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The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM R. BURTON at Kennett, Mo., on 4/9/68:

The 4/4/68 edition of the Daily Dunklin Democrat, the only daily newspaper in Kennett, Mo., disclosed that funeral services for MAYFORD CLINTON BENFIELD were to be held on Friday, 4/5/68, at 2:30 p.m. This article advised that MAYFORD CLINTON BENFIELD was the son of WILLARD BENFIELD and GLADYS BENFIELD. Relatives were listed as the mother, residing in Kennett; the father in Benton Harbor, Mich.; a brother, WILLARD BENFIELD, JR., of Benton Harbor, Mich.; a brother, CHARLES R. BENFIELD, Phoenix, Ariz., and brother, DONALD L. BENFIELD of Kennett, Mo. The pallbearers for this funeral were JOE CHESIRE, BILL BRADSHAW, HERSHEL WAYNE and three other individuals, all of Kennett.

JOE CHESIRE, 1509 Wimberly, employed Kennett Outboard Motor Service, on First Street, and BILL BRADSHAW, 804 Court, owner of Kennett Outboard Service, advised that WILLARD BENFIELD, SR., and WILLARD BENFIELD, JR., arrived in Kennett as they recall on Tuesday or Wednesday, 4/2 or 3/68. At any rate, BRADSHAW was positive that he had seen WILLARD BENFIELD, SR., and JR., at the funeral home in Kennett on Thursday evening, 4/4/68, also on Friday, 4/5/68. He believed that they left to return to Benton Harbor on Saturday, 4/6/68.

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BRADSHAW and CHESIRE advised that they were acquainted with MAYFORD CLINTON BENFIELD because he had formerly worked at Kennett Outboard Motor Service and through him at met his brother, WILLARD BENFIELD, JR., and father, WILLARD BENFIELD, SR.