

# Discrepancies

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## Seen In Hunt

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### For Murderer

Memphis (AP) — A ranking Memphis police officer acknowledges there are "a whole lot of discrepancies" in official descriptions of the man sought as the sniper slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. **BAILED**  
Asst. Chief Bill Price referred to statements that James Earl Ray, 40, an escaped Missouri convict, and Eric Starvo Galt, first sought for King's April 3 assassination in Memphis, are the same person.

"You don't know what to look for," Price said Sunday as officers here and elsewhere continued their investigation of the slaying. The nationwide man-hunt continues.

The FBI issued a conspiracy warrant Wednesday for Galt, then updated their case Friday by saying a fingerprint comparison showed Galt was really Ray.

The naming of Ray in the case caused confusion, primarily because earlier official statements indicate that Galt and Ray were in different places at the same time.

When Galt was charged as a conspirator in King's death by rifle bullet, the FBI said the man had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964-65. The FBI said later the earlier description should have said Galt reportedly took dancing lessons rather than stating it flatly.

During that time, Ray was in the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City, serving a 20-year sentence for a 1959 supermarket robbery.

The age of the man also was in conflict.

Witnesses who saw a man in a Memphis rooming house from where the fatal bullet was fired estimated his age as in the late 20s. The FBI, in issuing its warrant for Galt, said he had given his birthdate July 20, 1931. That would make him 36. The FBI said Friday Ray is 40.

The personalities of the two men are sometimes at odds. A prison pal described Ray as virtually a nondrinker. The FBI describes Galt as a fancier of beer and vodka.

There were other differences:

Galt: neat appearance. Ray: careless appearance.

Galt: Southern accent. Ray: born in Alton, Ill. No Southern accent.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who came to Memphis after King was slain, at first ruled out a conspiracy, but then the FBI

investigation of the slaying underway, and officials say detectives are working hard on the case.

One theory within the Memphis department is that Eric Starvo Galt is a myth, painstakingly created by the conspirators as a smoke screen.

"Somebody waters," Price

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Paper Says Ray

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Secretly Indicted

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In King Murder

*Crime Magazine*  
Memphis (UPI)—The Mem-

phis Commercial Appeal re-  
ported today there were indi-  
cations that James Earl Ray  
has been indicted on a charge  
of murdering Dr. Martin Lú-  
ther King Jr.

The attorney general's office  
and Criminal Court Clerk  
James Blackwell both refused  
to confirm or deny that the  
Shelby County grand jury re-  
turned the indictment Monday,  
the newspaper said.

Robert Jensen, agent in  
charge of the Memphis FBI-of-  
fice, said, "No comment."

The newspaper said the refer-  
ence docket omitted the name  
and offense of the person in-  
dicted and the prosecution wit-  
ness on indictment No. B-16645.  
Only the date and signature of  
grand jury foreman W. F.  
Bowld are filled in, the news-  
paper said.

Minutes covered 106 other in-  
dictments on the same refer-  
ence docket, the Commercial  
Appeal said.

The fugitive Ray, alias Eric  
Starvo Galt, has already been  
named in warrant charging con-  
spiracy and murder.