

Ex-FBI Informer**Viola Liuzzo Death Link**

Birmingham, Ala.

A former FBI informer instigated an attack that ended in death for Viola Liuzzo a decade ago, lawyer Arthur Hanes Sr. said yesterday.

Hanes said he got to know Gary Thomas Rowe Jr. when he was defending three men accused of shooting Mrs. Liuzzo to death in Lowndes county, Ala., on March 25, 1965.

The Detroit woman was killed, while participating in a Selma-to-Montgomery civil rights march, by men who pulled up beside her in a car and began shooting.

"It was Gary Thomas Rowe who suggested the trip to Lowndes county to kill some of the civil rights workers," said Hanes, who is a former FBI agent and former Birmingham mayor. "And we have him on record

as saying in the courtroom that he had his gun out the window and was shooting along with the rest of them."

Rowe also was charged in the case, but the charges were dropped after he testified for the government. It also was revealed at the trial that Rowe worked from 1960 to 1965 as an informer for the FBI.

"I found out then that he was the biggest liar in the country," Hanes said. "I wouldn't believe Rowe on a stack of bibles. He is anybody's dog that will hunt him."

After the trial, Rowe was moved from Alabama as a protected government witness. He surfaced again Tuesday, wearing a hood that partially hid his face, to testify in Washington before a U.S. Senate committee investigating the FBI.

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