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Galt at a Glance 460

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James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, who is being sought in the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is a man described as a loner. Yet he is known as an avid dancer.

He has been convicted of armed robbery and automobile theft, but less than a year ago he applied for and received a legal license to drive a newly purchased white Mustang.

Ray has lived as far west as California, as far south as New Orleans and in Memphis, Tenn., where on April 6, 1968, Dr. King was assassinated.

Here is the most current information available on Ray:

Description: Height, 5 feet 10; weight, 163 to 174 pounds. Brown hair. Blue eyes. A small scar on his forehead and right palm. His left ear protrudes further from his head than his right ear does. White male about 40.

Relatives: Born in Alton, Ill

, March 10, 1928, son

of a laborer of the same name. Hospital records in Fulton, Mo., indicate his parents are deceased but prison records list his mother as Mrs. Lucille Ryan of 1913 Hickory St., St. Louis. A brother, Jerry, reportedly has an address of Box 22, Wheeling, Ill. It is claimed James Ray has a wife living in the Rocky Ridge section of Birmingham, Ala.

Aliases: Two aliases listed on FBI warrant—John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer. Other names used are James McBride, James Walton, W.C. Herron and James O'Connor.

Education: High school dropout in 10th grade. Graduate of International School of Bartending in Hollywood, Calif., on March 2, 1968. Took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965, in Birmingham during September and October 1967, and in Long Beach, Calif., from December, 1967 to February, 1968.

Military record: Served as an enlisted man in the U.S. Army from February 1946 to December 1948 when he was given a general discharge for ineptness and lack of adaptability. While in the Army he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and "breaking" arrest.

Criminal record: In 1949 served eight months in county jail in Los Angeles on a burglary charge. In 1952 convicted in Chicago of armed robbery and served two years in Joliet and Pontiac, Ill., state prisons. In 1955 convicted of forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri and confined to Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., penitentiary until 1958. In 1960 sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary for a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and car theft in St. Louis and, on April 23, 1967, escaped.

Occupation: Has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. On a driver's license application he put "merchant seaman, unemployed." Claimed to have been a cook on a Mississippi riverboat and to have worked in shipyards.

Mental history: Sent for mental observation in connection with a charge of attempted escape from Missouri State Penitentiary. Hospital officials found "no mental disease or defect within the law."

Pastimes: Beer and vodka drinker. Fond of hillbilly and Western music. Avid dancer.

Characteristics: Rural speech. Nervous habit of pulling at an ear lobe with left hand. Described as quiet, a loner, and a neat dresser.

Last known address: 2068 Highland, a boarding house, in Birmingham.

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