

ID THEFT MEMO

On August 9th, 1975, twelve days after I delivered a statement to the Atlanta Police supporting allegations made by Robert Byron Watson concerning the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, two armed men wearing ski masks entered the home of my ex-mate during a party at which I was one of the guests. These masked individuals stole, among other things, all my identification.

This incident was reported to the Atlanta Police who later captured four men who they claim are the "ski mask bandits."

I had no particular reason -- except for my general knowledge of how the JFK assassins have operated in the past (regarding the impersonation-incrimination of Oswald, for example) -- for concluding that anyone had sent these bandits expressly to steal my ID. Nevertheless I did mention to a couple of friends that I was somewhat concerned that my ID -- regardless of why it was stolen in the first place -- might end up in the hands of the Mafia, the CIA, or the Naval Intelligence Command (all three of which groups seem to have been involved in the JFK murder).

Yesterday I was finally able to read -- no thanks to the Atlanta Police -- Robert Byron Watson's entire statement concerning how he overheard some heroin dealers associated with the syndicate plotting the MLK murder and how, at a later date, he was framed by syndicate and DEA people who sent heroin to his home through the mail, and then busted him, in order to discredit any future testimony he might deliver relative to the King murder.

Watson's statement contains this sentence: "Just before the heroin was sent to my home through the mail, four armed, ski masked men broke down the back door one night about 9:00 P.M. while my mother and I were watching the T.V." These four armed men then robbed Watson and his mother using exactly the same heavy-handed tactics and threats -- such as that they were "going to blow your goddamn brains out" -- as did the ski masked men who robbed us. Watson says he was told that his assailants were "hit men" from the syndicate.

Watson's mother was knocked down; I was pistol whipped, once, under the left eye.

In another part of his statement, Watson mentions that someone was arrested in New Orleans who was using his name and his social security number at a time when he could prove conclusively that he was not in New Orleans.

So I have decided it would be a good idea to warn everyone that there may indeed now be a "Second Thornley" wandering around. Effective as of the 9th of August I have no ID and anyone who shows up anywhere with my identification (operator's license, student card, social security and library cards, etc.) is an impersonator. I shall not replace my ID as, under such unusual circumstances as these, that will only complicate matters.

Henceforth, my identification shall be my right thumb print.

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