

The following investigation was conducted by SAS ROY, H. EVELAND and NORMAN D. JAMES:

On April 7, 1968, ROY MOORE, Chief Deputy, Tallapoosa County Sheriff's Office, Dadeville, Alabama, advised that a search of the records of that office reflect that one white male, was arrested on March 5, 1966 for public drunk and resisting arrest, and on March 7, 1966 he was released on bond. Chief Deputy MOOFE recalled that at the time of arrest he kicked out the windshield of the Sheriff's Office car.

According to the records of that office, was described as 22 years old, 5'4", 145 pounds, medium build, dark hair.

On April 7, 1968, DEWET JONES, Patrolman, Alexander City, Alabama, Police Department, advised that on the previous night between 7:00 and 7:30 P.W.

was arrested for violation of problem in the was a rough, was a rough, white male, and a region male. All of them, with the exception of were released shortly after their arrest on bond.

was released later that evening around 9:00 P.M. on \$300 bond. These subjects were arrested by Deputy HERMAN CLAYBROOK (phonetic) and Chief Deputy STU ALFORD.

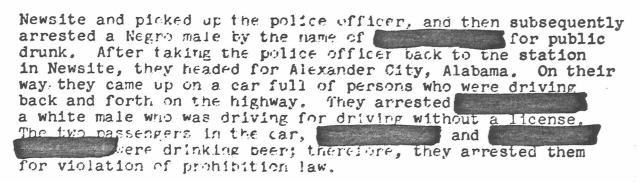
The 1967 Alexander City Directory listed (wife, as living at this occupation was shown as textile worker, Russell Mill.

According to Officer JONES, he did not believe that lived at this address at this time, but was living at 44-1987-Suit-E-34

On April 7, 1968, STU ALFOFD, Special Deputy, Tallapoosa County Sheriff's Department, advised that last night, April 6, 1968, he and Deputy HEFMAN CLAYBROOK got a ; call from the Newsite, Alabama, police. They traveled to

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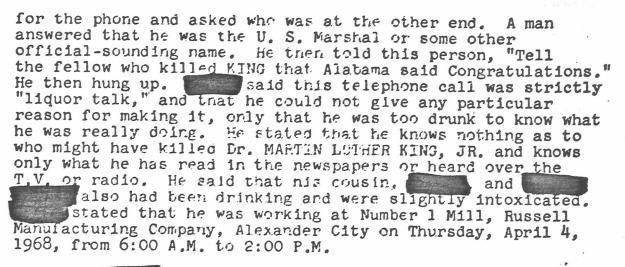


A review of the police records at the Alexander City, Alabama, Police Department, reflected that

a white male, born March 17, 1947, had the following arrests: May 8, 1965, violation of prohibition law; May 15, 1965, violation of prohibition law; November 29, 1965, public drunk; April 7, 1967, violation of prohibition law.

An address for in 1965 was listed as Avenue, Alexander City.

On April 7, 1968, was located at the residence of his father-in-law, Alexander City, Alabama. was intoxicated and had to be aroused before an attempt was made to interview him. He stated that he had been drinking most of the day and realized that he was in an intoxicated condition. He admitted making a telephone call to the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, that afternoon from his home phone at in Alexander City. He gave his phone number as He advised that his cousin, and a friend, were at his house when he made the telephone call. He stated that he placed the call to Memphis and told the long distance operator that he wanted the Police Department. The operator told him the line was busy and asked for his telephone number, however he gave her some other number that he just made up. About 30 minutes later placed a call to the Memphis Folice Department, and the operator told that the line was busy, and that she would call him back and asked for the phone number, which gave her the operator called back in about 10 minutes and told who answered the phone, that she had the Memphis Police Department on the line. He then asked



is described as a white male, age 21, born March 17, 1947, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, 5'9", 148 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. He is married to and they have a small child.

On April 7, 1968, wife, advised that she was not at home this afternoon at the time a long distance telephone call was placed to the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department. She indicated that she and her husband had been having troubles, and that she was staying at her parents house, and that she was staying at her parents house, and that she was staying at her parents house, and that she was staying at her parents came home from work, between 2:15 and 2:30 in the afternoon that he remained at home for the rest of the evening until the following morning when he again went to work.

On April 7, 1968,
Alexander City, Alabama, was contacted at Number 3 Mill,
Russell Manufacturing Company, Alexander City, Alabama,
where he is employed. He advised that he and
visited his cousin that day some
time after 3:00 P.M. and remained at house for
around 45 minutes. When they first arrived at
house, was on the telephone and then hung up. ne
did not know who was talking to, and
not mention anything about the telephone call. After they
had been there for about five to ten minutes, the telephone
rang, and answered and said something to the effect

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that he had not made any call. Then hung up and did not make any comments about any telephone call. No further calls were received or made by any of them at the time that he and were at the house. He admits that the three of them had been drinking, but that he and were not drunk. He said that was intoxicated.

He denied knowing anything about the killing of Dr. KING or having anything to do with it, and the only thing he knew about it was through the news media. He claimed further that he was at the home of his cousin,

Alexander City, Alabama, during the afternoon of last Thursday, April 4, 1968.

s described as a white male, age 31, 150 pounds, light brown hair, hazel eyes; military, served in the U. S. Army, November, 1955 to October, 1957, received honorable discharge, unable to recall serial number; his the previous evening for violating the prohibition law in Alexander City. He also claimed that he had been arrested a few times previously in Alexander City.

On April 7, 1968, a review of the arrest records at the Alexander City Police Department reflected that white male, born September 26, 1936, had numerous arrests for offenses such as public drunk, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, a fray, violation of prohibition law and destroying private property since November of 1961 through April 6, 1968.

The arrest records at the Alexander City Police Department reflected that April 21, 1943, residence, 31 Oak Street, Alexander City, Alabama, had one arrest on April 6, 1966, for destroying private property (one mailbox), disposition, fined \$25.00.

On April 7, 1968,

Number 1 Mill. Russell Manufacturing Company, Alexander City,
advised that

Tuesday through Friday, April 2-5, 1968, from 6:00 A.M. to

2:00 P.M.

On April 8, 1968, Street, Alexander City, Alabama, advised that it was around 4:00 P.M., Sunday, April 7, 1968 when he and went over to nouse on Hillabee Road in Alexander City. He and PERVIS had been drinking most of the day, and they were slightly intoxicated. also been drinking and was drunk. wife had left him that day, and reemed upset and had been drinking heavily. He recalls that made two or three calls on the telephone to his wife who was at her parents' place in Alexander City. Without any prompting on their part, started talking about the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. mentioned something about KING being buried, but that the Negro people thought that he would rise and come to life again. then said that he was going to call Memphis and congratulate them for Dr. KING's assassination. Then placed a telephone call and shortly thereafter. hung up. About 30 minutes later the phone rang, and talked to the operator and then rung up. He did not have anything to do with this telephone call and knows nothing concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., other than what he has read in the newspapers and seen and heard on T.V. He believes that the only reason that placed the telephone call was because of his intoxicated condition, and that in this condition he was brave enough and foolish enough to have made the call.

As far as he can recall, he was at the VFW Club in Alexander City on Thursday, April 4, 1968, from around 11:30 A.M. to around 10:00 to 10:30 P.M. He believes that who formerly managed the club, was in and out of the club during that period of time.

He claims to have never been in Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that he has been arrested three times in his lifetime, once last Saturday a week ago for violation of prohibition law; several years ago for driving while intoxicated and in April, 1956, for destroying a mailbox.

The following is a description of white male, age 24, born April 21, 1943, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, 6', 220 pounds, brown hair, crewcut, eyes, brown, heavy eyebrows,

military service, none; Selective Service Number Local Board 62, Dadeville, Alabama, classified 1-Y (kidney trouble); education, ninth grade.

On April 8, 1968, efforts were made to locate however, it was determined that he was out or town on business. Word was left with his wife to have her husband contact the FBI upon his return.

On April 9, 1968, Robinson Road.
Route 2, Alexander City, Alabama, mother of advised that she definitely recalls that her son was at home Thursday night, April 4, 1968, as they were together in the living room and heard the broadcast over the television announcing that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had just been shot.

On April 10, 1968,

Alexander City,
Alabama, telephonically contacted the Opelika, Alabama,
Resident Agency and informed that as best he can recall
he saw at the VFW Club in Alexander City during
the afternoon and early evening hours on either Wednesday
April 3, 1968, or Thursday, April 4, 1968. He advised that
he would try to definitely establish which of these two dates
it was that he saw
the Club and would notify the
local FBI Resident Agency.