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Date Received 4-22-68

From Quincy, see PD
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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

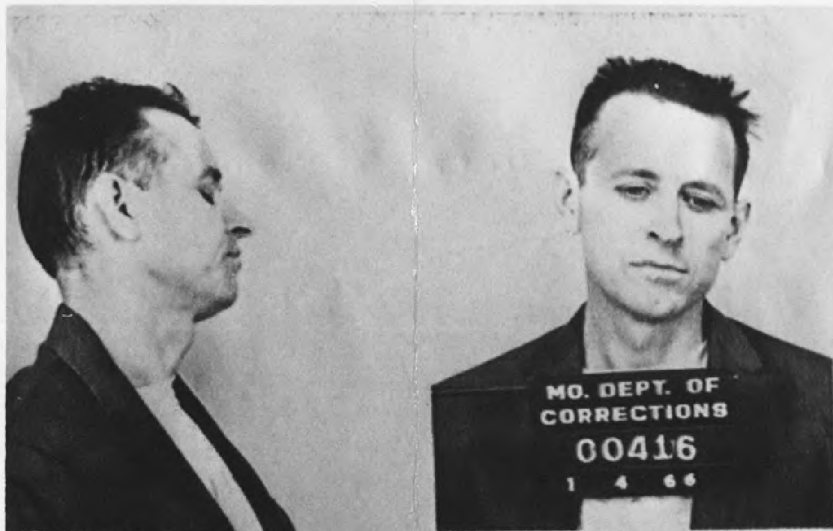
By Robert
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Photo of James
Earl Ray



(jfl)JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 19--Prison
 Identification picture of James Earl Ray,
 taken at Missouri Penitentiary Jan. 4, 1966.
 Ray is being sought for question-
 ing in the assassination of Civil Rights
 Leader Martin Luther King, Jr. (AP Wire)
 (AP Wire Story) 61515rr (58)

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Date Received 4-22-68

From Quincy Ill. PD
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By Robert
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Description:

Photos of James
Earl Ray



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Picture furnished by Hannibal news paper

POLICE DEPT. QUINCY, ILL.

85-41-195-44-IT
Name James Earl Ray 1439 Cherry St, Qcy,
Alias James E. Ray U.S.
Crime Forging an endorsement of P.O. MO Orders
Age 27 Height 5'10" Weight 170
Build Med. Hair Dr. Brown Eyes Blue
Comp. Med. Occupation
Born 3-10-28 Place of Birth Alton, Ill.
Date of Arrest 3-24-55 F.B.I.
Ill. B. of I. # F.P.C.
Marks and scars None

File No. 44-561-1A59Date Received 4-20-68From BONNIE KINNER
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)RT. # 3 Columbus Road
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)Quincy, Illinois
(CITY AND STATE)By Thomas M. Schenkner
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☒ Yes
☐ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

1 photo of
Susan Jane Ryan,
sister of James Earl
Ray



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To my
best sister...

I 44-561-1759

File No. 44-561-1A 60
Date Received 4/19/68
From Margaret Keshner
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Circuit Clerk, City Hall
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Acton, Ill.
(CITY AND STATE)
By Haines
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Photocopy of
Certificate of Birth
of James Earl
Ray.

NOTE: In filling out each mail on this page, please send this card to: C. G. Clark, Inc., P.O. Box 112, Little Rock, Ark. 72202.

Least Register "405" not less than 10¢. It is only for registering C. G. Clark's new 405. In case of mail, this can be sold at 10¢. 405 Number of each in 10¢. 405 Birth, 10¢. 405 Registered No. at C. G. Clark of "New" 405.

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File No. SI-44-561-1A61

Date Received 8-17-68

From WA
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By Mail
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

photo of Subject



SI - 44-561-11261

[REDACTED]

ERIC STARVO GALT,
HARVEY LOWMYER,
JOHN WILLARD

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (not verified)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 160 - 175 pounds

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Blue, or Green, or Hazel

[REDACTED]

SI - 44-561-11261

[REDACTED]

ERIC STARVO GALT,
HARVEY LOWMYER,
JOHN WILLARD

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (not verified)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 160 - 175 pounds

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Blue, or Green, or Hazel

[REDACTED]

File No. 44-561-1462

Date Received 5/20/68

From Ruby Smith Carpenter
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

630 N 6th St.
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Quincy, Ill.
(CITY AND STATE)

By Elyon H. Davis
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Description: Statement written by
Ruby Smith Carpenter dated
5/15/68

Mr. Elyon Davis - Since you were here the last time I have thought of some things I would like to make clear, things I did not think of at first. First I know nothing of the whereabouts of James Earl Ray. I have seen him perhaps 6 times, the last in 1958 I believe. 2nd I know nothing about any unlawful acts of any of the Ray, Rayns, Ryan family. The only one of the family I have been closely associated with is the father, James Herald Ray, who was my husband for about 3 years. We were divorced the 9th of December 1963. 3rd I have always lived an honest and lawabiding life. I have worked hard and supported myself entirely for 16 years and have helped others a great deal besides. Everything I have or ever had has been from honest and respectful work. No one has ever given me anything except my father, who left me some money at his death. 4th I would not accept anything obtained dishonestly if it were offered to me, which was not. This statement is written by me and is true and sincere.

Ruby Smith Carpenter
May 15, 1968

I have seen many errors printed about the family. The headlines of the Herald Whig stating Ray's father has long local criminal record. An article in Chicago Daily News by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson stating the children were adopted by various persons. None of the children were adopted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] They also stated James Earl Ray was the product of a broken home. How could he be when he was 24 years old when the father left the home, and had been living away from home several years prior.

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E.H.D.

File No. 44-361-1A 63Date Received 6-10-68From Ransom City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

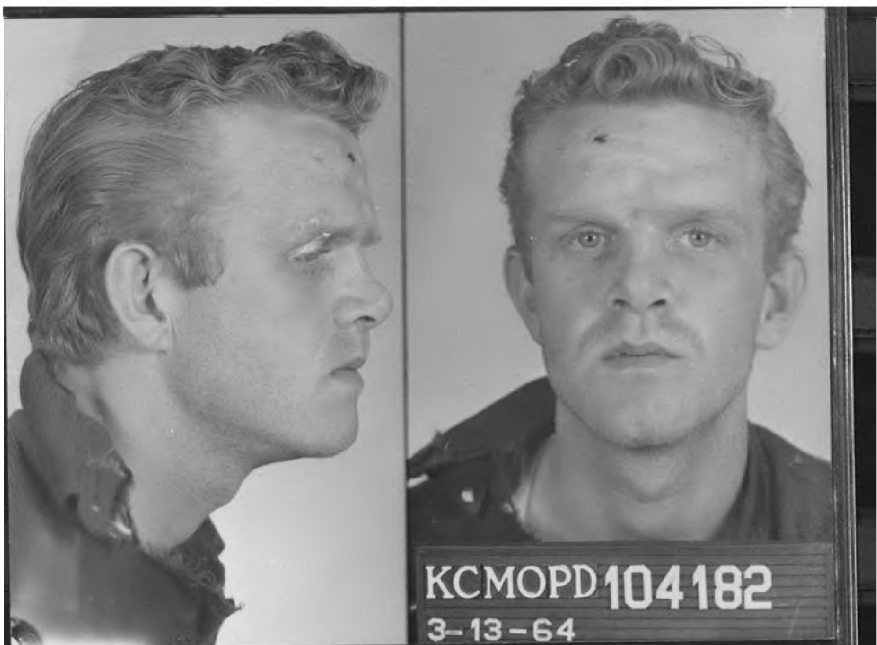
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By Mail (Serial # 665)
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☐ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

Photos Paul
Osborn Bridgeman



Paul Osborn Bridgeman

28, 4/13/40, Winchester, Ind

WM

6-1

190

blond hair

blue eyes

FBI 352520C

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File No. 44-561-1A44

Date Received 4-7-68

From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By CE Smith
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Description:

FP card - Billy

Ray King

sent Bu 4/7/68
ret'd. 11/22/68 Djo

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TYPE OR PRINT

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

KING

Billy

Ray

SEX

Male

RACE

White

HT. (Inches)

73"

WT.

185 lbs.

CONTRIBUTOR AND ADDRESS

FBI - Rock Island, Illinois

ALIASES

"WILLIAM"

HAIR

Dark Brown

EYES

Blue

DATE OF BIRTH

4-23-25

PLACE OF BIRTH

St. Joseph, Louisiana

SIGNATURE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED

Billy Ray King

SCARS AND MARKS 2nd deg.

left forearm; TATTOO

Devils head right

forearm; "Margarita" small

heart right upper arm; Glenda's left upper arm

SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL TAKING FINGERPRINTS

Charles E. Smith Spec. Agent in Charge

DATE

4-7-68

YOUR NUMBER

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CLASS.

REF.

☐ CHECK IF NO REPLY IS DESIRED

1. RIGHT THUMB



2. RIGHT INDEX



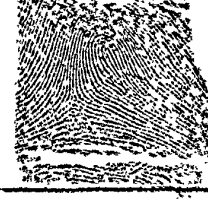
3. RIGHT MIDDLE



4. RIGHT RING



5. RIGHT LITTLE



6. LEFT THUMB



7. LEFT INDEX



8. LEFT MIDDLE



9. LEFT RING



10. LEFT LITTLE



LEFT FOUR FINGERS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY



LEFT THUMB



RIGHT THUMB



RIGHT FOUR FINGERS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY



CURRENT ARREST OR RECEIPTFD-249 (Rev. 12-17-62)

File No. 44-561-1A45

Date Received 4-7-68

From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By CE Smith
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Lft. HAND PALM

PRINT - Bully Ray

KING

sent to Bee 4/17/68
ret'd. 11/22/68
DJB



Left hand Palm Print
Taken 4/7/68 by
SA Charles E. Smith
Reck Island, Fla.

Billy Ray King

Billy Ray King

File No. 44-561-1A66Date Received 4-7-68From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)_____
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)_____
(CITY AND STATE)By CF Smith
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

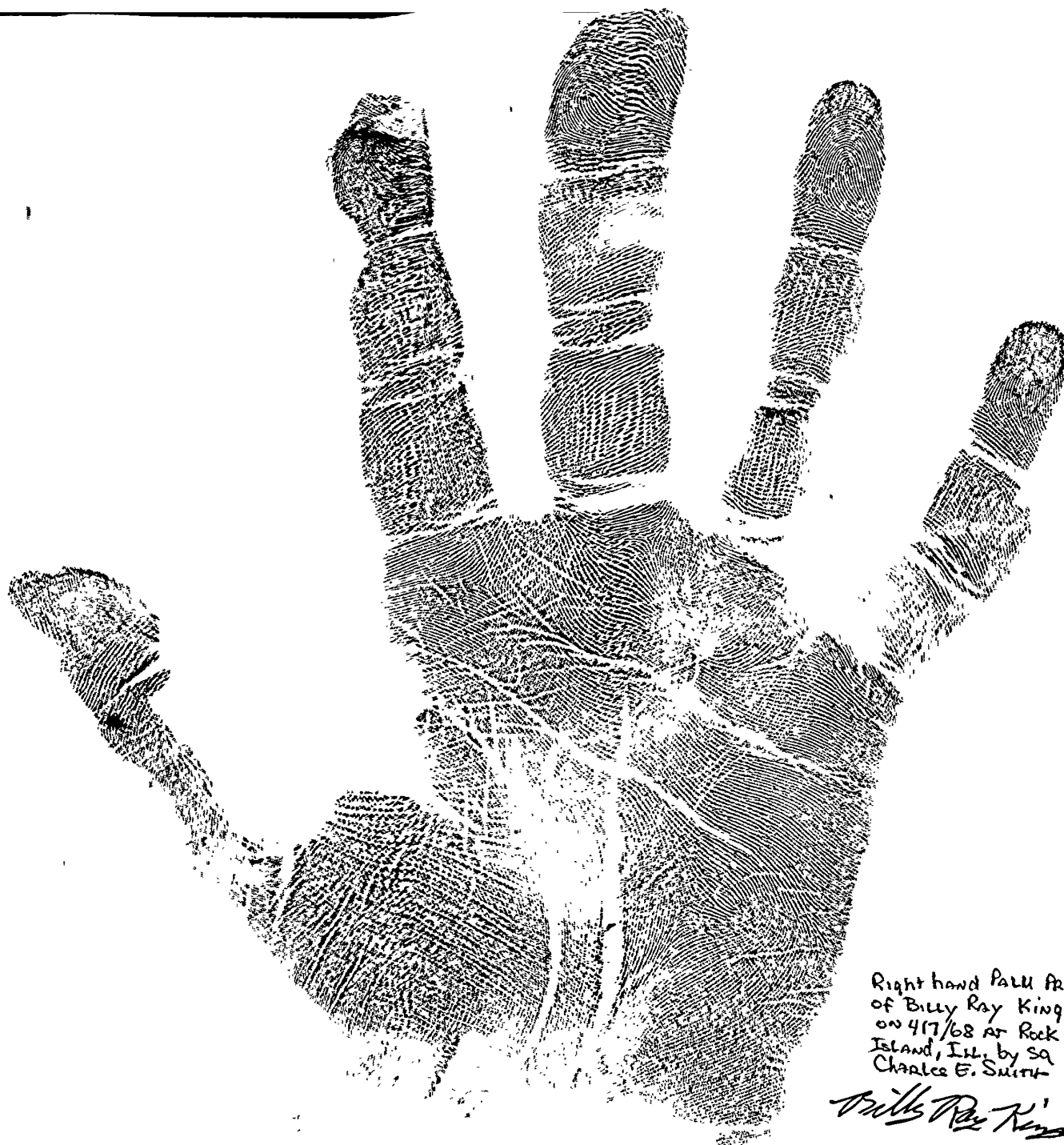
Description:

Rt. hand Palm

Print - Billy Ray

King

sent to BU 4/17/68
ret'd. 11/22/68 DST



Right hand Palm Print
of Billy Ray King
on 4/17/68 at Rock
Island, Ill. by SA
Charles E. Smith

Billy Ray King

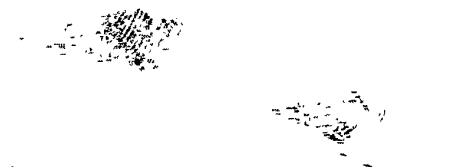
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(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)_____
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)_____
(CITY AND STATE)By CE Smith
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

Lft. hand finger prints
of Billy Ray King
sent to Bu 4/17/68
rec'd. 11/22/68 DJC



Left Thumb



Left Index



Left Middle



Left Ring



Left Little



Billy Ray King

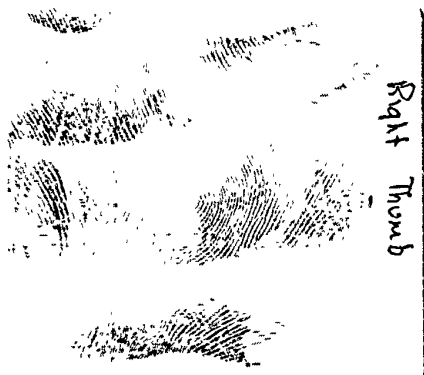
Left hand of Billy Ray King
Tips & Sides
Taken by SA Charles E. Smith
Rock Island, Ill.

File No. 44-561-1A⁶⁸Date Received 4-7-68From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)_____
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)_____
(CITY AND STATE)By CE. Smith
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☐ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

Rt. hand finger -
prints of Billy Ray
King

sent to BU 4/17/68
ret'd. 11/22/68 DTT



Right Thumb



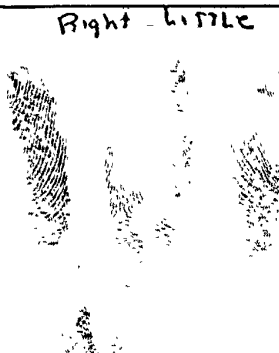
Right Index



Right Middle



Right Ring



Right Little

Right hand of Billy Ray King
 Tips & Sides
 Taken by SA Charles E. Smith
 on 4/7/68
 Rock Island, Illinois

Billy Ray King

File No. 44-561-1009

Date Received _____

From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By Robert _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Photo of JERAY



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From _____
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By *Robert A.*
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

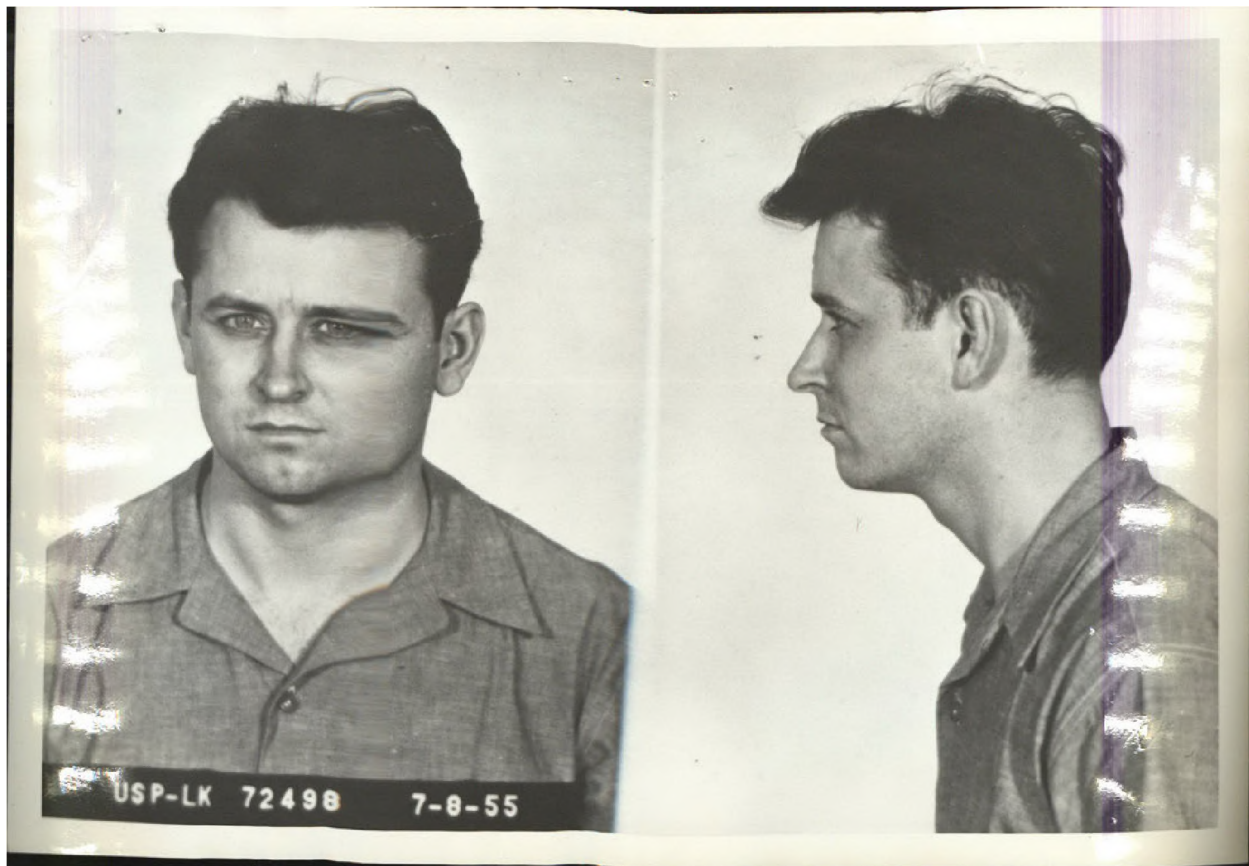
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☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
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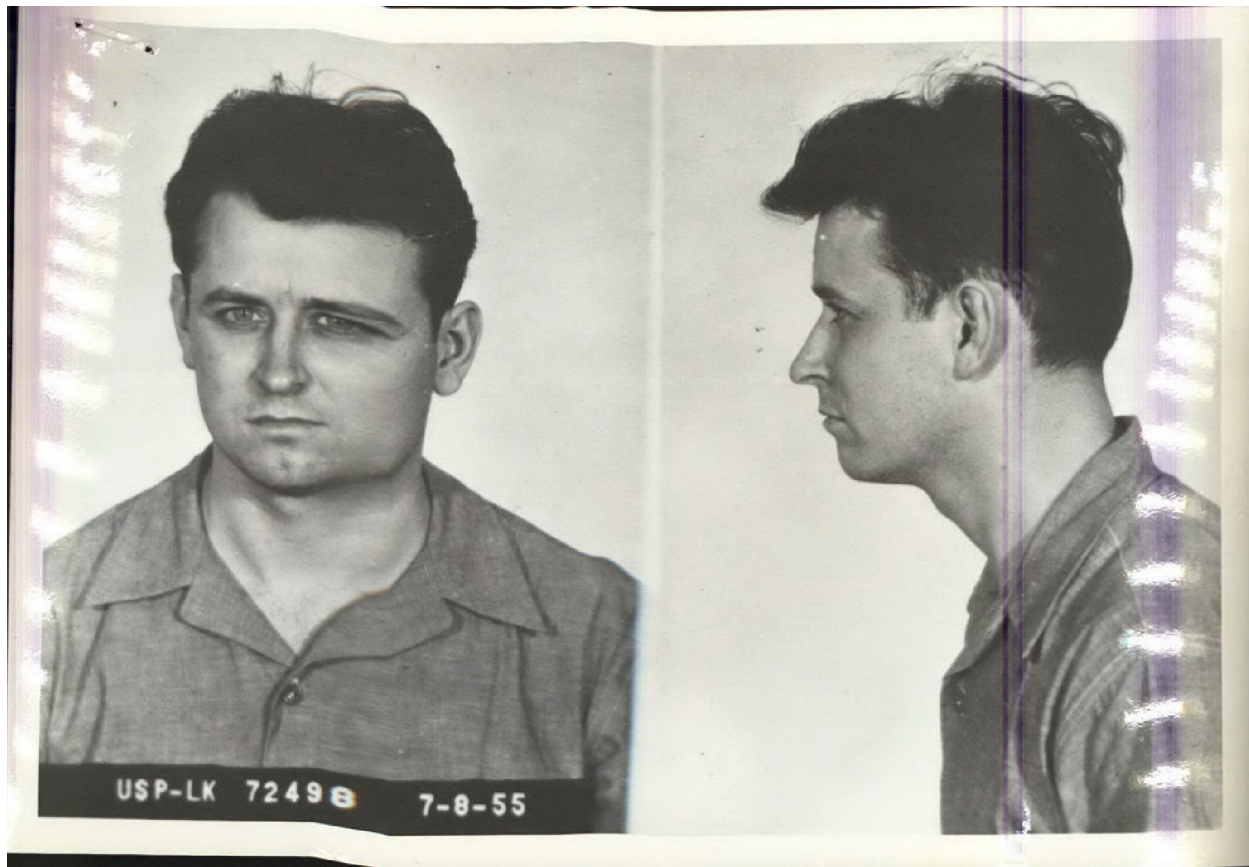
Description:

Photos of

J. E. Ray



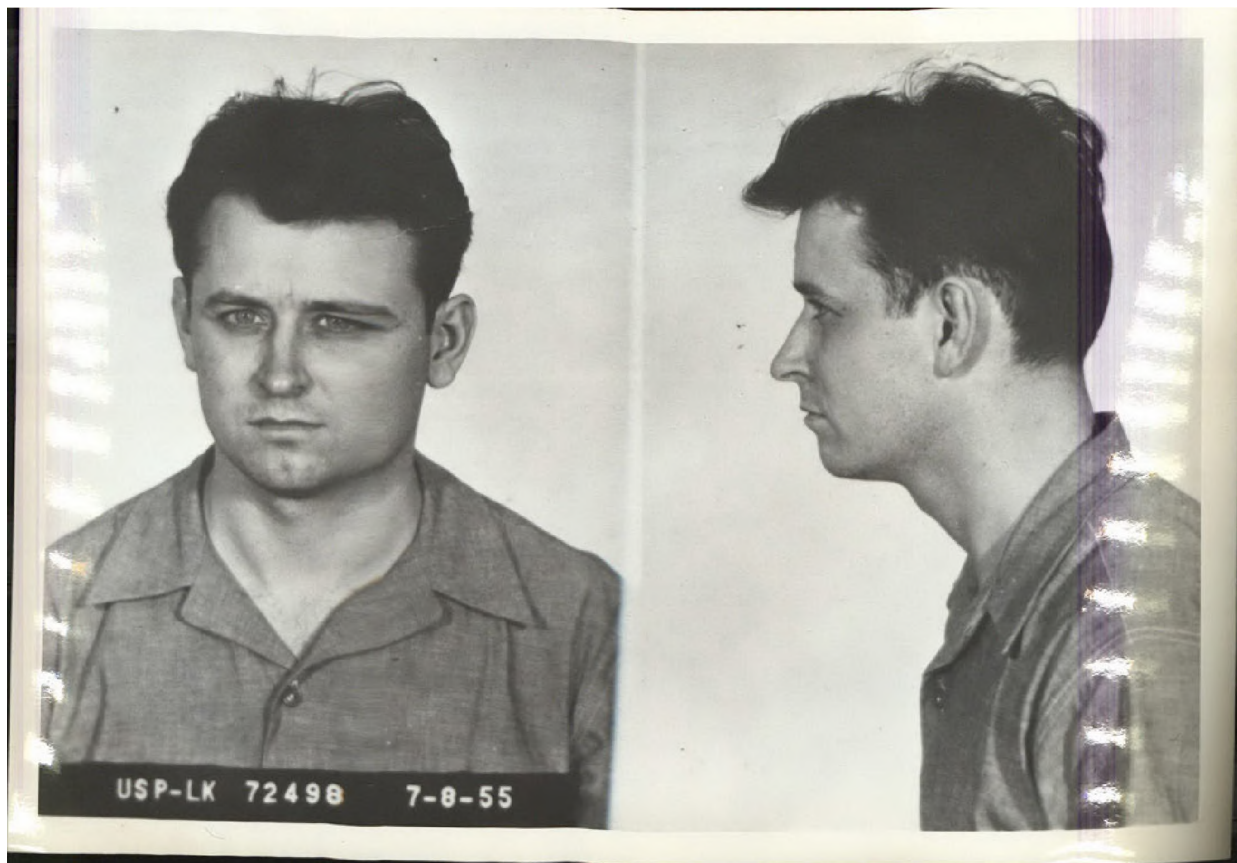
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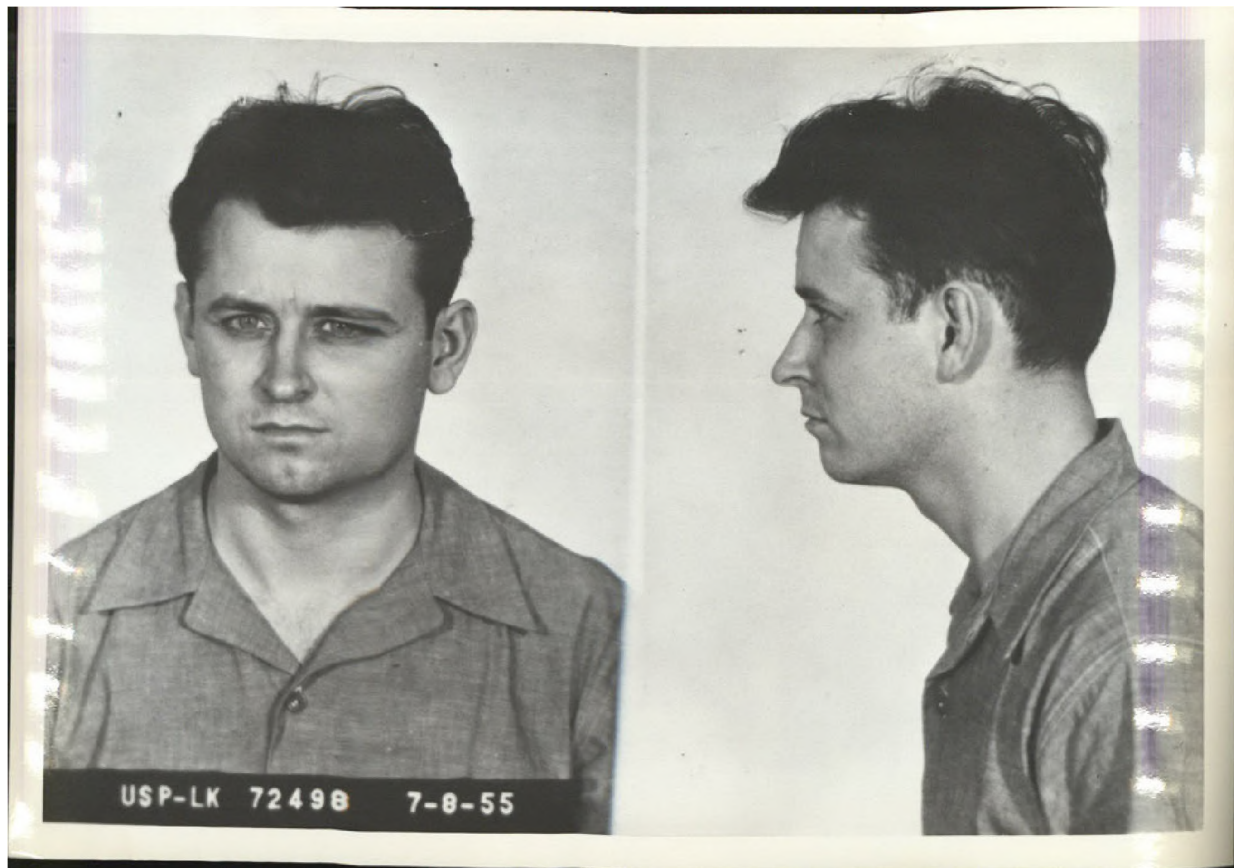
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Miss Earl Ray

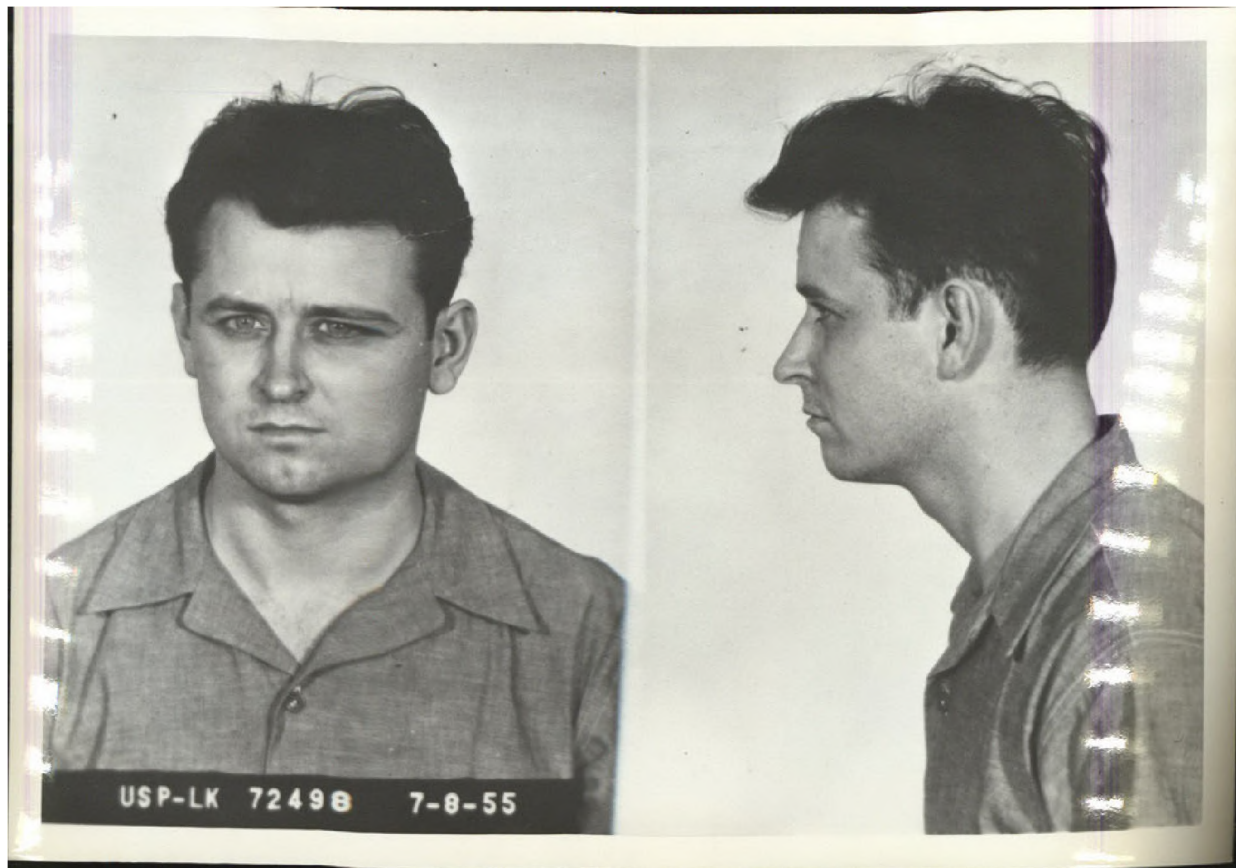
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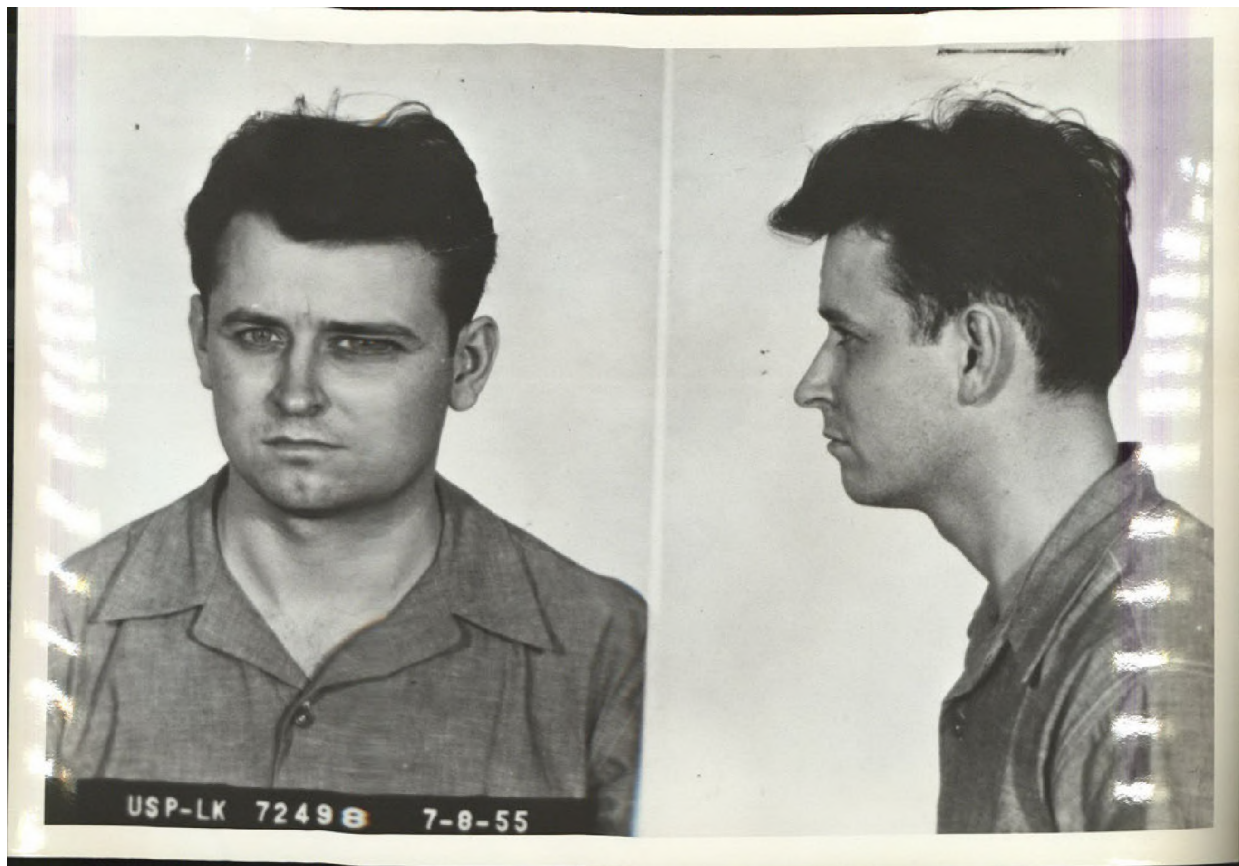
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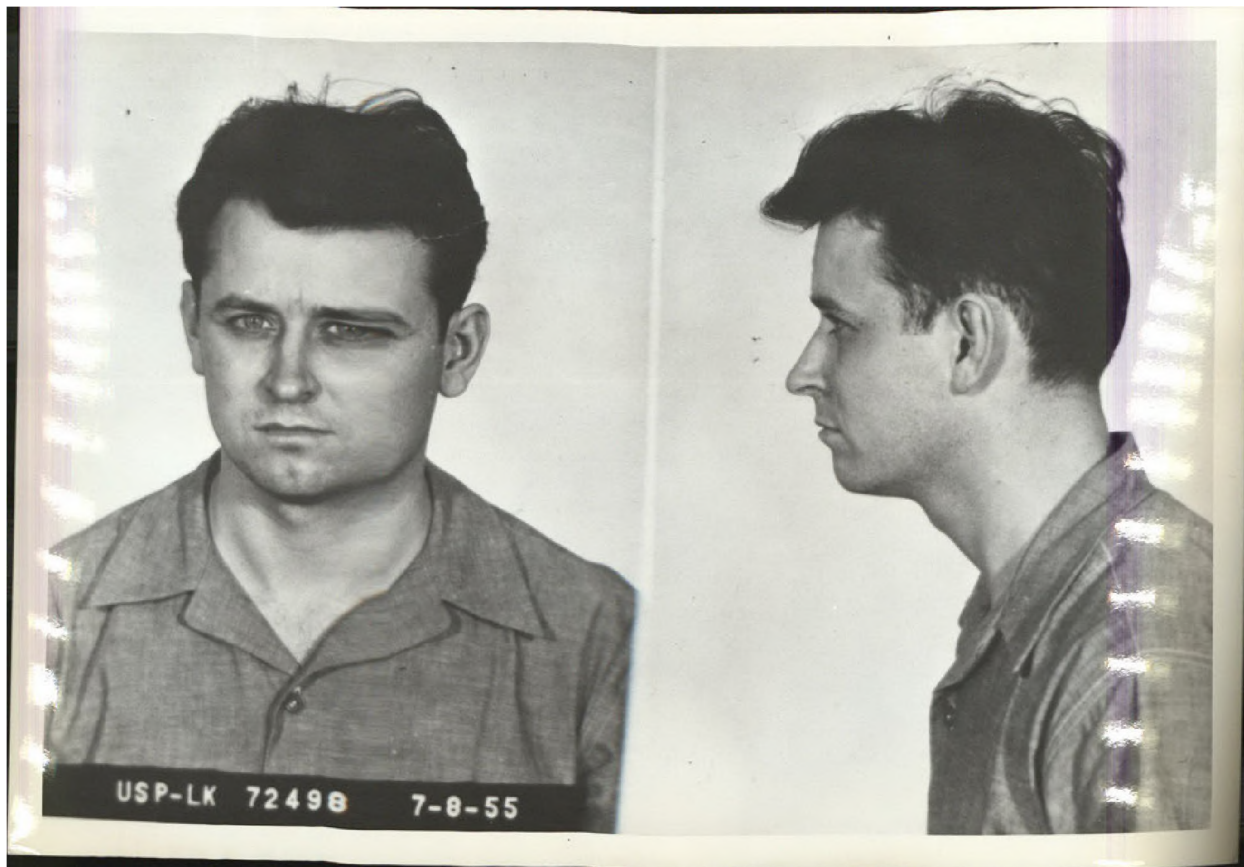
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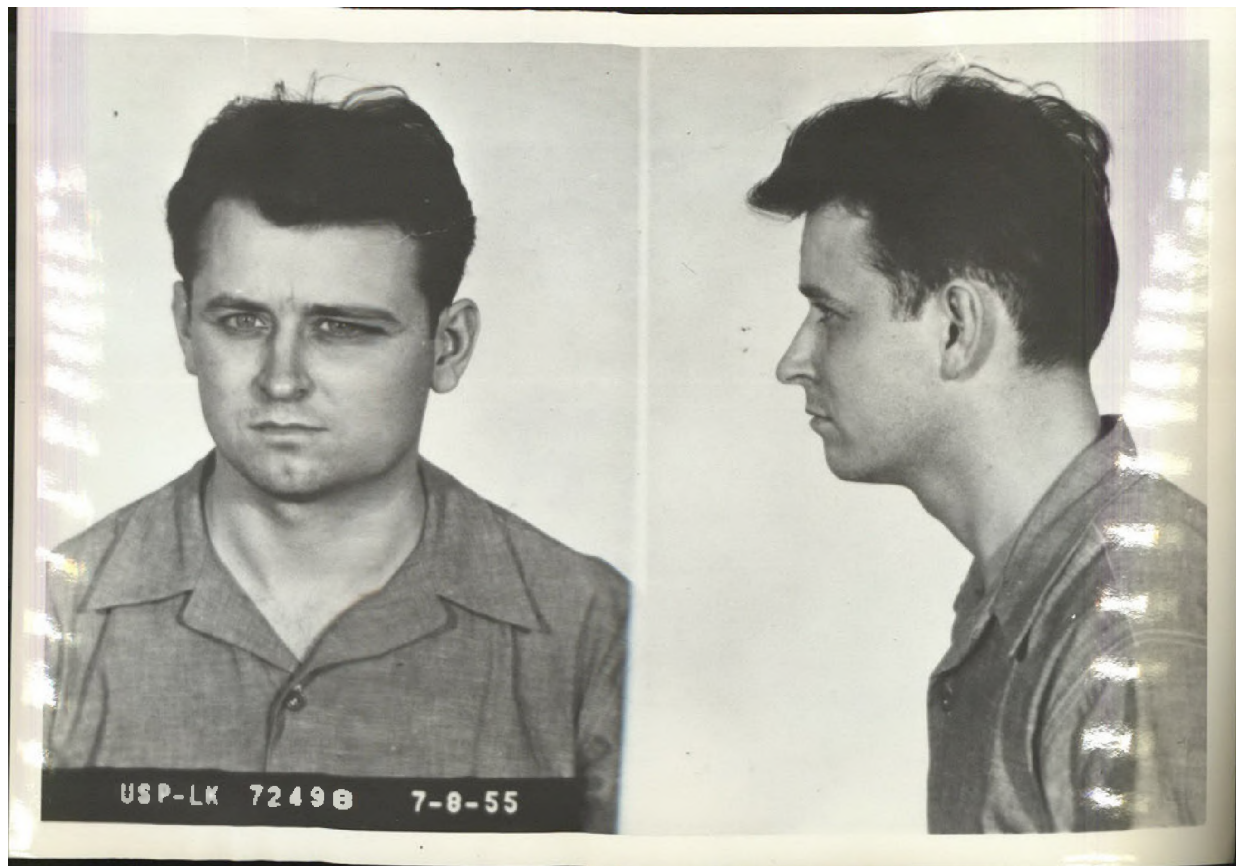
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File No. 44-561-1A71

Date Received _____

From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By [Signature]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Description:

Photos of J.E. Ray

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