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BIRMINGHAM, ALA. (UPI)--THE FBI REPORTEDLY HAS AN INFORMER-- APPARENTLY THE CONSPIRATOR OF FUGITIVE ERIC STARVO GALT--IN THEIR NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR THE ASSASSIN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

A TIP FROM THE ALLEGED INFORMER LED THE FBI TO BELIEVE IT COULD ARREST THE MYSTERIOUS GALT IN CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY. THIS BELIEF LED FEDERAL AUTHORITIES TO RAPIDLY OBTAIN AN CONSPIRACY WARRANT AGAINST GALT. MEMPHIS, TENN., OFFICIALS SPORE OUT A MURDER WARRANT.

BUT THE TIP EITHER WAS WRONG OR GALT ELUDED AUTHORITIES. SOURCES CLOSE TO THE INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THURSDAY. A GOOD PART OF THE INVESTIGATION APPARENTLY STILL CENTERS IN CALIFORNIA, WHERE GALT ATTENDED A BARTENDING SCHOOL IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

THE FBI IN ITS WARRANT CHARGED GALT AND HIS "ALLEGED BROTHER" WITH CONSPIRING TO HARM KING, SHOT TO DEATH BY A WHITE SNIPER IN MEMPHIS APRIL 4. THE CONSPIRATOR WAS NOT CHARGED IN THE FEDERAL WARRANT OR IN THE MURDER WARRANT.

THE FBI IN WASHINGTON THURSDAY SAID IT "HAS NO ONE IN CUSTODY IN CONNECTION WITH DR. KING'S SLAYING." BUT A RELIABLE SOURCE SAID AGENTS EITHER WERE IN COMMUNICATION WITH OR QUESTIONING GALT'S "ALLEGED BROTHER."

THE INFORMER, ACCORDING TO SOURCES, HAD REJECTED A .243 REMINGTON RIFLE PURCHASED BY GALT IN BIRMINGHAM AS "NOT THE GUN WE NEED." GALT RETURNED TO A SPORTING GOODS STORE AND EXCHANGED THE GUN FOR A .30-06 REMINGTON PUMP RIFLE MARCH 30. SUCH A GUN WAS FOUND ABANDONED NEAR THE MEMPHIS FLOPHOUSE FROM WHERE KING WAS SHOT. IT WAS TRACED THROUGH THE REMINGTON FIRM TO THE BIRMINGHAM STORE AND GALT.

THE FBI HAS TRACED GALT'S ACTIVITIES TO BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES. HE LIVED IN A SOUTH BIRMINGHAM ROOMING HOUSE BEFORE THE KING MURDER AND AGENTS HAVE QUESTIONED NUMEROUS LANDLORDS IN BIRMINGHAM, APPARENTLY ON THE THEORY GALT MAY HAVE RETURNED TO ALABAMA AFTER THE KILLING.

A PICTURE OF GALT, 36, DESCRIBED AS "ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS," WAS OBTAINED BY THE FBI FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BARTENDING IN LOS ANGELES, WHERE GALT GRADUATED MARCH 2. SCHOOL DIRECTOR THOMAS REYES LAU SAID THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN FOR GALT'S GRADUATION.

"HE WAS A NICE FELLOW WITH A NICE PERSONALITY, VERY INTELLIGENT," SAID LAU OF GALT. "I DON'T BELIEVE HE DID THIS. THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE SOMEWHERE."

LAU SAID GALT WAS DESPERATE FOR A JOB, BUT REFUSED ONE HE OFFERED WITH THE EXPLANATION: "WELL, I HAVE TO LEAVE TO GO SEE MY BROTHER. WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO FOR ME TO WORK FOR ONLY TWO OR THREE WEEKS? I'D BETTER WAIT UNTIL I RETURN TO TOWN AND GET A JOB."

A DEVOTEE OF HILLBILLY MUSIC AND AN AVID DANCER, GALT TOOK LESSONS AT SEVERAL DANCE STUDIOS IN LOS ANGELES.

"HE SHOWED NO SIGNS OF RACIAL PREJUDICE," SAID DANCE INSTRUCTOR KATHY NOLAN, 21. "HE WAS REPRESSED AND WITHDRAWN AND NO SWINGER."

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA.--FBI AGENTS BELIEVED AT ONE POINT WEDNESDAY THAT THEY HAD TRACKED DOWN ERIC STARVO GALT, THE ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SOMEWHERE IN CALIFORNIA, SOURCES CLOSE TO THE INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED TODAY.

THE TIP REPORTEDLY CAME FROM THE "ALLEGED BROTHER" OR SOME OTHER CO-CONSPIRATOR IN THE KILLING.

IT APPARENTLY WAS BECAUSE OF THE EXPECTED IMPENDING ARREST THAT AUTHORITIES OBTAINED A FIRST-DEGREE MURDER WARRANT AGAINST GALT, AND ALSO A FEDERAL WARRANT CHARGING HIM WITH CONSPIRACY.

THE EXACT LOCATION IN CALIFORNIA WHERE AUTHORITIES EXPECTED TO MAKE THE ARREST WAS NOT DISCLOSED, BUT GALT IS KNOWN TO HAVE SPENT TIME IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.

SOURCES SAID THE TIP OBVIOUSLY WAS WRONG, OR THAT GALT--IF HE IS IN CALIFORNIA--ELUDED AUTHORITIES.

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WASHINGTON--THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CHARGED THE SUSPECTED KILLER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WITH A 100-YEAR-OLD LAW APPLYING WHERE TWO OR MORE PERSONS CONSPIRE TO INJURE ANOTHER IN HIS FREE EXERCISE OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

ERIC STARVO GALT COULD NOT BE CHARGED UNDER THE STRONGER 1968 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT BECAUSE IT DID NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL APRIL 11, SEVEN DAYS AFTER KING'S ASSASSINATION.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CHARGED GALT UNDER A RECONSTRUCTION ERA STATUTE WHICH APPLIES WHERE TWO OR MORE PERSONS CONSPIRE TO "INJURE, OPPRESS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE" A PERSON "IN THE FREE EXERCISE OR ENJOYMENT OF A RIGHT SECURED TO HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION OR THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES."

THE 1968 CIVIL RIGHTS LAW, KNOWN PRIMARILY FOR ITS OPEN HOUSING SECTION, TIGHTENS SOME LOOPHOLES IN FEDERALLY PROTECTED CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES.

IT DOES NOT REQUIRE PROOF OF CONSPIRACY AND ENABLES THE GOVERNMENT TO PROSECUTE ANY PERSON WHO INTERFERES BY FORCE OR BY THREATS OF FORCE, OR WHO ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE WITH PERSONS ENGAGED IN CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITY.

THIS RANGES FROM VOTING TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, JURY DUTY, INTERSTATE TRAVEL, EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS. THE RECONSTRUCTION ERA LAW PROVIDES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 OR 10 YEARS IN PRISON, OR BOTH.

THE NEW LAW ESCALATES THE PENALTIES. IT PROVIDES FOR A MINIMUM \$1,000 FINE AND ONE YEAR IN PRISON TO \$10,000 AND 10 YEARS IN PRISON WHERE BODILY INJURY IS INVOLVED AND UP TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN THE CASE OF DEATH.

THE OLD LAW HAS BEEN INVOKED IN MOST RECENT MAJOR CIVIL RIGHTS CASES, INCLUDING THE DEATH OF MRS. VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, A DETROIT HOME LIFE, AND THE KILLING OF THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS IN PHILADELPHIA, MISS., AT JUNE 21, 1964.

IN BOTH CASES, SEVERAL PERSONS WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL LAW.

THE FACT THAT THE FEDERAL LAW IS INVOKED IN THESE CASES DOES NOT, HOWEVER, OBLIATE A STATE FROM BRINGING FROM ITS OWN MURDER CHARGES WHERE IT IS APPLICABLE.

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