

LUTHER EDWARD WILBURN furnished the following information to SA LARRY F. THOMAS and SMITH LEGG, Assistant Chief of Police, Pulaski, Tennessee, on May 22, 1968:

WILBURN lives at 445 East Madison Street, Pulaski, Tennessee, having moved to this address in June of 1967 from 3337 Delia Lane, Huntsville, Alabama, where he had lived for two years.

He owns and operates a small cafeteria run in connection with the bus station in Pulaski, Tennessee. He also drives a Giles County school bus each day that school is in session.

His wife is VIVA and she is employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Huntsville, Alabama. She commutes to Huntsville every day. They have one child who is 7 years of age.

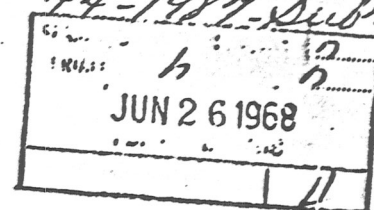
WILBURN said he owns two automobiles, a 1961 Volkswagen and a 1965 Oldsmobile Jet Star 88 which is red in color. Both these automobiles bear Tennessee license plates, the numbers of which he does not recall, and have borne Tennessee license plates since the year 1967. He does not own a Buick automobile. He has owned one Buick in his life and this was a 1950 model Buick which he owned for about a year in 1952 or 1953.

He knows no other person with the name EDWARD WILBURN or EDDIE WILBURN. Except for a sister he has no relatives living in Huntsville, Alabama.

He knows no one by the name of FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY and has never heard this name before in his life. So far as he knows he is acquainted with no one who lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The name WILLIAM PIERCE is totally unfamiliar to him. He knows no one by this name and has never heard the name mentioned before. He is not acquainted with anyone in the cattle business or who has any affiliation whatsoever with aviation anywhere.

He knows one person by the name of LEWIS and this is SAM LEWIS, a well known attorney with offices in Pulaski, Tennessee. SAM LEWIS owns a black station wagon, make unknown to WILBURN.



WILBURN has not been in Memphis, Tennessee, for 12 or 14 years. He recalls well the day that MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed and remembers that on that day he drove his school bus route as usual and the rest of the time he worked in his restaurant in Pulaski, Tennessee. He remembers being in his restaurant the evening of April 4 when he first heard the news that KING had been shot. He does not remember who was in the restaurant with him at that time or whether or not he had any customers. He keeps no daily records to show that he was working at the restaurant on a given day. He said he would be glad to cooperate in any way possible to positively show that he was in Pulaski, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, and suggested possibly that records of the school would show that he was on his bus route that day.

The following description of LUTHER EDWARD WILBURN was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	9/22/28
Place of Birth	Morgan County, Alabama
Height	5' 10"
Weight	135 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Ruddy
Facial characteristics	Round face with small pointed chin.

Mr. MARLIN GOODMAN, Superintendent, Giles County Schools, Pulaski, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

LUTHER EDWARD WILBURN is a contract employee of the county school system, his job being to drive a school bus. These contracts are arranged on an annual basis and it is the responsibility of the driver to either make the route himself or arrange for a substitute if the contract driver is unable to fulfill his responsibilities. No daily records are kept to show who actually drives a given bus. Mr. GOODMAN stated, however, that ROLAND HARRIS, a police officer with the Pulaski, Tennessee, Police Department, is a substitute driver and would most likely work as a substitute for WILBURN if WILBURN were absent.

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Mr. GOODMAN stated that so far as he knows there are no records available which would positively show that WILBURN drove his school bus on April 4, 1968. He did, however, make available records of the County Board of Education's garage which show the date that WILBURN's bus was filled with gasoline and otherwise serviced. These records show that gasoline was put in this bus every other day that it was used during the month of April and that the bus was filled with gasoline on April 3 and again on April 5.

On May 22, 1968, ROLAND HARRIS, police officer, Pulaski, Tennessee, Police Department, stated that he works as a substitute school bus driver when called upon to do so and when it does not interfere with his duties as a policeman. Since he works nights for the Police Department, he does practically all of the substitute driving for the county school system. He recalls working as a substitute driver for three of the school bus drivers, but has never worked as a substitute for WILBURN. HARRIS said he is confident that should WILBURN have been absent from his duties that he would have received a telephone call from the school or from WILBURN asking him to serve as substitute.