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PHILADELPHIA, MISS., NOV. 28 (AP)-NESHOPA COUNTY SHERIFF LAWRENCE RAINEY CRITICIZED THE FBI YESTERDAY FOR NOT ACTING AFTER PURPORTING TO KNOW THE SLAYERS OF THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS.

RAINEY SAID THE FEDERAL AGENTS HAD HALTED A JOINT INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDERS WITH HIS OFFICE.

"THEY NEVER HAVE EVEN GIVEN ME THE SIZE OF THE BULLET THAT WAS IN THE BODIES," HE SAID FRIDAY.

AN FBI SPOKESMAN SAID EARLIER IN THE DAY THE FEDERAL AGENCY KNEW THE IDENTITY OF THE SLAYERS AND WAS NOT ACTING SLOWLY IN THE SOUTH.

"PEOPLE WONFER IF THEY (THE FBI) KNEW, WHY THEY HAVEN'T DONE SOMETHING," RAINEY SAID. "ABOUT ALL WE KNOW IS WHAT WE SAW IN THE PAPER."

MICHAEL SCHWERNER AND ANDREW GOODMAN, BOTH WHITE FROM NEW YORK CITY, AND JAMES CHANEY, A MERIDIAN NEGRO, WERE MURDERED IN JUNE.

THEIR BODIES WERE FOUND BY FBI AGENTS AUG. 4 IN AN EARTHEN DAM NEAR PHILADELPHIA. RELIABLE SOURCES SAID THE FEDERAL AGENTS PAID A LOCAL RESIDENT TO TELL THEM THE BURIAL SPOT.

"NOBODY AROUND HERE KNOWS WHO GOT IT (THE REWARD), IF THEY DID," RAINEY SAID.

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