

ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM entitled "ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." which are being submitted for possible dissemination at the Bureau. Enclosed for Memphis are two copies of this LHM.

Inasmuch as the statements made by Mrs. MARY PATRICIA BOLIN were admittedly made in an effort to obtain sympathy of her estranged husband, the Norfolk Division does not contemplate any further action regarding this matter.

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Re Memphis airtel to all SACs, 7/16/68.

The following is a breakdown of the Norfolk cost data for instant matter for October, 1968:

1. Number of man hours spent on case:

A. Special Agents

Regular - 2 hours
Overtime - None

Total - 2 hours

B. Clerical Employees

Regular - 2 hours
Overtime - None

Total - 2 hours

2. Total mileage traveled on case: None

3. Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs: None

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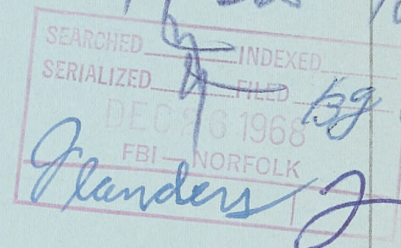
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Ray Denies Ownership Of Rifle, Car

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — James Earl Ray denied Friday that he owned a high-powered rifle of the type which authorities say was used to murder Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray also denied ownership of a 1966 two-door Mustang which the state charges was used by the killer to make his getaway after the slaying.

Ray is scheduled to go on trial April 7 on a charge of murdering the civil rights leader.

The statements concerning the gun and car were made in a written answer filed to a civil lawsuit pending against Ray in Chancery Court.

The suit was brought by Renfro Hays, a private detective who contends that Ray owes him more than \$11,000 for investigative work in the case. Hays was hired by Ray's former attorney, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., and seeks to attach the car and gun, then have them sold to satisfy his claim.

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Ray Admits Guilt, Draws 99 Years



Judge Battle appears relieved. (UPI)



Ray



Attorney Foreman

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Hints Conspiracy, State Disagrees

Ray's imprisonment leaves a number of key questions unanswered. Page 3.

MEMPHIS (UPI)—James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in return for his life Monday, but he hinted that he was not alone in the plot to slay the civil rights leader. After an hour and 55 minutes of token testimony a jury of 12 men, by prearrangement, convicted Ray and sentenced him to 99 years in prison. But Ray himself announced that he disagreed with the theory that there was no conspiracy to kill King, Judge W. Preston Battle warned that any conspir-

ators could never rest easy, and the Justice Department took virtually its first notice of theories that King's assassination last April 4 was a conspiracy.

"The investigation into the original allegations of a conspiracy is still open," said a spokesman in Washington a few hours after Ray was led out of the Memphis courtroom.

Ray changed his plea to guilty in return for the 99-year sentence and went on trial instantly rather than waiting until his scheduled April 7 trial. His attorney, famed Texas trial lawyer Percy Foreman, evidently feared Ray might be sentenced to die—even though no one has been executed in Tennessee in seven years—if he maintained his innocence.

Both King's widow and his successor, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, insisted that others were involved in the murder and demanded that the investigation continue. Negroes throughout the South called the two-hour trial a "coverup."

Ray stood up in court to say that "I can't agree with Mr. Clark."

Judge Battle, taken aback, asked "Mr. who?"

"Ramsey Clark," the former attorney general, explained Foreman. Clark had said several times that no one but Ray was involved in King's killing. So, during Monday's proceedings, did Foreman and

prosecutor Phil Canale.

"You don't agree with whose theories?" asked Battle.

"Mr. Canale's, Mr. Clark's, and J. Edgar Hoover's theories about the conspiracy," said Ray. He said no more, and was asked no more, about a conspiracy.

Ray celebrated his 41st birthday Monday, and he will be eligible for parole when he is 71. An isolated maximum security cell was ready for him at state prison in Nashville 200 miles away. There were indications he might be sped late Monday night.

The question of a possible conspiracy virtually overshadowed Ray's conviction.

"There have been rumors that James Earl Ray was a hired dupe for others to kill Martin Luther King," said Canale. "We have no evidence that any conspiracy was involved."

Foreman said that "it took me a month to convince myself

of this fact, what the attorney general of the United States and J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI said last year, that there was not a conspiracy."

But Canale said "if at any time there is evidence that such a conspiracy is involved, we will take prompt action."

"It has not been established at this time that there was any conspiracy," said the judge before turning the case over to the jury. "This is not conclusive evidence that there was no conspiracy."

"If there was a conspiracy, no member of such a conspiracy can ever live in peace or lie down to pleasant dreams because there is no statute of limitations in capital cases in this state," he said.

Then, quoting from Hamlet, Judge Battle intoned:

"For murder, though it hath

no tongue, will speak with most miraculous organ."

The Justice Department said it was still working on the original warrant in the case, issued April 17, charging Eric Starvo Galt and a man "whom he alleged to be his brother" conspired to kill King. Galt turned out to be Ray and the "brother" — Ray has two — quickly faded from the investigation.

Since then there has been no official mention of the possibility that more than one man was involved in the slaying.

Foreman, who prides himself in having lost only one client to the electric chair, said "I never expected . . . when I entered this case that I would be able to do anything other than save this man's life."

Ray, once nicknamed "the Mole," fancies himself an escape artist. He broke out of Missouri state prison before he killed King, and a detainer from Missouri awaits him if he manages to serve his Tennessee time.

Rumors were prevalent all weekend that Ray was going to change his plea to guilty at Monday's swiftly-called hearing.

Ray, wearing the blue checked suit he has worn for practically every appearance since his arrest in London June 8, appeared in the heavily guarded courtroom at 9:45 a.m. CST. Judge Battle came in a minute later.

Foreman announced he was changing the plea to guilty in return for a 99-year sentence.

"Is this what you want to do?" Battle asked Ray.

"Yes, I do," Ray replied.

Ray formally waived all right to appeal or any other legal maneuvers. But Battle said at a news conference later that this was a technical matter and Ray still had every right he would if the conviction had been a normal one.

At 9:50 a jury—which had been hearing cases for two weeks—was brought into the courtroom intact.

"I have recommended a sentence of 99 years in the state penitentiary in Nashville," Canale told the jurors, two of whom were Negroes. "We'll put on some proof for your consideration. Can each of you accept that sentence?"

There were murmurs of assent.

At 10:17, after Ray made his remarks about conspiracy theories, the jury was sworn in. It took five witnesses an hour and 55 minutes to establish a case against him.

Much of it was devoted to telling how King died, shot through the neck. He fell dying to the cement second-floor balcony of the Lorraine Motel at dusk on April 4. The state claimed Ray slew him with a single rifle bullet, fired from the bathroom window of a flophouse across Mulberry Street.

The Rev. Samuel Kyles testified he had come to get King—in Memphis to support a garbage collectors' strike—and take him out for "some soul food."

He was walking ahead of King when he heard the shot. "I looked at Dr. King and he was lying thusly," said Kyles, covering his head with his hands.

"The shot had cut his neck right off," Kyles recalled.

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'Lies' of Warren Report to Fuel Author's ODU Talk

By BOB LIPPER

Virginian-Pilot Staff Writer

NORFOLK—Lies, all lies. Lies and obfuscation, deceit and conspiracy, who knows what else. Why, even Walter Cronkite is involved in this. With Mark Lane, you quickly learn, there are no icons, nothing sacred, nothing to defuse his scorching litany of accusation, nothing to lessen his search for an answer to this question: Who killed John Fitzgerald Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas?

He has been at it, off and on, probing, lecturing, writing, for nearly 13 years—ever since the Warren Commission determined that Lee Harvey Oswald, and Lee Harvey Oswald alone, shot and killed the President of the United States.

Unsatisfied, suspicious, Mark Lane (attorney, former politician, espouser of liberal causes) conducted his own investigation, wrote a best-selling book, the copiously-footnoted "455" references, "Rush To Judgment," and became a hot item on the lecture circuit.

Interest waned in the early '70s, and Lane directed his attention elsewhere (the Vietnam War, Indian affairs). But then came Watergate, revelations of misdeeds and worse committed by the CIA and the FBI, nagging questions and doubts, attention focused once again on the assassinations that shocked the nation in the mid-'60s, a mounting call for a new investigation. . . .

And here again is Mark Lane, 50 now, no longer the clean-shaven interviewer appearing on videotape in the lounge of the Old Dominion University student center, but just as direct, unequivocal. Today at 12:30 p.m. he will speak in the ODU fieldhouse (public invited, no charge), on appearance previewed by Tuesday's round of interviews and TV guest shots.

His basic points of contention with the Warren Commission findings remain the same: that the commission failed to probe adequately Oswald's intelligence-community ties; that a single bullet could not have

caused the back and throat wounds of Kennedy and then the wounds of Texas Gov. John Connally; and that the famous Zapruder film, to be shown today, offers proof that Kennedy was shot in the head from the right front, and not by Oswald, behind the motorcade on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository.

But while "Rush To Judgment" pronounces the commission guilty of incompetence, Lane's charges now are more ominous. Citing evidence that purports to link Jack Ruby, Oswald's killer, with the FBI, Lane claims that the Warren Commission was aware of the Ruby-FBI relationship, participated with the intelligence community in thwarting justice.

"Bungling?" said Lane. "No, it was a deliberate coverup." Among the accomplices, he said, were the FBI and the CIA, even, through the years, the CBS Television Network in the persons of correspondents Dan Rather and Walter Cronkite.

Continuing with that theme, Lane said that staff writers of The Washington Star (Jeremiah O'Leary), Washington Post (George Lardner) and New York Times (David Barnham) created the diversion on the House Select Committee on Assassinations that now threatens that body's demise.

"All the problems of that committee can be traced back to an orchestrated attack by the intelligence agencies," said Lane.

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"Those newspapers publish stories at the request of the CIA and FBI. They created the rift between Gonzalez (former committee chairman Henry Gonzalez) and Sprague (the committee's chief counsel, Richard Sprague)."

Calling Sprague "the most relentless, toughest investigator I have ever met," Lane said that the CIA and FBI "are trying to destroy him before he finds out what role they had to play" in the assassinations of Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.

Lane acknowledged that the assassination committee's future is in doubt. "But if the committee is allowed to carry out its work," he said, "we will know a year from today who killed King and Kennedy."

What, then, would become of Mark Lane? "I'd cut down my activities," he replied. "Then I'd get on to something else."

He always has been something of a crusader, a maverick. Early on, as a young attorney out of Brooklyn Law School, he hung out his shingle in East Harlem and became active in neighborhood and political affairs, tackling such issues as housing, civil liberties, and drug addiction. In the New York state legislature he became an unpopular figure, challenger of the system, at one point accusing Joseph Carlino, the House speaker, of conflict of interest for pushing a massive fallout-shelter purchase. Carlino was cleared, 143 votes to 1, but the purchase never went through.

Soft-spoken in conversation, Lane became known as a fiery orator. A longtime friend once said that "he sees himself as a beplumed knight on a white charger whenever he undertakes a cause."

Where did the urge originate? Lane shrugged. Then he told of serving in Army intelligence in World War II. He was ordered to prepare a report on disturbances between American and Russian troops in occupied Austria. When he turned in the report, the captain told him to rewrite it.

"They didn't want the truth," said Lane. "They wanted to blame the Russians. That's the first indication I had that the truth had very little to do with official reports. Then I came back to the United States, and the McCarthy period was well under way. That was really upsetting to me. McCarthyism was the art of making charges with no basis. It was perfected by the Warren Commission."

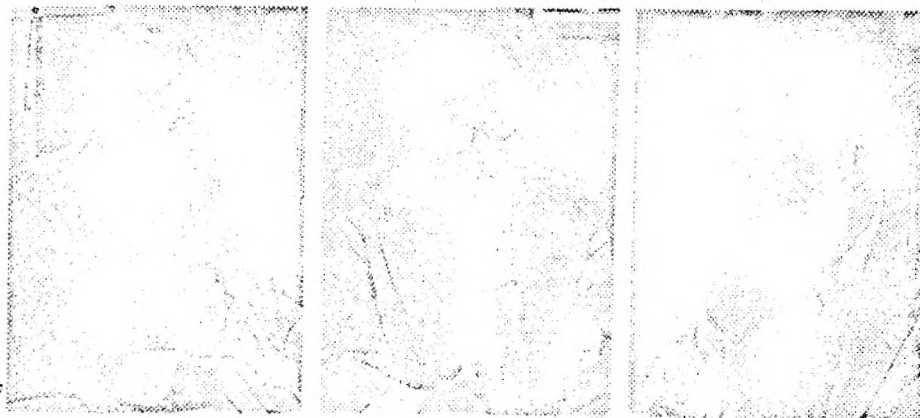
Lane became involved in the Kennedy assassination controversy when, after he wrote a magazine article on the killing, Marguerite Oswald, Lee Harvey Oswald's mother, asked Lane to represent her son's interests at the Warren Commission hearings. Lane appeared before the commission, was rejected as Oswald's attorney, and left to write his book.

In the intervening years, he has written six more books, the latest an unpublished work on the King assassination, and has coauthored one screenplay ("Executive Action"). A 1970 book, "Conversations With Americans," in which 32 servicemen talked of alleged atrocities in Vietnam, was branded "irresponsible" in a New York Times review by Neil Sheehan; Lane says he has "strong evidence" that a colonel in the Pentagon, acting for the CIA, ghosted the review. He further alleges that the CIA attempted to discredit "Rush To Judgment" prior to its publication.

In 1973-74, Lane was a defense attorney in the Wounded Knee case (charges against American Indian Movement leaders Russell Means and Dennis Banks were dismissed on the grounds of government misconduct) and in February 1974, he formed the Washington-based Citizens' Commission of Inquiry, which he directs. He said that his lecture fees, above \$1,500 at Old Dominion, go directly to the citizens' commission.

Thus the continuing saga, the campaign. What he desires, he said, is merely the truth, for after 13 years on the trail, Mark Lane says he does not know who killed John Kennedy.

"There are lots of theories," he said, "but I leave theories to the Warren Commission and to CBS. They've preempted the field of speculation. I try to stay with the hard facts."



Lane believes "an orchestrated attack by the intelligence agencies" is behind the problems of the House committee on assassinations.

. . . the possibility of others being involved with either Oswald or Ruby cannot be established categorically, but if there is any such evidence, it has been beyond the reach of all the investigative agencies and resources of the United States and has not come to the attention of this Commission.

—Report of the Warren Commission

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (66-957)

DATE: 3/17/77

FROM : ASAC PHILIP F. ENLOW

SUBJECT: FBI INVESTIGATION OF MURDER OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

I received a call from DEBBIE LYMAN, telephone 446-2273, a reporter for the LEDGER-STAR. She advised she was doing a story on MARK LANE, who was speaking before the Old Dominion University students. MARK LANE had made the statement that when the House Select Committee on Assassinations report would come in, it would show that the FBI was instrumental in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She asked for a comment concerning his statement. I asked her if she was familiar with the report of the Attorney General submitted by the Task Force of the Office of Professional Responsibility. I read the following to her:

"The FBI conducted a thorough investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a Department of Justice task force concluded in a report released today by Attorney General Griffin B. Bell.

"The 149-page report was submitted by the task force of the Office of Professional Responsibility following an eight-month intensive review of FBI files and interview of witnesses. The purpose of the study was to examine FBI activities involving Dr. King and to evaluate the effectiveness of the assassination investigation.

"The report concluded that the FBI had conducted a painstaking and successful investigation of the 1968 assassination in Memphis, Tennessee.

"The task force also found no evidence of FBI complicity in the murder.

"The only new evidence that was developed related to details that did not affect the ultimate conclusion that James Earl Ray was the properly convicted murderer."

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I also gave the following comment in answer to her request:

"Mr. Lane's statement is not worthy of a comment and it is a vile and scurrilous attack upon the FBI."

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Author ties FBI to King murder

By DEBY WEYERMANN
Ledger-Star Staff Writer

NORFOLK — The House Select Committee investigating the Kennedy-King assassinations will conclude that the FBI was responsible for the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., says conspiracy theorist Mark Lane.

In an interview here, Lane, director of the Citizens Inquiry Commission, said his own three-day investigation, conducted shortly after King was assassinated, turned up "certain evidence" of a conspiracy to kill King.

He said that although he had not "talked to all the witnesses or seen all the documents," his evidence pointed directly to the FBI as the planners and executors of the assassination.

Specifically, Lane said that prior to the assassination, the FBI removed one policeman and two firemen who had been stationed below King's second-floor hotel room to provide security. He said the FBI, which had had King under constant electronic and "eyeball" surveillance for years, ended that surveillance permanently one hour before the assassination.

In addition, Lane pointed to the well-known animosity between King and then-FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. He said there "could be no contesting the fact that the FBI wanted King dead," and referred to a letter sent to King by

the FBI advising King to commit suicide or be slandered as a sexual deviant.

Phillip F. Enlow, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI's Norfolk office, said today that Lane's charges lacked credibility and were "a vile and scurrilous attack on the FBI." He referred to a Feb. 13 report released by Atty. Gen. Griffin Bell which concluded that the FBI had thoroughly investigated the King assassination and was in no way responsible for it.

Lane, who is in Norfolk to speak at Old Dominion University today, said the current investigative committee will be able to check all leads thoroughly because it has wide subpoena power.

Lane said recent attacks on the committee, centered mainly on the chief investigator's personality, are "absurd" and instigated by intelligence agencies to stop a thorough investigation of both the Kennedy and King assassinations.

Lane, who will speak on the Kennedy assassination at Webb Center, said he did not know if there were links between the murders.

He said his own investigation of the Kennedy assassination and subsequent Warren Commission report—detailed in his best-selling book "Rush to Judgment"—shed no light on who killed Kennedy. However, Lane said he believes there is evidence of a conspiracy.

MARK LANE

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IT COULD BE THREADED TOGETHER ON THE SCENE. THE LADDER WAS HOOKED OVER A PORTION OF THE PRISON WALL THAT MEETS A ROCK CLIFF WHICH FORMS PART OF THE PRISON PERIMETER. THE SUBJECTS ALSO HAD TO CROSS AN ELECTRIFIED WIRE WHICH IS EMPLACED AT THE TOP OF THE WALL AND ALONG THE ROCK CLIFF.

THE SUBJECTS WERE ALL INMATES OF THE GENERAL PRISON POPULATION AND NOT CONFINED TO THE MAXIMUM SECURITY CELL BLOCK. AS MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PRISON POPULATION, THEY WERE MINGLED WITH OTHER PRISONERS WHEN THE PRISONERS WERE ALLOWED INTO THE PRISON YARD FOR SUPERVISED EXERCISE AT 6:00 PM.

TWO EVENTS OCCURRED AT THE TIME WHICH FACILITATED THE ESCAPE. THE FIRST WAS A FIGHT BETWEEN TWO PRISONERS AND THE SECOND WAS A PRISONER APPARENTLY FAKING AN INJURY. THE SUBJECTS ESCAPED WHILE THE ATTENTION OF THE GUARDS AND THE GENERAL PRISON POPULATION WAS DIRECTED TO THESE INCIDENTS.

INTERVIEW OF LARRY EUGENE MOON, INMATE NUMBER 76333, AND HARLEY WAYNE SMITH, INMATE NUMBER 76394, CONDUCTED AT 1:00 AM, JUNE 11, 1977. BOTH DENIED FIGHT WAS PREARRANGED

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AND STATED THAT THEIR FIGHT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PRISON BREAK.

THE OTHER INCIDENT INVOLVED ALEX FURMAN DUNN, INMATE NUMBER 78352, WHO FELL WHILE RUNNING IN FRONT OF GUARDS AND WHO APPEARED TO SUFFER ANKLE INJURY ACCORDING TO GUARDS ON SCENE. DUNN BROUGHT FROM CELL AT 1:30 AM, JUNE 11, 1977, AND WAS NOTICEABLY LIMPING. HE REFUSED TO TALK TO BUREAU AGENTS STATING ANY INFORMATION THEY WANTED HAD TO BE OBTAINED FROM RECORDS OR HIS LAWYER.

THE PRISONERS ESCAPED FROM A POSITION NEAR GUARD TOWER NUMBER FOUR MANNED BY BMSF GUARD FLOYD R. HOOKS. HOOKS APPARENTLY DID NOT OBSERVE ESCAPE. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE HOOKS FOR INTERVIEW. BMSF GUARD LINWOOD S. BUTLER, MANNING TOWER NUMBER THREE, WHICH IS LOCATED A SLIGHTLY GREATER DISTANCE FROM THE SITE OF THE ESCAPE, OBSERVED THE ACTION AND FIRED ON THE ESCAPING SUBJECTS, INCLUDING JERRY W. WARD, INMATE NUMBER 71126, WHO WAS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE. WARD WAS TAKEN

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TO OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, HOSPITAL BY PRISON AUTHORITIES WHERE HE WAS TREATED FOR GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO HEAD AND ARM. WARD WAS RETURNED TO BMSP AT 11:30 PM, JUNE 14, 1977, AND REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED.

BMSP IS A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON LOCATED IN A REMOTE, RURAL MOUNTAINOUS AREA OF MORGAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE. THE PRISON IS SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY HIGH, HEAVILY WOODED MOUNTAINS. THE AREA AROUND BMSP IS CURRENTLY SEALED BY PRISON GUARDS, TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROLMEN, AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES. BMSP TRACKING DOGS AND SEARCH PARTIES ARE CURRENTLY SEARCHING AREA. PERMANENT ROADBLOCKS WERE SET UP BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AND ALL ROADS ARE BEING PATROLLED BY SURROUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

BMSP OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT, BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES WITH ESCAPES AND ROUTE TAKEN BY SUBJECTS, SUBJECTS ARE STILL IN THE VICINITY.

HELICOPTER AND PLANE SEARCH COMMENCING AT DAYBREAK.

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ADDITIONAL UNUSUAL EVENT OCCURRED IN THAT BRUSHY MOUNTAIN WAS WITHOUT TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR PERIOD COMMENCING AROUND TIME OF ESCAPE.

ON JUNE 11, 1977, COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL THROUGH SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL, FREDERICK BARRON, AND PREPARED BY AUSA EDWARD E. WILSON, WAS FILED BY SA RONALD L. JOHNSON BEFORE THE HONORABLE USBJ FRANK A. KAUFMAN CHARGING THE SUBJECTS DID, IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 371, UNLAWFULLY, WILLFULLY, ETC., CONSPIRE, ETC., TO VIOLATE TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1473 (EFAC - ESCAPED). IT WAS RECOMMENDED BY AUSA WILSON THAT SUBJECTS BE HELD WITHOUT BOND.

IT IS RECOMMENDED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF THIS CASE THAT THIS TELETYPE BE CONSIDERED THE FIRST SERIAL OF SIX SEPARATE 30 CASES AND THAT THEREAFTER LEADS BE SET FORTH ON INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE SUBJECTS AS APPROPRIATE.

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SUBJECTS HAVE ALL BEEN CONVICTED OF FIRST DEGREE
MURDER OR SIMILAR SERIOUS ASSAULT CHARGES AND SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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REQUEST FOR NATIONWIDE BROADCAST

REFERENCE ESCAPEES FROM BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PRISON, PETROS, TENNESSEE.

JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN APPREHENDED AND RETURNED TO THE PRISON AT 3:00 A.
.M. EDT.

AUTHORITY COLONEL RICHARD DAWSON.

TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL KNOXVILLE, OPR. EVERETT, 3:15 A.M. EDT

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FROM: SA Robert J. Arnold
RE: File No. 44-268

I have reviewed this file, and under the criteria set forth in Part II, Section 3, of Manual of Rules and Regulations, this file should be:

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JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE; ET AL. CONSPIRACY
TO VIOLATE UFAC - ESCAPE. (OO: KNOXVILLE).

JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED ABOUT 2:15 AM, JUNE 13,
1977, APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN MILES FROM BRUSHY MOUNTAIN
STATE PRISON BY CORRECTION AUTHORITIES. ALL OFFICES
DISCONTINUED INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE RAY.

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TO COMMIT UFAC - ESCAPE. CO: KNOXVILLE.

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SUBJECT WILL APPREHENDED BY PRISON GUARDS APPROXIMATELY
FOUR MILES FROM PRISON.

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EARL RAY - FUGITIVE; DOUGLAS SHELTON - FUGITIVE. CONSPIRACY TO
VIOLATE UFAC - ESCAPE. OO: KNOXVILLE.

RE KNOXVILLE TELCALL TO LOUISVILLE, JUNE 20, 1977, MEMPHIS
TELCALL TO LOUISVILLE, JUNE 11, 1977, AND LOUISVILLE TELCALLS TO
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INFO IN MEMPHIS TELCALL TO LOUISVILLE ADVISED A SOURCE OF MEMPHIS DIVISION ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY, WHO HAD RECENTLY ESCAPED FROM PRISON IN TENNESSEE, WAS TO BE FLOWN FROM PETROS, TENNESSEE, TO CAMDEN, TENNESSEE, ON AN OTTER AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED TO LAND CAMDEN, 6:00 AM. TELCALLS BY MEMPHIS DETERMINED ONLY OTTER AIRCRAFT UNACCOUNTED FOR WAS SOLD JUNE 7, 1977, TO JERRY LEEDS, LARK CORPORATION, HENDERSON, KENTUCKY. AIRCRAFT DESCRIBED AS MANUFACTURED BY DE HAVILAND CORPORATION, TWIN ENGINE MODEL BN2, RED AND WHITE IN COLOR, BLUE TRIM, WITH TAIL NUMBER N34CA, SERIAL NUMBER 274. INVESTIGATION AT HENDERSON, KY., DETERMINED PLANE SEEN INSIDE HANGER AT HENDERSON AT 4:00 AM, EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME, BLOCKED IN HANGER BY THREE OR FOUR OTHER AIRCRAFT. AIR FIELD AT HENDERSON NOT OPERATIVE DURING NIGHT HOURS AND SHERIFF AT HENDERSON, KY., KNOWS JERRY LEEDS TO BE A BUSINESSMAN RESIDING IN EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, WHO OPERATES A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SALES COMPANY. LEEDS IS 50-60 YEARS OF AGE, WAS FORMERLY A DEALER FOR THE ABOVE TYPE AIRCRAFT AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AND ALLEGEDLY PURCHASED AIRCRAFT AT HENDERSON FOR SPECULATIVE PURPOSES AND DUE TO HEALTH, IS NOT LICENSED TO FLY AIRCRAFT, AND HAS NO KNOWN PILOT. AIRCRAFT HAS NOT BEEN FLOWN SINCE IT ARRIVED AT

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS. HACKER KNOWN TO UTILIZE POLICE SCANNERS. ESCAPE RISKS.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS. HACKER KNOWN TO UTILIZE POLICE SCANNERS. ESCAPE RISKS.

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JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE. "TEN MOST WANTED
FUGITIVE". EARL HILL, JR., AKA - FUGITIVE. CONSPIRACY
TO COMMIT UFAC - ESCAPE. OO: KNOXVILLE.

REMYTEL JUNE 11, 1977.

SUBJECT HILL APPREHENDED BY PRISON GUARDS APPROXIMATELY
FOUR MILES FROM PRISON.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UFAC- ESCAPE; CONSPIRACY; OO: KNOXVILLE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL LEGATS AND OFFICES WHO MAY
NOT HAVE RECEIVED PRIOR CORRESPONDENCE IN THIS MATTER, AT
APPROXIMATELY 7:30 P.M., JUNE 12, 1977, CAPTIONED SUBJECT,
ALONG WITH FIVE OTHERS, ALL INMATES AT THE BRUSHY MOUNTAIN
STATE PRISON, PETRO, TENNESSEE, ESCAPED CUSTODY BY PLACING A
MAKESHIFT LADDER ON OUTSIDE WALL OF PRISON COMPOUND.
INMATES HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO ENTER PRISON YARD AT 6 P.M. FOR
SUPERVISED EXERCISE. ESCAPE ACCOMPLISHED BY TWO INCIDENTS,
ONE A SUPPOSED STAGED FIGHT INVOLVING TWO INMATES; THE
SECOND A FAKED ACCIDENT INVOLVING ANOTHER. ONE INMATE IN
ATTEMPTING TO SCALE THE WALL WAS SHOT BY PRISON GUARDS AND
APPREHENDED.

SUBJECT RAY, FBI NUMBER 4059420, WAS INCARCERATED

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IN THE CUSTODY OF THE TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES SERVING A 99-YEAR
PRISON SENTENCE FOLLOWING HIS CONVICTION FOR SLAYING THE
LATE REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HE IS DESCRIBED
AS:

AGE: 49

BORN:

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PLACE OF BIRTH: QUINCY OR ALTON, ILLINOIS

HEIGHT: 5'10"

WEIGHT: 175 POUNDS

BUILD: MEDIUM

HAIR: BLACK - GRAYING

EYES: BLUE

COMPLEXION: MEDIUM

RACE: WHITE

NATIONALITY: AMERICAN

OCCUPATIONS: BAKER, LABORER

SCARS AND MARKS: SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND

SMALL SCAR ON PALM OF RIGHT HAND

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

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A FEDERAL WARRANT WAS ISSUED ON JUNE 11, 1977, AT KNOXVILLE,
TENNESSEE, CHARGING RAY WITH CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE THE UNLAWFUL

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FLIGHT STATUTE (TITLE 18, U. S. CODE, SECTION 371, AND 1973).

EXTENSIVE AIR AND TERRAIN SEARCHES BEING CONDUCTED IN PETROS, TENNESSEE, AREA. SURVEILLANCES INSTITUTED RE KNOWN RELATIVES OF RAY AFTER INTERVIEW ATTEMPTS PROVED NEGATIVE. THESE SURVEILLANCES SHOULD CONTINUE. FAA HEADQUARTERS ALERTED WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO NOTIFY ALL AIRLINES CONCERNING RAY'S FUGITIVE STATUS. A POSSIBILITY DOES EXIST THAT RAY AND OTHER ESCAPEES MAY COMMANDER AIRLINE. ACCORDINGLY, AN APPROPRIATE FAA ALERT BEING MADE. PASSPORT OFFICES AND INS HEADQUARTERS REQUESTED TO PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS THROUGH WDC HEADQUARTERS. WANTED FLYERS BEING PREPARED TODAY AND SUBJECT APPROVED AS ADDITION TO BUREAU'S LIST OF TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES. APPROPRIATE PRESS RELEASES BEING MADE.

FOR YOUR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SEPARATE CASES HAVE BEEN OPENED RE OTHER FUGITIVES, WHO ARE:

EARL HILL, JR.; WHITE MALE, BORN OCTOBER 19, 1942; HEIGHT 5'6", WEIGHT 135, BLACK HAIR, GREEN EYES, INCARCERATED FOLLOWING MURDER, RAPE AND ASSAULT CONVICTIONS. EARL CONVICTED OF MURDERING A WDC POLICEMAN AND ATTEMPTING TO MURDER HIS WIFE WHILE BOTH WERE ON VACATION IN TENNESSEE.

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DAVID LEE POWELL, NEGRO MALE, AGE 28; BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], CLARKSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, HEIGHT 6'1", WEIGHT 150
POUNDS; SENTENCED TO 130 YEARS FOLLOWING MURDER CONVICTION.

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DOUGLAS SPANE SHELTON, WHITE MALE; BORN DECEMBER 8,
1944, AT KINGSFORT, TENNESSEE, 5'10", 157 POUNDS, BLACK HAIR
AND EYES, FBI NUMBER 333357F; WAS SERVING 65 YEAR SENTENCE
FOR ASSAULT, MURDER AND GRAND LARCENY.

DONALD RAY GAYLOR, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, 5'6", 130 POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND EYES,
FBI NUMBER 615239K; SERVING 50 YEAR SENTENCE FOR ARMED CONSPIRACY
AND THREE 21 YEAR SENTENCES ASSAULT TO MURDER. (NOTE: HAS
ASSAULTED POLICE OFFICER IN PAST).

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LARRY HACKER, WHITE MALE; BORN [REDACTED]
FBI NUMBER 055832G, HEIGHT 6'1"; 170 POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND
GREY EYES. HACKER CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF WILLIE FOSTER SELLERS,
SOON TO BE ADDED TO BUREAU'S TOP MOST WANTED LIST).

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE ALERTS
ARE PLACED CONCERNING RAY AND ASSOCIATES WITH LOCAL AND STATE
POLICE AGENCIES, AIR AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS,
INCLUDING MAJOR AIRLINES, BUSES, CAR RENTAL AGENCIES, ETC.

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ALL BORDER STOPS MUST BE PLACED TO PREVENT RAY AND ASSOCIATES FROM LEAVING COUNTRY. ALL LEGATS OF COURSE SHOULD PLACE SIMILAR STOPS WHERE APPROPRIATE WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES.

DURING THE INITIAL STAGES OF THIS IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION, LEADS SHOULD BE HANDLED TELEPHONICALLY, CONFIRMED BY TELETYPE. LEADS SHOULD RECEIVE PROMPT RESPONSE. INSTANT MATTER IS BEING DESIGNATED A MAJOR CASE AND SHOULD BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY. AN ALL-OUT EFFORT MUST BE EXPENDED TO LOCATE RAY AND OTHER ESCAPEES WHO ARE ALSO BEING SOUGHT FOR CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE THE UNLAWFUL FLIGHT STATUTE. INSURE FBINC AND KNOXVILLE, THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN, ARE KEPT ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS ALSO KNOWN AS: PAUL BRIDGEMAN, ERIC STARVO GALT, W. C. HERRON, HARVEY LOWMYER, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, RAYMOND GEORGE SNEYD, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JOHN WILLARD, "JIM," AND OTHERS.

ALL LEGATS ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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EARL RAY - FUGITIVE; DOUGLAS SHELTON - FUGITIVE, CONSPIRACY
TO VIOLATE UFAC - ESCAPE, OO: KNOXVILLE

RE EARLIER TELTYYPES THIS DATE.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION AND
EVENTS INCIDENTAL TO CAPTIONED MATTER:

GENERAL MATTER:

SIX CAPTIONED SUBJECTS ESCAPED FROM BRUSHY MOUNTAIN
PRISON (BMP) JUNE 10, 1977, AT ABOUT 7:30 PM, AND FLED TO
RUGGED MOUNTAINOUS TERRITORY. ONE WOULD-BE ESCAPEE UNSUC-
CESSFUL AND WOUNDED SLIGHTLY IN ATTEMPT. LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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CONVERGED ON AREA AND JOINED EFFORTS TO RECAPTURE SUBJECTS.
FBI AGENTS ON SCENE TO DETERMINE ANY EXISTENCE OF FEDERAL
VIOLATION.

PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL AND FILED BEFORE
USDJ DAVID A. KAUFMAN BY FBI AGENT ABOUT 4:30 AM, JUNE 11, 1977.
ADDITIONAL AGENTS ARRIVED IN KNOXVILLE FROM SURROUNDING OFFICES
AND PROCEEDED TO SCENE.

JAMES EARL RAY PLACED ON TOP TEN THIS DATE.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., ARRIVED THIS DATE AT KNOX-
VILLE FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT AND AFFORDED EXTENSIVE POLICE
PROTECTION.

INVESTIGATION AT BPP:

DAVID LEE POWELL APPREHENDED JUNE 11, 1977, BY TENNESSEE
HIGHWAY PATROL (THP) AFTER BEING OBSERVED FROM HELICOPTER.

MAIN THRUST OF INVESTIGATION PLACED ON LOCATING ESCAPEES.
JERRY W. WARD, UNSUCCESSFUL ESCAPEE, DECLINED INTERVIEW. INTER-
VIEWS OF INMATES BELIEVED TO HAVE FEIGNED DISTURBANCE UNPRODUC-
TIVE. GUARD NEAREST THE ESCAPEES INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE
WAS DISTRACTED BY FIGHT AND APPARENT ACCIDENT. WHEN HE OBSERVED

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ESCAPEES, HE ACCIDENTALLY JAMMED DOOR TO GUARD TOWER WHILE REACHING FOR WEAPON. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE FIRED A SHOTGUN AND THEN A .22 RIFLE AT ESCAPEES. HE BELIEVES THAT HE MAY HAVE WOUNDED ONE. NO BLOOD KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN AREA. TRACKS OBSERVED IN SEVERAL AREAS BEING SEARCHED. SEARCH PARTIES USING BLOODHOUNDS WORKED THROUGHOUT JUNE 10-11, 1977. ON JUNE 11, 1977, TWO THP HELICOPTERS, ONE FBI PLANE, AND ONE PLANE RENTED BY THE FBI, AS WELL AS ONE SWAT HELICOPTER FROM KNOXVILLE, TENN. PD, UTILIZED IN SEARCHING AREA.

ROADBLOCKS ORGANIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ROVING PATROLS. AGENTS ON SCENE OPERATING IN LO-HOUR SHIFTS WHERE SEARCH TO CONTINUE FROM DAWN TO DUSK. FBI, STATE, AND LOCAL SWAT TEAMS, AS WELL AS TRACKERS ARE OPERATING.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH RAILROADS FOR SEARCH OF TRAINS PASSING THROUGH AREAS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE PRISON.

INVESTIGATION KNOXVILLE DIVISION OTHER THAN AT BMP:

RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECTS GAYLOR, SMELTON, AND HILL CONTACTED THROUGHOUT EASTERN TENN. WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CONTINUED COVERAGE BEING AFFORDED AND

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APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES NOTIFIED.

AIRLINES AND BUS TERMINALS AT KNOXVILLE PLACED ON ALERT WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF SUBJECTS.

COPIES OF PHOTOS OF SUBJECTS BEING PREPARED TO BE DISTRIBUTED LOCALLY THIS DATE.

NATIONWIDE INVESTIGATION:

ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO ESCAPE AND OUTSTANDING PROCESS ON SUBJECTS. FIELD OFFICES AFFORDING CLOSE COVERAGE OF RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECTS AND AGGRESSIVELY INVESTIGATING THIS MATTER. MOST OF JAMES EARL RAY'S RELATIVES CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS RE HIS WHEREABOUTS.

WANTED FLYERS BEING DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT NEWS MEDIA IN EASTERN TENN.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

IT IS NOTED THAT ON THE PLANES OWNED AND RENTED BY THE FBI WE ARE USING SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT AND EXPECT THIS EQUIPMENT TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE DURING LATE AFTERNOON OR EARLY MORNING HOURS. IT IS NOTED ALSO THAT INVESTIGATION IS BEING

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PURSUED WITH FULL AWARENESS OF THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATION OF
FEDERAL FUGITIVE WILLIE FOSTER SELLERS AND HIS ASSOCIATES.
IN THIS REGARD, KNOXVILLE HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FOR THE
CONSENSUAL MONITORING OF THE TELEPHONE UTILIZED BY TWO FEMALE
FRIENDS OF SELLERS' ASSOCIATES, CHARLES WILLIAM GARY AND
RICHARD LEE BECK.

NERFC AGENT CURRENTLY ASSIGNED KNOXVILLE AND ON THE
SCENE WILL RE-INTERVIEW POWELL PER AG INSTRUCTIONS.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED OF AG'S DESIRES RE CAPTURE
OF RAY.

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DONALD RAY CAYLOR - FUGITIVE; LARRY EDWARD HACKER -
FUGITIVE; EARL HILL, JR. - FUGITIVE; DAVID LEE POWELL -
FUGITIVE; JAMES EARL RAY - FUGITIVE; DOUGLAS SHELTON -
FUGITIVE. CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE UFAC - ESCAPE. OO:
KNOXVILLE.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE JUNE 11, 1977 CAPTIONED AS
ABOVE.

FOLLOWING PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF ALL SUBJECTS
SET FORTH:

REVIEW OF PRISON RECORDS, BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE
PRISON, ON JUNE 11, 1977, DISCLOSED FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIVE

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AND BACKGROUND DATA ON JAMES EARL RAY: D ^B ~~MAR 24 1935~~ ^{MARCH 10 1928}
POB ALTON, ILL., OR ST. LOUIS, MO., WHITE, MALE, BLUE EYES,
5'10", 175 POUNDS, BLACK AND GRAY HAIR, FAIR COMPLEXION,
BRUSHY MOUNTAIN PRISON 65477. RELATIVES: FATHER GEORGE
RAY, ADDRESS UNKNOWN; BROTHERS: JOHN RAY, 1982 ARSENAL
ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.; JERRY RAY, BOX 145, LAKE ZURICH,
ILL.; SISTER: CAROL PEPPER, 523 FRONRU (PHONETIC) LANE,
CITY AND STATE NOT LISTED, AND 4025 BELLEVUE AVE., MAPLEWOOD,
MO.

REVIEW OF TENNESSEE PRISON RECORD NUMBER 65987
INDICATES FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE DOUGLAS SWANE SHELTON:
WHITE, MALE, DOB [REDACTED], POB KINGSFORT, TENN.,
5'10", 157 POUNDS, EYES BROWN, HAIR BROWN, TATTOOS
SKULL - RIBBON WITH "DEATH BEFORE DISHONOR" RIGHT ARM;
RIBBON WITH "ALICE" RIGHT ARM; CROSS WITH RIBBON "CONNIE"
LEFT ARM; "SEND THIS CONVICT TO HEAVEN. HE SPENT HIS
TIME IN HELL" UPPER LEFT ARM; A BEE ON RIGHT AND LEFT
CHEST. EDUCATION: 11TH GRADE. MARITAL STATUS: SINGLE.
PRIOR OCCUPATIONS: BRICKMASON, LANDSCAPING, PAINTER
AND PRESS OPERATOR. SSAN [REDACTED] FBI NO. 388 367 F.

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