

Memorandum of Interview of Guy W. Canipe, Jr.,
424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tenn., July 7, 1976

Mr. Canipe, owner and operator of the Canipe Amusement Company, was interviewed at his place of business which was a part of the area of the crime scene. He met interviewing team members, Walker and Folsom on the sidewalk in front of his shop which he said was in the same condition as it was April 4, 1968. As we entered he pointed out the stairway between the building housing his shop and the building from which by all reliable accounts the shot was fired. [This portion of the flophouse complex was locked and not accessible for viewing. It has been visited, in June of 1976, by Review Task Force members, Kieckhefer, Gross and White.]

In his shop, from which the street is visible through the three quarter length plate glass windows, Mr. Canipe said that on April 4, 1968 there were two customers in his store looking at the used juke box records contained in a honeycombe-like shelf covering the south wall of the front portion of the establishment. He did not hear the shot that killed King, but he did hear the thump of something dropped in the doorway of his shop and he had a glimpse of the man who dropped the package. After a few minutes he went to the door, saw the shotgun box and the barrel of what he thought was a shotgun. He looked out and saw a deputy sheriff (he guesses from the uniform) with his revolver drawn and ducked back in. Then within minutes the place was crawling with police. When the police took the package and the box and rifle, he jokingly said if nobody claimed the shotgun he wanted it.

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There was no unusual traffic at 6:00 p.m. April 4th on Main Street. He did not pay attention to the cars parked on the street or remember the white Mustang but the place where the Mustang was sighted by other witnesses must have been occupied because when he arrived at his store at about 5:30 p.m. he had to park in the last place and remembers because he had to carry a large step ladder from his station wagon into the shop. He did not see any police cars when he arrived.

Canipe pointed out where the rifle and bag wrapped in the bedspread were dropped against the short side (south) of the indented area into which the door to his shop is set.

Mrs. Brewer was a decent sort or woman according to Canipe. Mr. Brewer was a drunk.