

RE: JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT

On April 11, 1968, GILMER P. STAFFORD, United States Coast Guard, Alexandria, Virginia, advised that he had served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Alan M. Sumner with JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT who was described as 26-27 years of age at present, blond sandy hair, receding hairline, blue or green eyes, 5'9", 160 pounds, oval face and prominent ears. He reportedly is from Montgomery, Alabama. STAFFORD said that he feels that PRITCHETT resembles the artist's conception of the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On the date of April 13, 1968, the files of the Navy Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, reflected that JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, Navy Serial Number [REDACTED] served on active duty with the United States Navy from November 17, 1959, to August 27, 1963, when honorably discharged. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH A. PRITCHETT, 261 South Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama.

It is noted that JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, 261 South Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama, was interviewed in connection with another matter on August 24, 1964. At that time it was determined that he was employed as a policeman with the Montgomery Police Department. In addition, the following descriptive and background data was obtained on him:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	August 28, 1942
Height	5'9"
Weight	165 pounds
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Blond
Marital Status	Single
Military Service	United States Navy November, 1959, to August 27, 1963

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent DAN O. STEPHENS:

The Montgomery City Directories for the years 1964 to 1968 list only one JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT. The 1964 directory lists JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT, 261 South Boulevard, Montgomery, as being a police officer with the Montgomery Police Department. The 1968 directory lists JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT, 608 Belvedere Street, Montgomery, as being a Trooper, Alabama Highway Patrol.

Major JOHN CLOUD (National Academy), Chief, Alabama Highway Patrol, advised on April 12, 1968, that JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, 608 Belvedere Street, Montgomery, is still assigned to the Montgomery Station, Alabama Highway Patrol. He further advised that Trooper PRITCHETT was formerly employed by the Montgomery Police Department.

CLOUD stated that his records reflect that PRITCHETT was on duty March 29, 1968, from 3:00 p.m., to 11:00 p.m. and was not on duty March 30, 1968. He was on duty April 4, 1968, from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.