

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

Mr. FRANK BREWER, Room 2, Second Floor, south wing of a rooming house, 422½ S. Main Street, Memphis, furnished the following information to Lt. J. D. HANEY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, and SA FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON:

He is employed as a steamfitter at the Valco Chemical Company located at Warford and Jackson in Memphis, and his wife Mrs. BESSIE BREWER operates a rooming house, the address of which is 422½ S. Main Street, but this rooming house actually occupies the second floor of 2 separate buildings. Toward the front of the 2 buildings on the second floor there is an enclosed walkway connecting the buildings. There are on the second floor ten rooms in the south building and six rooms in the north building. Mr. W. L. SHORT of the Gordon Transfer Company in Memphis, telephone 948-7611; leases this space and Mrs. BREWER handles the rental of the rooms for Mr. SHORT. He does not know the actual owner of the premises.

Around 6:00 PM on 4/4/68, Mr. and Mrs. BREWER were in their room eating and watching television. As he recalls he was watching Rawhide. At this time he heard a noise which sounded like a shot. He and his wife immediately came out of their room into the large hallway or lobby in the south building. At about the same time, Mr. BERTIE REEVES, who occupies room 3 in the south wing of rooming house, also came out into the large hallway. Mr. BREWER, Mrs. BREWER, and Mr. REEVES all walked toward the rear (east) of the lobby where there is an outside door and outside stairway leading into the yard below. Their attention had been attracted in this direction due to the screaming which they heard and which they learned was coming from the area of the Lorraine Hotel located across the street to the east of this rooming house. As Mr. BREWER ran out onto the back porch some police officers told him to get back inside and lock the door. He immediately turned around and went inside.

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 by SA FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON /bbs Date dictated 4/9/68

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As he walked out onto the porch, however, he had seen the body of a Negro man lying on the second floor ledge or porch of the Lorraine Motel.

Mr. BREWER did not see anyone running around this time and neither saw nor heard anything at the time which caused him to suspect anyone in connection with the shooting.

Soon thereafter Mr. WILLIS ANCHULTZ (phonetic) who occupies 4-B in this rooming house his room being located on the north wing of the rooming house, told Mr. BREWER that he (ANCHULTZ) had seen the "new tenant" running down the stairs carrying a bundle and it looked like he had a gun.

As to the new tenant referred to by Mr. ANCHULTZ, Mr. BREWER advised that Mrs. BREWER had told him that a new tenant had checked in that afternoon paying her \$8.50 for a week's rent in advance for room 5-B in the north wing of the rooming house. He stated that he had never seen this new tenant.

Mr. BREWER, who had observed Lt. HAMEY and SA JOHNSON, attempting to interview Mr. FRANK WILLARD MARLEY in room 7, advised that he knew personally that Mr. MARLEY was drunk and passed out in room as of the time of the above mentioned incident and he knows that Mr. MARLEY was not in a position to observe anything in connection with this incident. He stated that MARLEY is very elderly and is a chronic alcoholic.