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RE: GENE PEARSON CRAWFORD
32-B WESTWOOD GARDENS
JACKSON, TENNESSEE

On the morning of April 5, 1968, while Lieutenant J. D. HAMBY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, and SA FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON were conducting investigation in the 400 block of South Main, Lieutenant HAMBY advised that uniformed officers of the Memphis Police Department had informed him that they had stopped for questioning an individual subsequently identified as GENE PEARSON CRAWFORD after some employee of Jim's Restaurant, located immediately north of Canipe Amusement Company, 424 South Main Street, had pointed this individual out as a stranger who had been served a meal in that restaurant late on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, at which time this individual had sausage, eggs, and iced lemonade. Lieutenant HAMBY stated that the fact that this individual wanted iced lemonade apparently attracted the attention of the waitress to him. He stated that when the uniformed officers stopped him, he had with him a small black attache case and a cardboard box containing a new portable radio, and CRAWFORD had identified himself as having been a guest at the Wynne Hotel, 390½ South Main Street, on the previous night.

The results of the interview with CRAWFORD are set forth hereafter.

After he was interviewed briefly by Lieutenant HAMBY and SA JOHNSON, Lieutenant HAMBY requested officers of the Uniform Division to accompany CRAWFORD to the Homicide Bureau at the Police Department for further questioning.

Subsequently, Lieutenant HAMBY advised that CRAWFORD was questioned and released by the Homicide Bureau, it appearing that he did not fit the available description of the unknown assailant and that information furnished by him as to his identity and activities in Memphis had been sufficiently verified to eliminate him as a suspect.

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