

Police Say FBI

Withholding

Slayer Sketch

Come, Murder: Town
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MEMPHIS (AP)—The FBI is withholding nationwide distribution of a composite drawing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin, police sources said yesterday.

"They haven't given us anything but a physical description," said one police official. "They aren't handing out pictures of the man. They either don't have a good one or they're going it alone."

THE OFFICIAL asked that his name not be used, citing the FBI's ban on comment about the investigation.

When Jacksonville, Fla., police questioned a Louisville, Ky. man Saturday night about the King slaying, the man since has been cleared of any connection. Police Lt. M. P. Richardson said, "It's a long shot, but he looks too much like the sketch of the man who is wanted in the King slaying."

Jacksonville police said yesterday the man was arrested after a resident noted a likeness to a composite picture which appeared in Florida

newspapers. This sketch was prepared by a newspaper artist from the description given of the slaying. It was not released—nor endorsed—by the FBI.

Residents of the Memphis rooming house from which King was shot April 4 reported last week that investigators had shown them composite drawings. But they said the sketches were the same—or at least very similar—as those prepared by newspaper artists.

FBI OFFICIALS rejected reporters' requests for a composite drawing of the man they are seeking in what perhaps is the most massive manhunt of modern times. They refuse to say whether they have prepared such a sketch.

Agents have a good physical description of the King assassin; 30 to 32 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 165 pounds, with a receding hairline and a long, thin nose.

They also have a good description of the white 1966 Mustang which witnesses said sped away from the Memphis rooming house minutes after King was shot as he stood on a motel balcony 203 feet from the rear of the rooming house.

A white Mustang was impounded Thursday night from an Atlanta parking lot where it had been parked since the