

Re: Suspect [REDACTED]
Columbia, South Carolina

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At 8:18 PM on April 15, 1968, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Columbia, South Carolina, Federal Bureau of Investigation Office and immediately began cursing and sounded as if he was under the influence of intoxicants. After talking incoherently for several minutes, this individual finally said he killed "KING" and that law enforcement agencies were stupid for not finding him. He said he would sign papers to this effect.

[REDACTED] gave his home address as [REDACTED] Columbia, South Carolina, said he was unemployed and just robbed and stole. He said he robbed banks and stole cars and the last car he stole was April 13, 1968, at the "Dixie-Do" (phonetic), which car he sold for one thousand dollars profit.

During the telephonic conversation with [REDACTED] a woman's voice could be heard fussing in the background and [REDACTED] said he only called so the FBI could get on his trail and he could prove they would be unable to catch him. During this conversation [REDACTED] was very belligerent and continued using offensive language.

On April 16, 1968, Captain HARRY SNIPES, Columbia, South Carolina, Police Department, advised as follows:

He has twenty-nine arrests for [REDACTED] a white male, born November 4, 1918. This individual is described as five feet three inches tall and weighing

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about eighty pounds. Captain Snipes said that the first arrest was on June 10, 1942, and his most recent arrest was on June 28, 1967.

He said these arrests consist of thirteen for disorderly conduct, one for housebreaking and larceny of an auto, one for forgery, one for resisting arrest, seven for being drunk, two for driving under the influence, three for drunk and disorderly conduct, and one for lunacy in 1962, which charge was dismissed and he was released.

Captain Snipes said that [REDACTED] is well known to the Columbia, South Carolina, Police Department as a mentally ill person who is always calling up and admitting serious crimes which he did not commit. He said that [REDACTED] is unable to hold employment due to his condition and that he usually calls this department when under the influence of intoxicants. He said that he would pay absolutely no attention to anything that [REDACTED] related to him or the Columbia, South Carolina, Police Department as in all probability it was entirely false.

On April 16, 1968, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Columbia, South Carolina, advised as follows:

She resides at this address with her sons, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is retired from the United States Army, weighs about two hundred pounds, and owns the house at this address.

[REDACTED] was born November 4, 1918, is about five feet three inches tall, a white male, weighing about eighty pounds. When [REDACTED] was about ten years old he was hit by an automobile and remained unconscious in a hospital for two weeks. Since then he has been under a doctor's care and always taken medicine to prevent epileptic seizures. He has absolutely no education, cannot read or write, and because of this is unable to hold a job very long. [REDACTED] said she is eighty-four years of age, has a heart condition, and that she is very concerned about [REDACTED] because his

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brother [REDACTED] frequently beats on him for doing what he does.

She said that about 8:00 o'clock PM on April 15, 1968. [REDACTED] was apparently drinking after taking strong tablets for his physical condition when she heard him talking over the telephone; apparently with the FBI at Columbia. She said that anything he said should be completely disregarded as he has not left Columbia, South Carolina, in years and she has been with him every night and day during the past month. She said he is not capable of robbing anything and that the "Dixie-Do" he referred to is actually a dog she owned at one time which [REDACTED] was very fond of. She said that he has never been in a mental institution but that she is seriously considering having him committed to the South Carolina State Hospital. [REDACTED] said that while [REDACTED] was talking with the FBI she was fussing in the background, trying to get him to hang up. She said that he, in the past, has telephonically contacted the office of United States Senator Ernest F. Hollings in Washington, D. C., and left word for Senator Hollings to call him. She said that she discourages his doing such things but that he does them when she is not with him. She said that on one occasion someone from Senator Hollings' Office in Washington did return such a call. [REDACTED] said that she knows her son is emotionally disturbed and that "he always does these crazy things when he has a combination of beer or liquor with his tablets." She said that he is presently under the care of Dr. William Pitts, 1400 Barnwell Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

She described [REDACTED] as follows:

Date of birth	November 4 1918
Race	White
Sex	Male
Address	[REDACTED] Columbia, South Carolina
Occupation	Unemployed
Height	5'3"
Weight	80 pounds
Education	None
Hair	Red
Eyes	Blue