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JOPLIN, Mo. AP - A man who identified himself as an itinerant preacher entered a plea of guilty to a vagrancy charge in magistrate court today and received a three-day sentence in jail with the further stipulation that he would be released to his father for return to Texas.

The man had been questioned briefly Tuesday night as to his whereabouts on the day Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was assassinated.

The man identified himself as Lynn R. Cleveland, 33. He was picked up at the edge of Joplin and said he was hitching a ride from Springfield, Mo., to Tulsa, Okla.

Judge Stewart E. Tatum passed sentence today, stipulating the man's release upon the arrival of the father. Det. Capt. Walter Flenner told the judge Garland Cleveland of Palmer, Tex., was expected in Joplin tonight to pick up his son.

A vagrancy charge can be brought by authorities against a person not having any visible means of support.

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