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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED APRIL THIRTEEN INSTANT.
FIRE STATION ADJOINING CRIME SCENE:

INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY BUAGENTS WITH MEMBERS OF MEMPHIS FIRE STATION, MEMPHIS PD, AND SHELBY COUNTY SO, WHO WERE ON DUTY AND PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT THE FIRE STATION, MAIN AND BUTLER, AT TIME OF MURDER OF DR. KING ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

INTERVIEWS WITH THESE OFFICERS REVEAL THAT NO ONE ACTUALLY HEARD THE SHOT FIRED, ALTHOUGH SOME ADMIT HEARING "SOMETHING." ALL OF THE OFFICERS IMMEDIATELY CAME OUTSIDE OF THE FIRE STATION AND A NUMBER OF THESE RAN OUT OF THE NORTH EXITS TO THE FIRE STATION, THEN RAN EAST OVER A FENCE AND DOWN A TEN-FOOT CONCRETE RETAINING WALL WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF MULBERRY STREET.

A NUMBER OF THESE OFFICERS CONTINUED RUNNING TO THE SCENE OF THE SHOOTING AT THE LORRAINE MOTEL. HOWEVER, AFTER THE FIRST GROUP OF OFFICERS ARRIVED AND RECEIVED INFORMATION

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INDICATING THAT THE SHOT HAD PROBABLY BEEN FIRED FROM THE REAR OF ONE OF THE BUILDINGS OF THE FOUR HUNDRED BLOCK OF MAIN STREET, THE OFFICERS ON THE SCENE BEGAN TO POINT AND SHOUT IN THE GENERAL LOCATION OF THE ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH MAIN STREET. THEREAFTER, SOME OF THESE OFFICERS WHO HAD STARTED TOWARD THE SCENE TO THE LORRAINE MOTEL TURNED AROUND, RAN WEST TO MAIN STREET, THEN NORTH ON MAIN TO VICINITY OF CANIPE AMUSEMENT COMPANY AND THE ROOMING HOUSE.

OFFICERS STATED THAT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING WAS APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES AFTER SIX P. M., ON APRIL FOUR LAST AND WITHIN TWO TO EIGHT MINUTES MOST OF THE OFFICERS HAD THE CRIME SCENE GUARDED AND BEGAN QUESTIONING VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IN THE AREA. OFFICERS ALSO GUARDED THE OBJECTS ALLEGEDLY DROPPED BY UNSUB WHICH WERE IN DOORWAY OF CANIPE AMUSEMENT COMPANY.

RECORD CHECKS:

Balance not receipt