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ROBERT DUVAL ROGERS, FIVE TEN SPANISH MAIN, SPANISH FORT, ALABAMA, CONTACTED MERIDIAN RESIDENT AGENCY THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT ABOUT TWO P.M., APRIL EIGHT, LAST, HE LEFT SPANISH FORT, ALABAMA, EN ROUTE MORTON, MISSISSIPPI. ROGERS STATED HE DROVE THROUGH SARALAND TO CITRONELLE, ALABAMA, AND AS HE STARTED TO TURN RIGHT ON U. S. HIGHWAY FORTYFIVE AT ROSA A. LOTT NEGRO SCHOOL AND PETROLEUM CLUB ON HIGHWAY FORTYFIVE SOUTH OF CITRONELLE, ALABAMA, HE NOTICED A LIGHT BLUE OR LIGHT GREEN SIXTYTHREE RAMBLER AUTO BEARING UNKNOWN GEORGIA LICENSE PLATE. ROGERS SAID HE PULLED IN BEHIND THIS RAMBLER GOING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION AND THE RAMBLER SPED OFF AT EXTREMELY HIGH RATE OF SPEED. ROGERS SAID HE FOLLOWED THAT CAR THROUGH CITRONELLE. HE SAID THAT THE RAMBLER TURNED EAST ON DIRT ROAD ABOUT ONE

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HUNDRED FIFTY YARDS SOUTH OF INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN ABOUT ELEVEN MILES NORTH OF CITRONELLE.

ROGERS STATED HE RECALLED SEEING A SIGN NEAR THIS DIRT ROAD WHICH READ "MOBILE FORTYTHREE MILES." ROGERS STATED HE TURNED AROUND AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN AND WENT BACK TO THE DIRT ROAD WHERE HE SAW THE RAMBLER GOING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED OVER THE HILLS IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ON THIS DIRT ROAD. ROGERS STATED JUST PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING SPANISH FORT HE HAD OBSERVED A SKETCH OF THE SUSPECT WHO KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN MOBILE, ALABAMA, NEWSPAPER. HE STATED THAT THE MAN DRIVING THE ABOVE MENTIONED RAMBLER AUTOMOBILE BORE A VERY CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO THAT SKETCH. ROGERS DESCRIBED THE DRIVER OF THAT CAR AS A WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, BLACK OR BROWN HAIR, RECEDING HAIRLINE AND A THIN FACE. HE SAID THIS MAN HAD DARK CLOTHING HANGING IN THE BACK

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OF THE RAMBLER.

MOBILE AT CITRONELLE, ALABAMA. WILL CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD
INVESTIGATION ON ABOVE DESCRIBED DIRT ROAD AND ATTEMPT TO
IDENTIFY OWNER OF ABOVE DESCRIBED RAMBLER AUTOMOBILE.

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