

Reverend Samuel B. Kyle was the first witness at the guilty-plea hearing. (Transcript, pp. 29 ff.) He lived at 2212 South Parkway East, Memphis, was pastor of the Monumental Baptist Church, at 704 South Parkway East and had been a personal friend of King's for about 10 years.

He testified that King was to have been his dinner guest, that a t a few minutes before six King was "alive and in good health and in good spirits, the words of Prosecutor Robert K. Dwyer's question. (T30-1)

Kyles identified the place he and King has been standing for "three or four minutes" by pointing it out on the scale model of the area made by the FBI. He said he had turned to his right "and got approximately five or six steps away from him and I heard what I now know was a shot." (T31-2) When he saw the fallen, bleeding King he rushed back to Room 306 "and picked up the phone to try to get an ambulance and I didn't have success at that because I think the operator had left. She must have heard the shot and come out."

When King was taken to the Hospital, Kyles remained behind to handle other details, like informing Mrs. King.

He was asked if he had looked over toward the rooming house after the shot. He said he looked had because others were pointing "and we all looked in that direction." Dwyer interpreted this to mean toward the rooming house on the mockup, then asked "Do you see ~~the~~ ^{the} area over there?" Kyles pointed on the mockup and asked "here?" Dwyer said "Yes," followed by "Right in the back, did you look down in there, in that area?" Kyles responded, "Yes, I looked over here because there were bushes and things. It wasn't clear like this (indicating)." Kyles saw nothing moving in that area. (T34-6)

At the end of the brief questioning, of about seven pages, Kyles identified a picture as depicting the wound he saw on ~~Dr.~~ King and that at the funeral, which he attended, it was King who was buried. (T.36)

(note to self, pick up what Kyles volunteered on T 33 later)

By Kyles' testimony it was established that the victim was in fact Dr. King, that he had been shot, and that he had been killed. at approximately 6 p.m. on April 4, 1968.

and, after the Mustang was found in Atlanta on April 11, to fur her investigations in Los Angeles and Mexico, based on ~~x~~ items recovered in the car and a "exican tourists sticker on it. (T57-8) Later the investigation extended to Canada and Portugal. (He was not asked about England) His testimony concluded with an affirmative answer to the question, "Did the investigation made by the F.B.I. culminate in the arrest of James Earl Ray?(T59)

Percy Foreman and the prosecution had agreed to stipulations on the other evidence the State would present if there had been a trial. These were narrated by James Beasley, then another Assistant District Attorney General. (T60 ff).