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## Lane, Citing His Link to Cultists, Says His Life May Be in Danger

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 23 (AP) — Author-lawyer Mark Lane told police today he feels he may be in danger because of his connection with the Peoples Temple cult in Jonestown, Guyana.

Lane, who was an attorney for the Rev. Jim Jones, who led Jonestown to more than 100 U.S. followers, prepared to ship 100 plastic bags of Kool-Aid to the compound last week. He found four packages of Kool-Aid in a plastic bag at his doorstep early Saturday morning.

Lane, however, did not report the incident to police until Monday night.

Officers H. J. Chapman and G. S. Willis said each of the packages contained a small amount of the soft-drink powder in grape, orange, straw-

berry and cherry flavors. Lane said he had reported the incident to the FBI.

An FBI spokesman, who asked not to be identified, confirmed Lane's report but refused to comment on what action the FBI might take. He said the FBI has already interviewed Lane in connection with the assassination of Rep. Leo J. Ryan (D-Calif.).

Ryan and three members of his fact-finding party were killed Nov. 18 at an isolated airstrip near Jonestown. Shortly afterward, Jones told his followers he had ordered the killings and then decreed the mass suicide.

Lane and another attorney, Charles Garry, got out of the compound as the suicides started.

Lane also is the attorney for James Earl Ray, convicted killer of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.