

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. EDWARD L. MONTEDONICO, SR., 3776 Highland Park Place, Memphis, Tennessee, was contacted, July 15, 1968, at his place of business, the Van Court Rental Agency, Room 105, Commerce Title Building, 12 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. MONTEDONICO was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and was advised the nature of the inquiry.

Mr. MONTEDONICO was advised that this inquiry relates to a citizens band (CB) radio transmission that occurred during the evening of April 4, 1968, at which time a Pontiac car with a CB unit alleged it was following a white Mustang that was involved in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on that date. Mr. MONTEDONICO was further advised that investigation conducted in this matter indicates the type of equipment used in this transmission is the same type of CB equipment operated by his son, EDWARD L. MONTEDONICO, JR. He was further advised that information developed during the investigation indicated the transmission did not come from a mobile unit but rather came from a stationary unit and came from the direction of his residence. He was also advised it was specifically indicated it was his son that made the above mentioned CB radio transmission. It was pointed out to Mr. MONTEDONICO that inasmuch as it is believed his son is 17 years of age, he was being contacted prior to contact of his son.

Mr. MONTEDONICO advised he is aware of the CB radio transmission since he recalls reading about this incident in the local newspapers and secondly his wife advised him some time ago that an officer of the Memphis Police Department contacted her and their son about the incident. Mr. MONTEDONICO advised that at that time after the officer had talked to his son, he discussed this incident with his son. He said he learned from his son that his son did not make the broadcast. Mr. MONTEDONICO said he believes his son and added he has never known his son to lie to him in the past and sees no reason for his son to lie to him about this incident since punishment for a transmission of this nature would be minor.

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Mr. MONTEDONICO advised he will contact his son and determine when his son is available for interview because since his son's graduation from high school in June of this year he began to work in a local grocery store. Mr. MONTEDONICO said he has no objection to his son being interviewed concerning this matter.

Mr. MONTEDONICO advised on July 16, 1968, that his son had appointments on that date and it would be inconvenient for him to discuss this matter on that date.

On July 17, 1968, Mr. MONTEDONICO stated that his son was free during the morning and suggested that his son be contacted for a specific time for an interview.