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FBI No. 405,942 G

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INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY

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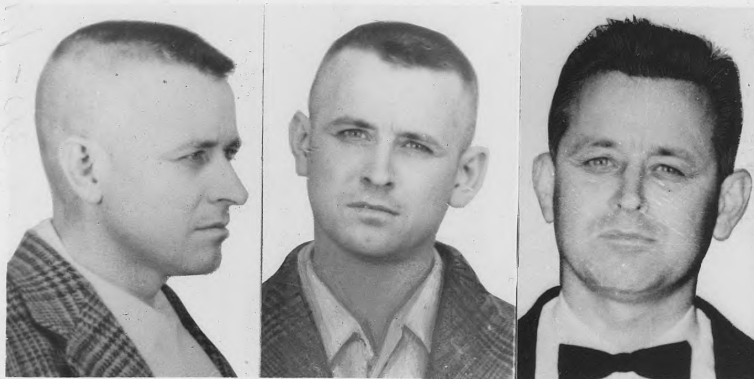
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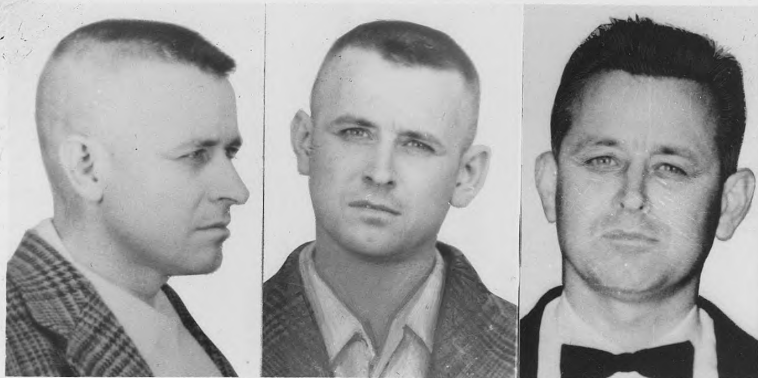
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File No.

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(19)

Date Received

4/26/68

From

Anonymous (through mail)

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By

T. W. Carroll

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

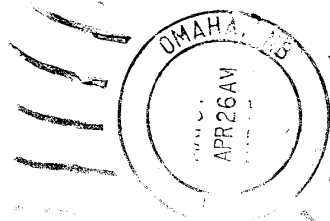
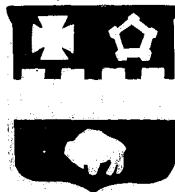
To Be Returned ☐ Yes☐ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☐ No

Description:

Anonymous Hand -
written letter + envelope
sent to Omaha Office -
dated 4/26/68

sent to Bu
4/30/68 Jip

returned 5/9/68
KAS



FBI

Omaha Neb

44-310-1a (14)

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

File No. 44-310-1A-1a (14)

Date Received 4-20-68

From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By SA Hersley
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Interview by
re interview with
Wm. Irvin Latham
on 4-20-68.

Interview Log

4-20-68

Date: 4-20-68

Place: Wapello County Jail, Ottumwa, IA.

Interviewee: William Irvin Latham

Interviewing agents: SA L. Joseph Hershey

SA E. Arthur Riege

4⁰⁴_{pm}: Latham advised of rights & was
presented warning & waiver form
by SA Hershey

4⁰⁷_{pm} Latham signed waiver of rights
form

4⁰⁸_{pm} Questioning commenced;

4⁴³_{pm} Interview concluded:

L. Joseph Hershey
4-20-68

Ottumwa, Iowa

44-310-1a (K3)

File No. 44-310-1A (13)
Date Received 4-20-68
From William Irvin Latham
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Appello County Jail
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Ottumwa, Iowa
(CITY AND STATE)
By SA Hershey
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

waver of rights
form signed by
Wm. Irvin Latham
on 4-20-68.

YOUR RIGHTS

Place

Wapello County Jail
Ottumwa, Iowa

Date

4-20-68

Time

4⁰⁴ pm

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed

William Irwin Latham

Witness

SA L. Joseph Hershey, FBI, Des Moines, IA. 4-20-68

Witness

SA E. Arthur Reige, FBI, Des Moines, IA. 4/20/68

Time

4⁰⁷ pm

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STATE BUREAU OF
CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

OCT 21 1959

Om. 44-310-1a¹¹

A-92330

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of this Bureau concerning our number 207387 FBI#306443A

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White - Male
Ill.-Iowa

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray, #B-119908	10-11-49	sus. burglary	
PD, Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray, #139648	10-11-49	sus. 459 FC (burglary)	8 mos. Co. J1. sp; 2 yrs. Prob. serv 1st 90 da Co J1 D46 12-30-49 (Cs 129438)
SO, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray, #5937	4-18-50	vagrancy	
PD, Alton, Ill.	James Earl Ray, #7514	7-23-51	no operator's license - no state license - no city license	rel. to pay later
PD, Chicago, Ill.	James Ray, #090696	5-6-52	robbery (run)	GJ \$3000
Cook Co. J1., Chicago, Ill.	James Ray, #131165	5-9-52	robbery	6-13-52 sent. to penit
SP, Joliet, Ill.	James E. Ray, #32419	6-13-52	robbery	1-2 yrs.
SP, Pontiac, Ill.	James E. Ray, #19121	7-7-52 in trans. f/Joliet	robbery	1-2 yrs., disch. 3-12-54
SO, Edwardsville, Ill.	James Earl Ray, #2640	8-30-54	burglary & larceny	
PD, Hannibal, Mo.	James E. Ray, #40714	3-23-55	inv. breaking & entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Mo.	James Earl Ray #B-3376	3-23-55	cashing stolen postal money orders	rel. to Postal Insp., Kans. City, Mo. 3-24-55

*Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints.

For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

SHP FORM NO. 104

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USM, Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray, #12018	3-28-55	forgery US postal money order	
SO, Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray, #29637	3-28-55	forgery government	
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray, #81071	10-10-59	sus. robbery	
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10-16-59	sus. robbery & stealing & fugitive other authorities	

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	1950 CJ Los Angeles, Calif., 90 days for burg. 1950 Crim Crt., Los Angeles, Calif., 2 yrs. prob. for burg.			
	WANTED: James Earl Ray, Missouri Item #1540, 3-22-55 Charge: passing stolen money orders Notify: Post Office Inspector, Kansas City, Mo. CANC: 3-24-55 AUTH: Post Office Inspector, Kansas City, Mo.			
	WANTED: James Earl Ray Charge: armed robbery Notify: PD, Alton, Ill. (Information received Illinois Bulletin #303, 9-1-59) CANC. in custody per prt #81071, PD, St. Louis, Mo. 10-10-59.			

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

STATE HOUSE

DES MOINES, IOWA

NAME Ray, James E. Permanent Residence Quincy, Ill.

ALIAS.....

Place Arrested Marion, Iowa.

Date of Arrest 4-18-50

By Marion P. D. & Linn Co. S. O.

Criminal Charges Vagrancy
(State Specifically Nature of Crime)

Names of Accomplices.....

Disposition of Case.....

Will you send photo? Yes Married No
(Answer yes or no) (Answer yes or no)

* Sex Male White X Negro..... Mex..... Ind.....

Name any other nationality American

Date of Birth Age 22
(Day, Month & Year)

Height 5/11 Weight 135 Build Slender

Color of Hair Brown Color of Eyes Blue

Complexion Dark Occupation Dark

Marks, scars and tattoos Sc 3" palm rt hand

The State of Iowa requires that two sets of finger prints on this Form and two 3x5 photographic prints of each subject be sent to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, State House, Des Moines, Iowa.

Finger prints should be placed in mail same day as taken, the photos to follow later when completed. Department Executives are requested to see that this rule is adhered to.

Form I: DPS-CL
25M IT-4-48 PB13091-SP

RECEIVED
APR 20 1950

IOWA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATION

LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK

Classified by

Checked by

Searched by

Filed by

Name James Earl Ray

Alias

CORRECTED NOTICE
A-92330

WANTED
ESCAPED CONVICT
\$50.00 Reward

Classification

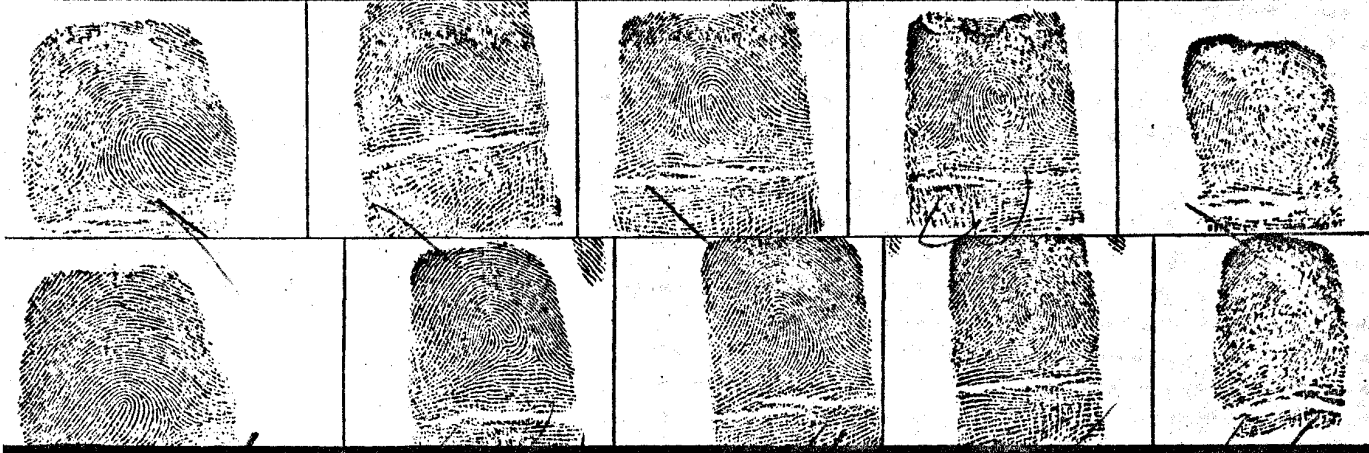
9U
4W

No. 00416

Escaped 4-23-1967

For Arrest and Detention

F.B.I. No. 306 443 A



CRIMINAL RECORD

Missouri State Penitentiary
Received 3-17-1960 #00416
St. Louis City, Missouri
Crime: Operating a Motor Vehicle
without the Permission of the
Owner; Robbery First Degree by
means of a Dangerous and Deadly
Weapon 20 years



POSSIBLE CONTACTS:

John Ray (Brother)
1918 Park Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Mary Maher (Grandmother)
1913 Hickory
St. Louis, Missouri

Jerry W. Ray (Brother)
Wheeling, Illinois

Age 35 Ht. 5'11" Wt. 163

Res. St. Louis, Missouri

Marks and Scars: Clear

Hairdk. Brown Eyes Blue
Nativity Ill. Occup. Baker

Comp. Medium
Build Medium

If located HOLD and wire Harold R. Swenson, Warden

MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

65101

Om. 44-370-14(11)

FBI - 306443A

A-92 330

RE: RAY, JAMES EARL -
HERRON, W. C.
O'CONNER, JAMES
MC BRIDE, JAMES
WALTON, JAMES

WALYON, JAMES
RAY, JIM

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(Notations from Mo. Rec)

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FBI #306 443 A

A-92 330

WANTED: James Earl Ray for Escape 4-23-67.
Notify: Harold R. Swenson, Warden, Missouri State Pen,
Jefferson City, Mo. per inf rec'd d 6-15-67.

WANTED: James Earl Ray for Unlawful flight to avoid confinement
(Robbery First)
Notify: Nearest FBI Office per inf rec from FBI Law
Enforcement Bulletin of Nov. 1967.