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MEMPHIS, Tenn. AP --

The FBI is withholding nation-wide distribution of a composite drawing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin, police sources said Sunday.

They haven't given us anything but a physical description," said one police official.

They aren't handing out pictures of the man. They either don't have a good one, or they're going it alone."

The official asked that his name not be used, citing the FBI's ban on comment about the investigation.

When Jacksonville, Fla., police questioned a Louisville, Ky., man Saturday night about the King slaying -- the man since has been cleared of any connection -- Police Lt. M.P. Richardson said, It's a long

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shot, but he looks too much like the sketch of the man who is wanted in the King slaying."

Jacksonville police said Sunday the man was arrested after a resident noted a likeness to a composite picture which appeared in Florida newspapers. This sketch was prepared by a newspaper artist from the description given of the slaying. It was not released - nor endorsed - by the FBI.

Residents of the Memphis rooming house from which King was shot April 4 reported last week that investigators had shown them composite drawings. But they said the sketches were the same - or at least very similar - as those prepared by newspaper artists.

FBI officials rejected reporters' requests for a composite drawing of the man they are seeking in what perhaps is the most massive manhunt of modern times. They refuse to say whether they have prepared such a sketch.

Agents have a good physical description of the King assassin: 30 to 32 years old, 5 feet, 10

inches tall, weighing 165 pounds,
with a receding hairline and a
long, thin nose.

They also have a good de-

scription of the white 1966 Mus-

tan which witnesses said sped
away from the Memphis room-

ing house minutes after King
was shot as he stood on a motel
balcony 205 feet from the rear

of the rooming house.

A white Mustang was im-

pounded Thursday night from
an Atlanta parking lot where it
had been parked since the
morning after King's slaying.

The impounded car bore 11-

license tags issued in Birming-

ham, Ala., to Eric Starvo Galt,
37, who identified himself as an
unemployed merchant seaman

when he applied for an Alabama
driving license last year.

At almost the same moment
last week that they were im-

pounding the car in Atlanta, the
FBI sent over the Florida Tele-

typewriter circuit a request to
locate Galt. The message was

withdrawn four hours later with
the explanation it was erro-

neous. The FBI refuses to say
why it was seeking Galt.