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TORONTO AP - A rooming house landlady said Tuesday a short, slight man came looking for James Earl Ray three or four days after the accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. flew to London.

Mrs. Hela Szpakowski was unable to give newsmen any more details of the caller, the second Ray received during his month-long stay in Toronto after King was shot to death in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

"I'd like to have known about this sooner," commented Royal Canadian Mounted Police Supt. C.R. Doey. "We'll have to see her again and explore this. It seems factual enough."

An unidentified stout man was reported to have called on Ray at another rooming house where he stayed before flying to London, where he was arrested Saturday.

Doey said John Willard, an alias used by Ray, is the name of a man living in Toronto.

John Willard was the name given by a man in Memphis who rented a room with a vantage point on the Loraine Hotel, where Dr. King was slain while standing on a balcony.

Toronto's John Willard is a 42-year-old insurance appraiser.

Police have said Ray used the names of three other Torontonians: Ramon George Sneyd, a police constable, Paul Bridgman, a teaching consultant, and Eric Galt, a warehouse foreman.

None of the men knew each other and none of them knew their names were being used by Ray until they read it in the newspapers, police said.

Meanwhile, Bernard Simmonds, deputy Metropolitan Toronto police chief, said he was investigating what action detectives took after they were warned April 26 of the possibility that Ray was in Toronto.

He confirmed that two detectives interviewed Samuel Marshall, assistant manager of a supermarket, who claimed he talked with a man who resembled Ray in the store April 23.

Marshall was quoted as giving two versions of the man's actions in the store. In one account, Marshall said he found the man prowling in the back. Marshall said he surmised that the man left when the store manager approached.

In the other version, Marshall said he thought at first the man was a customer who might have wandered to the back of the store to look for the washroom. He said the man asked for fulltime work and left after being told only parttime work was available.

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TORONTO AP - An assistant supermarket manager said Tuesday he found a man who resembled James Earl Ray, accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., prowling in the back of the store April 23.

Samuel Marshall said the man told him he was looking for a job but left the store when Emerson Benms, the manager, approached. Marshall surmised the man may have been sizing up the store for a possible holdup.

Not until the next day, Marshall said, did he see a magazine photograph of King's sz ,10

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consulate with his information but became involved in a traffic accident on the way. Marshall said he then gave the information to a policeman ut heard nothing further about it. A police spokesman sai there was no record of such a report.

Ray, arrested Saturday in London, lived in two rooming houses in Toronto for a month after King was shot dead April 4 in Memphis, Tenn.

Police interviewed hundreds of persons Tuesday in an effort to trace all of Ray's movements in Toronto. \$ jlnl gatojs said they were trying to find out whether he had friends in the city.

An employe at a magazine store said a man who resembled Ray bought two cellophane-wrapped books at \$5 each and paid for them with quarters. A woman who operates a variety store near one rooming house where Ray stayed said he bought cigarettes there.

Mrs. Sun Loo, Ray's landlady, was reported to have found in his room after he left for London an empty overnight bag, six rolls of film, a photographic light meter, a small, empty strongbox, a map of Toronto, three girlie magazines, three empty beer bottles and a dirty white shirt.

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