

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/2/68

Coconino County Deputy Sheriff RAY STOCK, Flagstaff, Arizona, advised that at 2:20 AM, he received a telephone call from a male who reported that he had some important information to give to the FBI but declined to furnish his name. Deputy STOCK stated that at the outset, when the caller indicated the call was important, he immediately cut a tape of the conversation and made available the tape, a transcription of which is set forth below.

Deputy STOCK also stated that during the call and immediately thereafter, he dispatched deputies to truck stops on the outskirts of Flagstaff in an effort to locate the caller who indicated he was having a steak which was getting cold while he talked. This investigative effort developed two license numbers of cars, which later turned out to belong to local people, and failed to locate any place that was serving or had served a steak at the pertinent time.

The above tape is transcribed as follows:

Caller: "On this guy [redacted] from here in Flagstaff - and - he married a girl from Flagstaff, a Spanish girl, and I happen to know that this guy was in Memphis, at the time. He bought a plane ticket from Phoenix to Memphis at the time, and him and this RAY, FAY RAY, the guy that was, the FBI was - oh, I don't know exactly about what the story was on that, but those guys did do time together, in the Federal penitentiary and also in the state. He's from Florida, I guess originally, I think - I'm not for sure whether he is from Florida or not, but I know he done time there in the state of Florida, and also in the Federal. And I do know that this guy did buy a plane ticket to Memphis, Tennessee. I am pretty sure it was either the day before or two days before the time that MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot, and they did do time together."

Officer: "You say this [redacted] is from Flagstaff - married a Mexican - "

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by SA C. RICHARD WARNER, JR. /rs Date dictated 4/26/68

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Caller: "He married a Mexican girl from around Flagstaff and I don't know what her name was for sure. I think that I was out there one time to their place - it's out in the south part of town - out - "

Officer: "Are you at liberty to tell me who you are, sir, or would you rather tell me - "

Caller: "No, I would rather tell the FBI, but I would rather not tell period, but - "

Officer: "Well, let's say this - if you could hold on - are you in Flagstaff right now, sir?"

Caller: "No, I'm not right here in Flagstaff."

Officer: "Well, I'm not trying to inquire or anything. If you could hold the phone a second I'll try to reach Mr. PELTON and explain the situation to him - could you hold on, sir?"

Caller: "No, I'm afraid I couldn't because - I can call you back in a few minutes."

Officer: "Okay, if you could. I'll have Mr. PELTON - why don't we say 30 minutes. Call this office again - Mr. PELTON doesn't live far from here. Perhaps if you could call back, possibly he will be here at this time, okay?"

Caller: "Well, I can call you back - I just happened to hear the news on the radio there - At the time I didn't know what the deal was or nothing, except that - "

Officer: "Do you know this Mr. [REDACTED] first name?"

Caller: "Oh, yeah, [REDACTED] - I know his first name. He's from Dade City, Florida."

Officer: "Date?"

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Caller: "Dade or Date City, Florida - Yeah - I know his first name. I done time with him in Federal, in Texarkana."

Officer: "You say he was also a buddy of this RAY and served time with him also?"

Caller: "Yeah, he did serve time. Yeah, they served time in Atlanta or in - - where in the heck was they - I don't know for sure, but I know they was together. And I do know that he did make a statement that he would get even with him one way or the other - and I do know that he did go to Memphis about that time - the day before or two days before."

Officer: "Two days before KING was shot?"

Caller: "Right."

Officer: "Who said they would get even with who?"

Caller: "With RAY."

Officer: [REDACTED] said he would get even with RAY?"

Caller: "Yeah - he told me that quite before. He's - I know he hates niggers - I know that and he doesn't - I don't know that the deal was for sure - but some kinda trouble they had in the joint - see, and I don't know what the deal was - I don't know except - "

Officer: "You say you know for sure [REDACTED] bought a ticket out of Phoenix?"

Caller: "He did - he did - he did get a ticket into Memphis. He did go to Memphis."

Officer: "This was approximately two days before KING was shot?"

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Caller: "Right - right. I know that. And at the time - so I found out later why GALT - or RAY - GALT is his name, going under GALT, he was also I guess in Memphis at the time - supposedly. But I don't know whether he was or not, I mean I couldn't say, I mean I just happen to know that [REDACTED] was there. And you know - so I thought I'd pass it along."

Officer: "Now when I get Mr. PELTON down here and you do call back - what type of information - you don't have to give this to me now if you don't feel at liberty to - but do you know the whereabouts of either [REDACTED] or Mr. RAY at this time?"

Caller: "Well, [REDACTED] here in Flagstaff - right here."

Officer: "You think he's here now?"

Caller: "I hear he is. His wife is here."

Officer: "You know his wife's name don't you?"

Caller: "No, her brother - or her sister is [REDACTED] - I think it's her brother or her sister - I don't know for sure."

Officer: "Do they live in town proper or do they live out rural?"

Caller: "No, they live here somewhere in Flagstaff - I mean I've been out to their place - its south Flagstaff - but I don't know where it's at. So - what time do I call back - five minutes - ten minutes."

Officer: "Well, I'll have to call Mr. PELTON."

Caller: "I've got a steak over here getting cold."

Officer: "Okay, well, you go on back to your steak and I'll get a hold of Mr. PELTON on the phone."

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Caller: "Okay."

Officer: "You call back in a few minutes."

Caller: "Okay."

Officer: "Say about 30 minutes, okay, sir."

Caller: "Okay."

Officer: "I'm sure he would be happy to hear from you. I know that any lead possible they could get on this since it is nationwide - "

Caller: "Well that's what I thought. I was just passin' through and I gotta be in Salt Lake at 12 o'clock tomorrow."

Officer: "Okay, well, I take it you're also familiar with quite a sum of money being offered for reward on this, too."

Caller: "No, I hadn't heard about that."

Officer: "I know there's several hundred thousand dollars reward."

Caller: "Is that right?"

Officer: "Yes."

Caller: "Yeah?" How much, do you know?"

Officer: "I'm not sure - the last I heard it was about \$150,000 or \$200,000."

Caller: (Whistles) "Yeah?"

Officer: "yes. So I'm pretty sure they're anxious they're/^{that}anxious, of course, because it is national."

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Caller: "Well, I did hear there was some money on it - but I didn't know how much."

Officer: "Well, like I said, sir, that was the last figure I heard. It may have gone up more than that by now - this was a couple of weeks ago. If you do call back in about 30 minutes, sir, or so, I shall have Mr. PELTON here to talk with you."

Caller: "Okay - the reason I did know that [REDACTED] did get a - see I did time with him also - and the reason I do know that he did go at that time is because I went to Detroit along at the same time - I got a sister there. And I met him on the plane and that's the reason that I do know that he did go, and of course I never did meet GALT - I mean I never have - but I have met [REDACTED] and I do know that he did go to - I'm pretty sure that he got the ticket to Nashville, Tennessee. I'm pretty sure that he did - to Nashville."

Officer: "Do you know just off hand how long it's been since Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. RAY have seen each other?"

Caller: "Well, not for sure - he's not been out too long himself."

Officer: [REDACTED] hasn't?"

Caller: "No - he's not been out of the pen too long. He just got out of the Federal penitentiary not too long ago."

Officer: "Was that Missouri?"

Caller: "No - no - I'm not for sure where he got discharged from. Whether it was Atlanta or - I'm not for sure. No - it might have been Springfield - I don't know - Missouri. Maybe - yeah."

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Officer: "How long has it been since you've seen Mr. RAY yourself?"

Caller: "Oh, since I've saw him it's been about - it's been about a year ago now."

Officer: "Oh, you were in with him in Missouri?"

Caller: "Yes."

Officer: "You were there when he took off?"

Caller: "No- no - no - no, you mean when he escaped?"

Officer: "Yes."

Caller: "No - he escaped someplace else."

Officer: "He didn't escape out of Missouri?"

Caller: "I don't know whether he did or not - no. No, see I done time with him in state before that. No - I don't know. I don't even know for sure when he left. I've not seen him. But I have seen [REDACTED] and I seen him, you know I told you, but I don't know when RAY left for sure - so - well, my steak's getting cold. I'll call you back in a minute."

Officer: "Sure enough - you have our number."

Caller: "Yeah."

Officer: "2523."

Caller: "Yeah."

Officer: "Thank you, sir."