

*Examination Session Transcript
Testimony of James Russell Rogers
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1 Mr. Eberhardt. Who obtained those weapons?

2 Mr. Rogers. Carl Kent and I.

3 Mr. Eberhardt. Did John Larry Ray have a weapon during
4 the Bank of Hawthorn robbery?

5 Mr. Rogers. No.

6 Mr. Eberhardt. Are you sure of that?

7 Mr. Rogers. He was not even close, he picked us up on
8 the highway.

9 Mr. Eberhardt. Now what other bank robberies have you
10 been involved in with John Larry Ray?

11 Mr. Rogers. It was a small bank in Illinois, I cannot
12 remember the name of it.

13 Mr. Eberhardt. Let me see if I can refresh your recollec-
14 tion. The Farmers and Traders Bank of Meredosia, Illinois.

15 Mr. Rogers. Yes.

16 Mr. Eberhardt. That was it. That bank was robbed on
17 January 28, 1970. Does that refresh your recollection?

18 Mr. Rogers. Yes.

19 Mr. Eberhardt. Was John Larry Ray involved in that bank
20 robbery with you?

21 Mr. Rogers. Yes.

22 Mr. Eberhardt. What role did he play?

23 Mr. Rogers. He drove the car.

24 Mr. Eberhardt. Who else was involved in that?

25 Mr. Rogers. Ronald Goldstein.

1 Mr. Eberhardt. Anybody else?

2 Mr. Rogers. No, that's it.

3 Mr. Eberhardt. Were weapons used in that robbery?

4 Mr. Rogers. Yes.

5 Mr. Eberhardt. Did John Larry Ray have a weapon during
6 the Farmers and Traders Bank robbery?

7 Mr. Rogers. No, he didn't. He was just sitting in the
8 car.

9 Mr. Eberhardt. Did he obtain the weapons that were used
10 by you and Mr. Goldstein during the robbery?

11 Mr. Rogers. I really don't remember who obtained the
12 weapons used in that bank robbery.

13 Mr. Eberhardt. Was there any other bank robbery in which
14 John Larry Ray was involved along with you?

15 Mr. Rogers. Yes, one other little one.

16 Mr. Eberhardt. Another one, the fourth one that you were
17 involved with John Larry Ray?

18 Mr. Rogers. Yes.

19 Mr. Eberhardt. Do you recall the name of that bank?

20 Mr. Rogers. A little town, 350 population.

21 Mr. Eberhardt. Let's see if I can refresh your recollec-
22 tion again. Does the Farmers Bank of Liberty, Liberty,
23 Missouri, refresh your recollection?

24 Mr. Rogers. Liberty, Missouri, no. Liberty, Illinois.

25 Mr. Eberhardt. Liberty, Illinois.

Mr. Rogers. Yes.

Mr. Edgar. Would counsel yield at that point?

Mr. Eberhardt. Yes, certainly.

Mr. Edgar. Could we take a three and a half to five minute recess.

Mr. Eberhardt. Certainly.

(Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)

Mr. Fauntroy. The hearings will now resume and counsel may continue to question the witness.

Mr. Eberhardt. Mr. Rogers, let me go back over the last bank robbery series of questions that I have of the Farmers Bank of Liberty bank robbery which occurred on October 17, 1969. Do you recall that you were involved in the Farmers Bank of Liberty robbery on that date?

Mr. Rogers. I want to say I know the bank but I don't remember the name of the town so I am not sure it is Liberty.

Mr. Eberhardt. I think I misspoke, in fact I am sure that I did. The Farmers Bank of Liberty is in Liberty, Illinois, and it was robbed on October 17, 1969.

Mr. Rogers. I was not sure of the name.

Mr. Eberhardt. I apologize for confusing the states.

Do you recall robbing the bank that was called the Farmers Bank of Liberty?

Mr. Rogers. Yes, if it is in Illinois.

Mr. Eberhardt. Does the name Liberty refresh your