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ATLANTA, Ga. AP - An Atlanta taxi cab driver said Wednesday night that an FBI picture, he identified as a man he hauled two blocks the night after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated was different from the picture of Eric Starvo Galt released by the FBI Wednesday.

"The one the FBI showed me was much younger. The face was much thinner. The cheeks weren't as fleshy," said the driver, who has asked that he not be identified.

Looking at an Associated Press wirephoto copy of the picture released by the FBI in Washington, he said, "That is definitely not the man I picked up and not the one they showed me. The only time I've ever seen that was on television tonight."

He said the FBI agent showed him three photographs. "He may have shown me that one, but that wasn't the one I recognized," the driver said.

The driver said he had recognized one of the FBI photographs as that of a patron he carried two blocks in Atlanta's "hippie" section on Friday night April 5. He said he remembered the man because he was rude and threw the money on the seat, causing it to fall on the floorboard.

Describing the FBI print shown to him, he said, "It had a necktie, not a bow tie. The tie was on crooked . . . It had been pulled over to the side. The hair was the same color but it was flatter on top. This man looks older. The other was about 28 to 30, no older than 35."

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