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Docket No. 19118

Judge Charles C. Whittaker

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Kansas City, Missouri
April 26, 1968

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

PRESENTENCE REPORT

NAME James Earl Ray **172492-1** CITIZENSHIP United States
 ADDRESS Transient MARITAL STATUS Single
 AGE 27 years (Born March 17, 1928) NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS None
 SEX Male OFFENSE Forgery of U. S. Postal Money Order
 RACE White

I. OFFENSE:

This defendant on April 1, 1955 entered a plea of guilty to an information in one count which charges that he on or about March 21, 1955 at Kansas City, Missouri knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully, and feloniously forged a material endorsement on a U. S. Post Office Department Money Order No. 7-12,239,597. On this same date a companion, Walter Torry Rife, entered a plea of guilty in Docket No. 19119 to an information in one count charging him with the forgery on March 21, 1955 of postal money order No. 7-12,239,597. Imposition of sentence as to defendant and his companion was deferred and this presentence investigation was ordered.

The facts of the case are as follows: On March 7, 1955 the U. S. Post Office at Belleville, Illinois was burglarized and sixty-six blank U. S. Postal Money Orders, Serial Nos. 7-12,239,535 to 7-12,239,600 inclusive, and the office validating stamp were stolen. On March 8, 1955 at Alton, Illinois an unsuccessful attempt was made to cash one of these stolen money orders. On March 21, 1955 one of the stolen money orders, order No. 7-12,239,597, was presented to Askin's Clothing Company, 1206 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, by an unknown person in payment for a suit of clothes which was never picked up after alterations had been made. This money order, which was in the amount of \$75.00, was made payable to Willard J. McBride with the purchaser being shown as Vernon McBride. On this same date an unknown person presented stolen money order No. 7-12,239,568 to the Chaffee Office Machine Company, 1410 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, in payment for a used portable Remington typewriter. This money order, too, was in the amount of \$75.00 payable to Willard J. McBride with the purchaser being shown as Vernon McBride. The manager of this firm, being suspicious of this transaction, directed an employee to follow the customer. The employee noted the model and make of the automobile entered by the customer and the license number of the car. Later when this money order was ascertained

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to have been stolen a description of the customer and his automobile was given to post office inspectors who alerted the Missouri State Highway Patrol. A highway patrolman on March 23, 1955 at Hannibal, Missouri arrested in this automobile Walter Terry Rife, James Earl Ray, and a woman companion who has been released. Thirty-four of the money orders stolen from the Kellerville, Illinois Post Office were found hidden under the dash above the glove compartment in this automobile. All of them had been stamped with the validating stamp. Some were made out ready for cashing while others were not.

On March 24, 1955 Rife executed a statement for postal inspectors in which he admitted he had prepared, forged and uttered the postal money order presented to the Office Office Supply Company in Kansas City. He admitted preparing the same order which was uttered on forged endorsement at Askin's Clothing Company, Kansas City, Missouri. He admitted that he had prepared the face of the money orders made ready for cashing and which were found in the automobile in which he was arrested. He admitted cashing numerous other money orders on forged endorsements in the states of Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Missouri. He recalled unsuccessfully attempting to cash the money order at Alton, Illinois on March 9, 1955. In his statement he admits that he purchased in Quincy, Illinois the stolen money orders. They were sold to him by an unidentified man for \$20. On March 24, 1955 Ray, declining to execute statement for postal inspectors, did verbally state that he had participated with Rife in the cashing of the stolen money orders in the various states. He denied actually knowing that the money orders were stolen. However, he admittedly presumed that they were for he had been told by Rife that they had been purchased for \$20. He admitted that it was he who forged and uttered the money order presented at Askin's Clothing Company in Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that he purchased for \$1 in St. Louis, Missouri from a "Wino" named Willard J. McBride the identification he and Rife used in uttering the money orders.

The two money orders uttered by Rife and Ray in Kansas City, Missouri and as well the money order Rife attempted to utter in Alton, Illinois have been recovered. As noted previously thirty-four of the money orders were recovered in the automobile. On April 14, 1955 when reinterviewed by postal inspectors Rife and Ray gave particulars relating to the cashing of twenty-seven additional stolen money orders located by the Regional Accounting Office. The particulars are as set out in the following table:

Last three digits	Cashed by	Cashed at	Second Endorser	Date of earliest discernible back stamp	Am't.
530	Rife	St. Louis, Mo.	(Illegible)	Mar. 10	\$50
543	Ray	do	Dumas Men's Shop	Mar. 9	\$55
547	Ray	Hot Springs, Ark.	MacKay Art Galleries	Mar. 21	\$75
548	Rife	do	Brown's Dept. Store	Mar. 21	\$75
550	Rife	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Tepp's	Mar. 15	\$75

552	Rife	Memphis, Tenn.	Borg & McGargo	Mar. 11	\$75
557	Ray	New Orleans, La.	Wright Tailors	?	\$75
558	Rife	do	Schneiders	Mar. 21	\$75
559	Rife	do	Todd's Sportswear Shop	Mar. 18	\$75
560	Rife	Hot Springs, Ark.	None apparent	Mar. 21	\$50
561	Ray	do	Dinos (?) J. C. Ross	Mar. 21	\$75
562	Rife	do	Lockwood's Men's Store	Mar. 23	\$50
577	Rife	do	Pfiffers of Arkansas	Mar. 21	\$75
578	Ray	do	Biles Music Co.	Mar. 21	\$75
582	Rife	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Squires, Inc.	Mar. 18	\$50
583	Ray	do	C. H. Slaughter	Mar. 15	\$50
585	Rife	St. Petersburg, Fla.	(Ivan C. Whipple I. Zucker)	Mar. 16	\$50
586	Ray	do	Arnold's Mens Wear	Mar. 14	\$75
587	Ray	do	Dunoffs Footwear	Mar. 14	\$50
589	Rife	do	Isabelle Abrams	?	\$75
591	Ray	Tampa, Fla.	Rio Liquors Inc.	Mar. 16	\$50
592	Rife	do	Knott (?) Bar & Luncheonette	Mar. 18	\$75
593	Rife	do	The Hub	Mar. 14	\$50
595	Ray	Tallahassee, Fla.	Alford Bros. Inc.	Mar. 12	\$50
596	Ray	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Kings Credit Clothing	Mar. 14	\$50
598	Ray	Daytona Beach, Fla.	(Illegible)	Mar. 15	\$75
599	Rife	Hot Springs, Ark.	Chas. Hearn(?)	Mar. 21	\$75

*Both Rife and Ray say no money orders cashed by them in banks.

Two of the stolen money orders have not yet been recovered. They, however, are accounted for as Ray has admitted cashing one of them at a luggage store in Kansas City, Kansas and Rife admits cashing one of them at Miami Beach, Florida.

It is pertinent to note that following the apprehension of Rife and Ray postal inspectors obtained from the room which they occupied a quantity of merchandise they had acquired by passing the stolen money orders. Found in their room were a typewriter, several pieces of luggage, a radio, a camera, a wristwatch, a considerable quantity of new wearing apparel for men, and other items. They have authorized the postal inspectors to return this merchandise to the stores or individuals from whom it was obtained.

II. PRIOR RECORD:

Defendant's F. B. I. Fingerprint Return No. 306 443 A reveals the following arrests and dispositions:

10-11-49 : Sheriff's office, Los Angeles, California - suspicion of burglary. 12-30-49 sentenced to 6 months in county jail for burglary. Served 90 days and released on probation for period of 2 years. Defendant states that he was drunk.

ing in the rear of a cafe when he was seen by the cafe manager. He ran from the scene and was later apprehended. He says that after being placed on probation he went to Chicago, Illinois to reside and that he reported to a probation officer in Los Angeles, California by mail.

- 1-18-50 : Sheriff's office, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. - vagrancy. Disposition not shown, but defendant states he was released and instructed to leave town.
- 7-23-51 : Alton, Illinois Police Department - no operator's license, no state license, no city license. Released to pay later. Defendant states he was fined \$55 and required to purchase the necessary licenses.
- 5-6-52 : Chicago, Illinois police - robbery. 6-13-52 sentenced to term of 1 to 2 years in Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois. Defendant reluctantly admitted to the writer that while intoxicated he held up a taxicab driver. On 7-7-52 he was received at the Illinois State Prison, Pontiac, Illinois in transfer from Joliet, Illinois institution. He was released by minimum expiration on 3-12-54.
- 8-30-54 : Sheriff, Edwardsville, Illinois - burglary and larceny. Defendant states that he burglarized a cleaning shop in East Alton, Illinois but denies stealing anything. Although no disposition has been made on this charge of burglary he apparently is not wanted.
- 3-23-55 : Hannibal, Missouri police for instant offense. Released to federal authorities following day.

III. FAMILY HISTORY:

Defendant

This defendant, age 27, was born March 10, 1928 in Alton, Illinois.

He is an only child. He resided in the parental home in Alton until age 18. During that time, however, he frequently visited with his paternal grandparents in Quincy, Illinois. When about age 18 he entered the army. Following discharge from military service in 1946 he resided for a short time in Quincy, Illinois. He then moved to Chicago, Illinois where he resided for a period of about six months before moving to Los Angeles, California. As noted in the section, Federal Record, he was convicted of burglary and sentenced to jail in Los Angeles. When released on probation from that sentence he returned to residence in Chicago where he lived alone until he was committed in June of 1952 to the Illinois State Penitentiary. Since his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary in March of 1954 he has been rather transient living principally in Quincy, Illinois.

Father

George Ray reportedly died of a heart condition in 1947 at age about 49. He was an employee of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad and reportedly had no arrest record.

Mother

Lucille (nee Maher) Ray died of a liver condition in 1949 at age 51.

Other relatives

in Quincy, Illinois.

Defendant refuses to identify his several aunts and uncles who reside

IV. HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD:

When not incarcerated defendant has lived principally in Alton and Quincy, Illinois. Since his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary in March 1954, he has been rather transient. His last known residence for any period of time was at the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, Illinois.

V. EDUCATION:

Defendant states that he completed the 1st through the 8th grades at St. Mary's School in Alton, Illinois. He states that in 1952 while residing in Chicago, Illinois he attended the Academy of Adults and obtained the equivalent of a two-year high school education.

VI. RELIGION:

Defendant denies any affiliation. His mother was Catholic, and his father was Protestant. While in military service he infrequently attended Catholic services.

VII. INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES:

None.

VIII. HEALTH:

Defendant is 5' 10 1/2" tall, weighs 170 lbs., has a ruddy complexion, blue eyes, and brown hair. There are no apparent marks or scars of identification. He apparently is in good health. He states that before becoming involved in the instant offense he was in the process of petitioning for admittance to a Veterans Hospital in Illinois for a general physical checkup. He denies a history of surgery other than a tonsillectomy in Chicago in 1952. He denies a history of venereal disease or the use of narcotics. He states that he is a "moderate drinker."

IX. EMPLOYMENT AND MILITARY HISTORY:

Defendant states that at Alton, Illinois on February 19, 1946 he enlisted in the U. S. Army. He received his basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. He was then transferred to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey to await transportation to the European Theater of Operations. He states that he left the continental limits of the United States for Germany in July of 1946. Overseas he was attached to the 382nd Military Police Battalion. He admits that he was once AWOL for a period of two days which resulted in a suspended sentence to confinement for a period of sixty days. He returned to the United States from Germany in December of 1948 and was, he states, on December 23, 1948 given a general discharge under honorable conditions.

Defendant states that his last employment was with an uncle whom he refuses to identify but who resides in Quincy, Illinois. He worked for this uncle as a painter for a period of time in the summer of 1954.

He claims that from August 1951 to May 1952 he was employed by the Borg Erickson Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. This employment was terminated when he was arrested for robbery, which eventually resulted in a penitentiary sentence.

He states that from July of 1950 to June 1951 he was employed by the Abbey Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. He was discharged from this employment for absenteeism caused by his arrest in Alton, Illinois for vagrancy when visiting in that city.

He claims that from April 1950 to July of 1950 he was employed as a laborer at a wage of 90¢ per hour by the Hoo Produce Company, Chicago, Illinois. He claims to have lost this employment to accept more lucrative employment.

From July 1949 to September 1949 defendant states he was employed as a laborer at a wage of \$1.10 per hour by the Rayden Rubber Company, Chicago, Illinois. He quit this job to move to California.

He purports that from May 1944 to December of 1945 he was employed at a wage of 65¢ per hour by the International Shoe Company, Hartford, Illinois. He indicates he was laid off by this employer in a general reduction of forces and that he then entered the army.

X. RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES:

None.

XI. SUMMARY:

This defendant, white male, age 27, no dependents, has entered a plea of guilty to an information in one count which charges that he at Kansas City, Missouri

on or about March 21, 1955 forged a stolen U. S. Postal Money Order. This money order was one of sixty-six such orders stolen in a burglary of the U. S. Post Office, Kellerville, Illinois on March 7, 1955. Defendant emphatically denies the burglary of the post office. He states that his companion in the instant offense, Walter E. Rife, whom he met at a bar in Quincy, Illinois, suggested that he accompany Rife and cash the money orders which Rife reportedly had purchased from an unknown person. Defendant states that he purchased for \$1 the identification he and Rife used in uttering these stolen orders in various states. When arrested for the instant offense defendant was in possession of thirty-four money orders which had been stolen from the Kellerville, Illinois Post Office. He admits the forgery and uttering of fourteen money orders. His companion, Rife, has admitted the forgery and uttering or attempting to utter eighteen of the stolen money orders.

Approximately one year before becoming involved in the instant offense defendant was released from service of a sentence of one to two years for armed robbery in the Illinois State Penitentiary. In August of 1954 he burglarized a cleaning establishment in East Alton, Illinois. Although he admittedly was charged with burglary he apparently has never been before the appropriate court and apparently is not presently wanted on this charge. In 1949 in Los Angeles, California he was convicted of burglary and sentenced to eight months in the county jail. After serving ninety days of this sentence he was released on probation for a period of two years.

Defendant shows absolutely no remorse at this time. He anticipates receiving a substantial sentence for the instant offense. In writer's opinion he is a confirmed criminal and a menace to society when in the free world.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward M. Murray
U. S. Probation Officer

EMM:lo

4/20/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype dated 4/19/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and interested offices is one Xerox copy of the file re JAMES E. RAY, Inmate Number 19121 dated 7/9/55, from the ISP, Pontiac, Illinois.) Also enclosed is one copy of the Chicago Police Department file re JAMES RAY. In addition, there is enclosed a Xerox copy of the Cook County Jail inmate card dated 6/13/52, re JAMES E. RAY.

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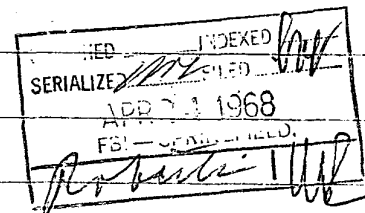
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Residence 853 N. FUNKERTON AVE

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	Root	Comp	FAIR		Pecul
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	Project	Teeth	Full	L. M. finger	
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	Circle	Officer	GREEN & McDONOUGH		
	Periph, z	District	35		
	Pecul	Remarks			

Crime ROBBERY (GUN) Measured by Hulton

NO.	MARKS, SCARS, MOLES, ETC.
I	GUN SHOT WOUND IN F.A.
II	NIL
III	NIL



No. D-90696Name James RayCharge Robbery (Gun).

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BY NAME CHECK SAMPLE

May 9, 1952, Held over to Grand Jury, \$3,000.00 Bond.
Judge Hartigan.

Arr. Offs. Green & McDonough, 35th Dist.
WITNESSES

Complainant Louis Knox, 6945 N. Paulina St.,

Trial before Judge

6-13-52. J. H. P. 32419 Robb 1-2 yrs Plea H. Robb.
Trans. 7-7-52 to P.O. Pontine, Ill. #19121

J. H. #306443-A

DISCH. 3-12-54 EXP. of SENT.
PREVIOUS RECORD

As James Earl Ray.

10-11-49 S.O. Los Angeles Calif. Burg. & Mv. Co. J.
Susp. 2 yrs Prob. 1st 90 days Co. J.

4-18-50 S.O. Cedar Rapids Ia. Vag.

7-23-51 Alton Ill. No. 100 per. At his City his rel to pay later

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W. H. White

WANTED
BY *Alton, Ill. P.D.*
DATE *Aug. 25 1959*
CHARGE *Robbery Armed*
CANCELLED 19.....

DB File
#59-2589

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BY *Missouri State*
Jefferson City Mo.
JUN 25 1967
CHARGE
Escaped Convict
WARRANT REGISTER NO.

J.C. 64

WANTED
BY *FBI*
PER FBI BUH. Nov. 67
UNIT DATE
12 Dec 67
CHARGE
Unlawful flt to avoid confinement (Robb)
WARRANT REGISTER NO.

J.C. 64

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NAME *RAY JAMES*ALIAS *JUN 13 1952*ADDRESS *853 W FULLERTON*

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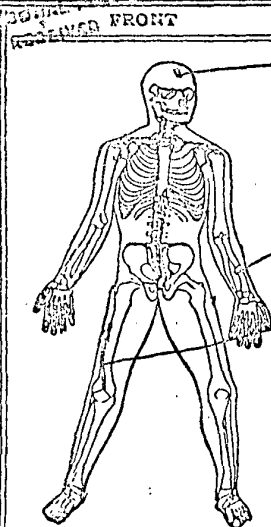
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WEIGHT *149*
HAIR *BROWN*
EYES *BLUE*
COLOR *W*
AGE *24*
CITIZEN OF *U S*
DESCENT *ENGLISH*
PLACE OF BIRTH *ALTON ILL*
HOW LONG IN U.S.A. *24*
HOW LONG IN COUNTY *9*
RELIGION *PROT*
EDUCATION *4-HS*
OCCUPATION *LABOR*
MARRIED *NO*
WIFE OR HUSBAND
ADDRESS
CHILDREN AND AGES

PHYSICAL HISTORY

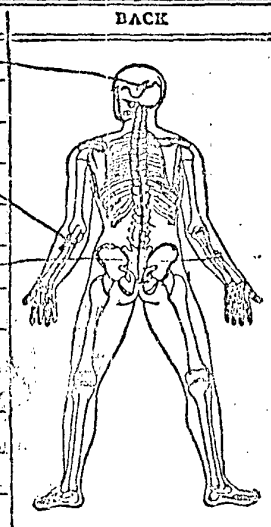
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USE LIQUOR *yes*
USE DRUGS *no*
KIND OF DRUGS
TUBERCULOSIS
CONDITION OF HEART
CONDITION OF LUNGS
GEN'L PHYSICAL CONDITION

FITS
SCABIES
SYPHILLIS
GONORRHOEA



PHYSICAL CHART

Lumbar & Thoracic
Bullet Hole - Entrance
exit
abdominal operation



AFFIDAVIT

I, *James E. Ray*, AN INMATE
IN THE COOK COUNTY JAIL, DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SAID
JAIL, BY HIMSELF OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO RECEIVE, OPEN AND
EXAMINE ALL INCOMING AND OUTGOING LETTERS, PAPERS AND OTHER MAIL MAT-
TER WHICH MAY BE DIRECTED TO ME AS LONG AS I AM AN INMATE IN SAID JAIL.

DATED *MAY 9 1952*

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY

FATHER *GEORGE*
ADDRESS *UNKNOWN*
MOTHER *LUCILLE RAY*
ADDRESS *214 SPRING ST*

ICS 1140 ZOM 3-50 (FORM 50)

PHYSICIAN

JAIL OFFICER

James E. Ray
A. Carville

James E. Ray
SIGNATURE OF INMATE
AP Banno
SIGNATURE OF CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST
JULIUS DIAMOND UNIT

SUP'T OF PRISONS-15M-10-51
SUP'T OF CORRECTION
SENIOR CAPTAIN
JACKETS
DATE 7-1-57

CLASSIFICATION REPORT June 30, 1952

Name: RAY, James E.

Age: 24

Admitted: 6-13-52

Crime: Robbery

Sentence: 1-2 yrs.

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

REMARKS: Inmate was admitted June 13, 1952, under a 1-2 year sentence for robbery, after he had held up a cab driver and taken the vehicle. He was apprehended by the police who shot him during the capture. He admits his guilt, stating that he did not ordinarily drink but became intoxicated and then had the idea of the holdup and did it. He said he had used a pipe in lieu of a gun, placing it at the back of the driver's body.

PREVIOUS RECORD: His previous record consists of a two years probation, with three months in the County Jail in Los Angeles in December, 1949 for burglary. Inmate admits he was caught by the manager of a restaurant attempting to enter the premises from a back stairway.

CRIMINAL RECORD: Inmate was born March 12, 1928 in Alton, Illinois, the eldest of three children in a German-English family. He said the father worked regularly as a railroad brakeman and was a good provider until his death from heart trouble in 1947. He attended grade school at Quincy, Illinois and later returned to an "academy for adults under the G.I. Bill", where he said he had fifteen months intensive schooling in high school subjects. He was in the Army between February 10, 1946 and December 13, 1946 when he was honorably discharged. He was placed in the stockade once for missing a guard detail. He came to Chicago in order to attend school for a short time and said he had one or two jobs, generally at factories, working as an assembler and machine operator and stockroom clerk in order to maintain himself while going to school. Apparently he was somewhat of a solitary person, but said he had occasional dates. He denies any persistent drinking, although admitting occasional alcoholic excess.

PERSONALITY: Inmate is a 24-year-old, rather small sized, young appearing man, who gives the impression of being sincere in his remarks, yet is actually fairly adept at evasion. He seemingly is a person who has come drive, but has not been able to settle down to just what he wants. He accepts his predicament and should go along uneventfully here. He has no systematic delinquent traits and his future adjustment will depend in part on the character of his institutional interaction.

CLASSIFICATION: Group III. Without psychotic or intellectual defect. Unstable personality. Questionably improvable offender. Problematic prognosis. Superior intelligence, Army Alpha III. Kahn negative.

RECOMMENDATION: Penitentiary Division.

Inmate has no definite vocational objectives, but has a background of factory experience. He also shows an interest in high school subjects and the type who might be interested in trying for a G.E.D. diploma.

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W. P. Meeks, Chairman
Classification Board

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an inmate of the Illinois State Penitentiary, and the Classification Board's recommendations follow:

1. The first step in the process of the investigation is to identify the problem. This is done by the investigator who is assigned to the case. The investigator will then gather information about the problem and the people involved. This information will be used to develop a plan of action.

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Superintendent of Police
of the Department of Public Safety

Mr. Superintendent of
Illinois State Penit.
Illinois State Penit.
Diagnostic Department
East and West
Chicago, Ill.
Illinois

TRANSFER ORDER NO. 51464

BY: JAMES E.

No. 2511

Transferred from

Illinois State Penitentiary,

Joliet Altimetia Road

Division

To

Illinois State Penitentiary,

Pentice

Division

RECEIVED from the Warden of

the Illinois State Penitentiary,

, the body of

No. 19121

This 401 day of 7 1952, 1952

Ross R. Randolph

WARDEN

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

PONTIAC UNIT

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Inmate RAY, James E. No. 19127 Age 27 Date 7-19-55

This Professional Summary is being prepared at the request of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where this former inmate is serving a sentence of 3 years and 9 months for Forging Money Orders. This request was forwarded from the Joliet Diagnostic Depot. The material in this Summary is derived from the files of the Criminologist and should be regarded as confidential.

Inmate was received at the Joliet Diagnostic Depot 6-13-52, to serve a sentence of 1 to 2 years for Robbery. He had held up a taxicab driver in Chicago, taking his vehicle, and was apprehended shortly thereafter by the police, who shot him during the capture. He admitted his guilt, stating that he was heavily intoxicated and had used a pipe in place of a gun, placing it at the back of the driver's body. He had previously been on a 2-year probation in Los Angeles, California, for burglary, he being caught in the act of entering a restaurant from a back stairway.

He was born at Alton, Illinois, 3-10-28, the oldest of three children, his father working regularly as a railroad brakeman until his death in 1917. He was raised primarily in Quincy, Illinois, where he graduated from eighth grade and later had some high school training under the G. I. Bill. He was in the Army between 2-18-46 and 12-23-48, when he was honorably discharged for lack of adaptability. He had been in Chicago for a short time prior to the offense, and had had several short term jobs as a factory hand or storeroom worker. He was unmarried, and seemed to be somewhat of a solitary person, with occasional alcoholic excesses.

On the Army Alpha examination, he scored 111, or superior. It was thought that he had no systematic delinquent traits, and segregation at Pontiac was recommended.

At Pontiac, he requested a farm assignment, and was so placed, after a short period in the inmates' kitchen. He worked as a cook in the farm dormitory, and a helper in the officers' quarters, and was always considered an average worker. He had no punishment reports.

The latest medical report in our possession, dated 4-30-53, is essentially negative, and he was never referred to the Psychiatrist for any unusual or abnormal behavior. Our office had a couple of routine contacts with him, and it appeared that he had been behaving unstably ever since leaving the Army, and that he was subject to impulsive delinquent behavior in connection with drinking, which, in turn, was related to his tendency to become easily discouraged. Our last contact with him was on 2-19-54.

He was discharged by expiration of sentence on 3-12-54.

Stow E. Symon
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Supervising Sociologist

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RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT

Name RAY, James E. No. 19121 Age 25 Color Date 2-19-54

DISCHARGE DATE 3-12-54

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

Inmate was admitted to the Joliet Diagnostic Depot on 6-13-52, under a sentence of 1 to 2 years for Robbery, and was transferred to Pontiac on 7-7-52. On 5-14-53, he was given the Max "X" effective 3-12-54.

Inmate makes no physical complaints. He has received no punishment reports.

Inmate received no visits, and corresponds with his mother and brother.

He is now assigned to the honor farm, where he has been almost continuously, except for a brief period in the inmates' kitchen. At present, he is considered a good worker in the officers' quarters, and has been considered a good cook in the past.

His future plans are indefinite, although he will go to Quincy, Illinois, first.

Inmate's delinquencies seem due to impulsive behavior, especially when drinking. There is a relationship to inmate's tendency to be easily discouraged, and this tendency still exists.

Inmate has always been considered to be without psychosis or mental defect and, while in the institution and during the present examination, has evidenced no behavior which might indicate the need for a special psychiatric examination at the present time, although one will be attempted, if possible.

The prognosis is doubtful.

Stow E. Symon
Supervising Sociologist

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PONTIAC UNIT

PAROLE PROGRESS REPORT

Name RAY, James E. No. 19121 Age 25 Color White Date 4-9-53
Hearing Minimum Case Docket May, 1953

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

This report is based upon the usual material gathered at the Diagnostic Depot, our attendance at Staff meetings, the receipt of Work Progress Reports, and one short and one long interview with the inmate.

The etiology of inmate's difficulties is not completely known. He seems to have been highly unsettled after leaving the Army, and we would judge that some traumatic experience occurred which he does not care to tell, or cannot verbalize. He seems to be rather solitary and unhappy, and there have been at least two instances of poorly thought out delinquent behavior connected with drinking.

When admitted, inmate expressed an interest in a farm assignment, and was placed in the inmates' kitchen temporarily, until an opening developed on the farm. He has been assigned to the farm continuously since August, 1952, as helper in the farm dormitory kitchen. The report of 10-21-52 characterized him as average in his attitude and in his ability to get along with officers and inmates. The report of 1-30-53 stated that he was good, as far as attitude toward his work was concerned, and ability to get along with officers and other inmates, but that he was only fair as far as proficiency, initiative, progress and ability to work in the free community were concerned.

He has had no punishment reports.

Little is known as to the associational pattern or friends.

He has had no visits, and corresponds with his mother and brother. If released he will have to be assisted by the Parole Officer.

It is difficult for us to make an adequate prediction in this case. In view of the two known instances of impulsive delinquent behavior connected with drinking, the lack of any indication of change or progress here, and the age at which this pattern was continuing, we would judge that he would eventually repeat this behavior, especially if discouraged.

Much would depend upon his obtaining some sort of placement with which he would be satisfied, and which would place him with people who were taking an interest in him.

The prognosis seems to be problematic to doubtful.

Stow E. Symon
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

FROM : *JS* ASAC SULLIVAN (44-561)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-19-68

In order to afford instant case expedite coverage the following agents will be available for the indicated shifts:

Friday night, 4-19-68

5 p.m. to midnight - SAs GIGLIO and RASCOE.

Saturday, 4-20-68

9 a.m. until leads covered - SAs ROBERTS and GROOMS.

Sunday, 4-21-68

SAs PEARSON and RITT will be available at home to cover any leads necessary.

Monday, 4-22-68

5 p.m. on - SAs GOSS and WILKERSON will be available to cover necessary leads.

① - 44-561
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1 - ROBERTS
1 - GROOMS
1 - PEARSON
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1 - GOSS
1 - WILKERSON
1 - Switchboard
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Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel dated 4/20/68.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Csl29438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 changed

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 3 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #61071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Csl29438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to par later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #15121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 3 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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