

Memphis, Tenn.
4/12/68

I, Thomas Crossley, make the following voluntary statement to Cyril F. Busch and Thomas L. Buckley who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI.

I was born 8/4/49 at Memphis, Tenn., am single, and live with my parents at 205 Radar Road.

I have known Larry Payne for about four years until he was shot and killed on 3/28/68. He was a good friend of mine. I have never known him to carry a knife or weapon of any kind.

On Thursday morning 3/28/68 we left home together at about 8:00 AM and caught a ride up to Memphis to join in the public march. We got to Clayton Temple about 9:00 or 9:15 AM that day and waited around on the street on Hernando just below Pontotoc. I was with Larry constantly from approximately 8:00 AM to 15:00 AM. Just after the march started Larry said

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he was going up front to get with the sanitation workers. I never saw him again.

I am sure that he did not have any knife on him that day because if he had he would have told me.

I believe that Larry had about 75¢ to \$1.00 on him when we left my home that morning. My mother asked me if I had enough money and I said I had about \$3.00. Larry remarked that he was almost broke but he had enough money to get back home. Thursday is his regular payday and he said he had not picked up his check. I did not hear or see him borrow money from any one that day.

I have read this two page statement and it is true.

Thomas Cussler

Witness: Cyril F. Burch, Special Agent, FBI, Memphis, 4/12/68
Witness: Thomas L. Buckley, Special Agent, FBI, Memphis, 4-12-68