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MONTREAL AP - Montreal police and the Canadian Mounties today were investigating the possibility that James Earl Ray, wanted by the FBI for the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., now is in the Montreal area.

A Mounties spokesman said local police authorities were asked Monday afternoon to be on the lookout for a white 1966 Chevrolet bearing Florida license plates.

Police in Cornwall, Ont., 75 miles southwest of here, had spotted the car heading toward Montreal shortly after 2 p.m.

It was carrying two men and drew the attention of a Cornwall policeman because one of its occupants strongly resembled FBI photographs of Ray.

Montreal police were put on the alert after their Cornwall counterparts were unable to intercept the vehicle, the Mounties spokesman said.

A check with various Ontario border points showed that a car with license plates matching those seen on the suspect car had crossed from the United States into Canada at Niagara Falls.

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