

Date 4/8/68

RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON was interviewed at the Jefferson Davis Sheriff's Office in the presence of Deputy Sheriff GEORGE SPEIGHT. He was advised as to his rights and advised that he understood his rights but was very nervous and did not desire to sign any document.

SIMPSON stated that he was born on [redacted] in Halifax County, North Carolina, and that prior to December 24 or 25, 1967, he was at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durnham, North Carolina, where he was being treated for a nervous disorder. He advised that he was granted Christmas leave and in December hitchhiked to the West Coast where he remained until approximately March 15, 1967. He then traveled to Texas where he worked for Mr. AL WEBB, 4010 West Highway 80, Big Spring, Texas. On April 4, 1968, he recalls that he spent the entire day at the "Honey Hut," a Negro bar located in Houston, Texas, address unknown. He recalls being in this bar from the early morning hours until approximately 6:00 or 6:30 PM, April 4, 1968. On or about April 5, 1968, he then began hitchhiking from Houston via Interstate 10 east with the intentions of returning to Durham and to the Veterans Administration Hospital as his nervous disorder has become worse in the past few months. He denied being in Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, or March 28, 1968 and advises the last time he was in Memphis was approximately two years ago and he was merely passing through the city at that time. He stated he has no relatives or friends in Memphis, Tennessee.

The following description of SIMPSON was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Birth Data	[redacted]
Height	at Halifax, North Carolina 6'

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by SA JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT:med Date dictated 4/8/68

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Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Black (thin and unruly)
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Ruddy
Permanent Address	[REDACTED] Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina
Parents	VERNEY WALTER SIMPSON, father (deceased); [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina
Education	[REDACTED] step-father, above address
Service Record	High school U. S. Air Force, 6 years, discharge in 1966. Air Force SN [REDACTED]
Selective Service Number	[REDACTED]
Local Draft Board	[REDACTED] North Carolina
Blood Group	O Positive
Occupation	Common laborer
Scars and Marks	None
Remarks	SIMPSON attired in dirty unwashed clothing and has very unkempt appearance
Arrest Record	Tampa, Florida, 1966, Police Department, Disturbing the Peace, served 50 days