

James Earl Ray's Police Record

ST. LOUIS (AP)—This is a chronology of the arrest record of James Earl Ray, sought by the FBI in the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, compiled by the St. Louis police department:

Oct. 11, 1949—Burglary arrest and conviction in Los Angeles; served eight months in the county jail and released on probation.

April 18, 1950—Arrested for vagrancy at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. No record of conviction.

July 23, 1951—Arrested in Alton, Ill., for no operators license and no city license.

May 6, 1952—Arrested in Chicago and convicted of robbery a month later and sentenced to the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet for one to two years. Transferred to state prison at Pontiac, Ill., and released from there March 12, 1954.

Aug. 30, 1954—Arrested for burglary in Edwardsville, Ill.

March 23, 1955—Arrested by Missouri highway patrolman in Hannibal, Mo., for breaking and entering of a Kansas City post office. Convicted of forging government documents postal money orders and sentenced to 3 years, 9 months in the Fort Leavenworth, Kan., federal prison. Released April 5, 1958.

Oct. 10, 1959—Arrested in St. Louis for armed robbery. Convicted and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

April 23, 1967—Discovered missing from Missouri State Penitentiary.

July 20, 1967—The FBI filed a complaint charging Ray with unlawfully fleeing Missouri to avoid confinement.