.  
Memphis

SA Fitzpatrick  
Jensen  
Johnson

I-145      Empty ammunition clip removed from Remington, Model 760 rifle Ser. No. 461476 by SAC Robt. G. Jensen and SA Orville V. Johnson.

Given to Jensen 4/4 by Zachary. Taken to DC 4/5 by Fitzpatrick.

Rifle (Q2)

Amusement Co.  
Memphis

SA Jensen  
Fitzpatrick

I-145

Remington Gamester Rifle, Model 760,  
Ser. No. 461476 on which is mounted  
Redfield telescopic sight.

Given to Jensen by Insp. Zachary 4/4,  
and taken to DC by Fitzpatrick arriv-  
ing 4/5/68.

Shell Casing (Q3)

Amusement Co.  
Memphis

SA Jensen  
Johnson

I-145

Empty shell casing removed from chamber of  
Remington, Model 760 Rifle, Ser. No. 461476  
by SAC Jensen and SA Johnson.

Given to Jensen 4/4 by Zachary. Taken  
to DC by Fitzpatrick 4/5.



Bedspread (Q-13)

Amusement Co.  
Memphis

SA Jensen  
Johnson

I-145

Green and brown Herringbone Patterned  
Bedspread. Given to Jensen by Insp.  
Zachary who recovered items from side-  
walk in front of 424 S. Main. Taken  
to lab by SA Fitzpatrick arriving 4/5/68.

Binoculars (Q14)

Amusement Co.  
Memphis

III-2      Bushnell Fx35 banner binoculars bearing  
serial No. SNDQ408664 found near scene  
of shooting of M. L. King in Memphis on  
4/4/68.

Binoculars (Q14)

Amusement Co.

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Binoculars, trade name Banner by Bush-  
nell, Serial # DQ 408664.

(in suitcase)

Zipper bag (Q15)

Amusement Co.

I-145

Blue plastic zippered suitcase, 20" by 30", containing approximately 36 items.

Found by Zachary, 4/4; given to Jensen 4/4 and taken to lab by Fitzpatrick 4/5/68.

Pliers (Q16)

Amusement Co.

I-145

One pair of pliers bearing label of  
"Rompage". (in suitcase)

Tack hammer (Q16)

Amusement Co.

I-145      One magnetic tack hammer (in suitcase).

Map of Georgia (Q18)  
and Alabama

Amusement Co.

I-145          Standard Oil Map of Georgia and Alabama.  
(in suitcase)

"Commercial (Q19)  
Appeal"

Amusement Co.

I-146

First Section of 4/4/68 Edition of  
Commerical Appeal newspaper. (in  
suitcase)



Map of U.S.A. (Q20)

Amusement Co.

I-146

Standard Oil Map of United States.  
(in suitcase)

Binocular (Q22)  
Case

Amusement Co.

I-146

Leather or plastic binocular case.  
(in suitcase)

Bushnell (Q23)  
Carton

Amusement Co.

I-146      Cardboard carton marked "Bushnell".  
(in suitcase)

Gillette (Q24)  
Razor Kit

Amusement Co.

I-146      Clear plastic box with 1) Gillette  
Safety Razor, 2) razor blades, 3)  
aerosol can of Gillette shaving creme,  
4) can of Gillette Right Guard deodo-  
rant, 5) tube of Gillette Heads Up Hair  
cream.

Price sticker on box says "Oliver Rexall  
Whitehaven, phone 397-2301, \$1.89"  
(in suitcase)

York Arms (Q25)  
Paper Bag

Amusement Co.  
York Arms

I-146      Grey paper bag bearing advertisement  
for York Arms Co., Memphis, Tenn.  
(in suitcase)

York Arms (Q25)  
Sales Slip

Amusement Co.  
York Arms

I-146      York Arms Co. sales slip in amount of  
\$41.55 dated 4/4/68.

*(in suitcase)*

Checked (Q26)  
Towel.

Amusement Co.

I-146      One white and yellow check hand towel.  
             (in suitcase)

Handkerchief (Q27)      Amusement Co.

I-146      One white handkerchief. (in suitcase)



Colgate  
toothpaste (Q28)

Amusement Co.

I-146      Tube of Colgate toothpaste. (in suitcase)

Long black  
socks (Q29, 30)

Amusement Co.

I-146      One pair of long black socks (in suitcase).