

SUPPLEMENT # 1
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., M39
HOMICIDE #9367
Thursday, April 4, 1968, 6:00PM

RE: Interviews made at the scene
at 4:22 1/2 S. Main

Reported by: Lt. G. King and Capt. R. L. Williams

While at the scene of this fatal shooting it was determined that the shot had come from the bathroom window in the rear of 422 1/2 South Main. While making the scene investigation the following subjects were interviewed and the results of these interviews are as follows:

WILLIAM ANSCHULTZ M459, 422 1/2 S. Main Apt. 4B, employed as a laborer at Duvall Transfer Co. He stated that he and Bessie Ledbetter M, deaf mute, were in his room watching the television when he heard the shot. He stated that he opened the door to his room and looked out into the hall and that a white man ran by him going toward the front or Main St. side of the building. He stated that the man was carrying something wrapped in what he thought was a blanket. He said the man ran by him and said that somebody had been shot and then ran on down the front stairs of the rooming house.

CHARLIE QUITMAN STEPHENS M46, 422 1/2 S. Main, Apt. 6B, unemployed disabled veteran, who had tuberculosis stated that he and his wife Grace were in their room at the time the shot was fired. He stated that at about 4:00PM, Thursday, 4-4-68 he went out of his room to go around to the other side of the building to see the landlady and that as he started down the hall, the landlady and a man were coming out of the door to apt. 5B. He stated that the man was 5'10" to 5'11", medium build, 160 to 165 lbs. dark sandy hair, ruddy complexion, and was wearing a black suit, white shirt and a dark colored tie, that he thought was black and that it was a plain tie without any figures in it. He stated that when he saw this man he did not have any baggage with him. He stated that he and his wife were in their room all afternoon and that about 4 or 5 times from the time the man was in the hall with the landlady, he heard the man go back and forth to the bathroom. He stated that about 2 minutes before he heard the shot he heard the man from Apt. 5B go to the bath room again and when the shot was fired, he moved a chair that was in front of their door and looked out into the hall and saw the man he had seen earlier running down the hall toward the front of the building carrying something long that he thought was wrapped in newspaper. He stated that the shot definitely came from the bathroom. 30
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yrs.

MRS. GRACE STEPHENS M514, 422 1/2 S. Main Apt. 6B unemployed was interviewed and she stated that she and her husband Charlie had been in their room most of the day and that someone that was apparently living in room 5B kept running back and forth between 5B and the bathroom, that whoever it was made 4 or 5 trips and that about 2 minutes before the shot was fired he went to the bathroom again and after the shot was fired from the bathroom, he ran down the hall toward the front of the building. She stated that she never did get out of bed, because she was sick and that she never did see the man.

B. L. REEVES, M474, 422 1/2 S. Main Apt. 3 (south side), retired stated that he was in his room and heard something that sounded like a shot and that he came out of his room to see what was going on because the shot sounded like it was pretty close by, but that he did not see anything.

HAROLD W. CARTER, M453, 422 1/2 S. Main Rm. 9 (south side), unemployed stated that he was crazy and not to pay any attention to what he said. He stated that he had just come upstairs and went into his room and that he heard what sounded a mighty lot like a shot, but that he did not come back out of his room.

ALFRED W. EDEN M461, 422 1/2 S. Main #10, unemployed stated that he was in his room and didn't see or hear anything unusual.

Mrs. BESSIE BREWER M4, residence 422 1/2 S. Main #2 employed as manager of 422 1/2 S. Main phone, 527-0167 stated that at approximately 3 or 3:30PM, 4-4-68 a male white whom she described as approx. 35 years old, 6', 190 lbs., wearing what she thought was a dark jacket, neatly dressed, clean shaven came to her apt. which is also used as an office and asked to rent a sleeping room. She stated that she could not remember what color his eyes were or what color or how his hair was combed, but that she did notice how neat he was. She stated that she showed him apt. #6 on the south side of the building, but that he did not want that room and that she then showed him apt. 5B and he said that that room was just right and that he rented the room for one week, paying her \$8.50 in cash, out of a 20 dollar bill. She showed us 3 20 dollar bills and stated that she didn't know which bill was the one he gave her. She said the man had a local accent. She stated that he did not have anything in his hands when she talked to him. She stated that he gave the name JOHN WILLARD when he rented the room, but that he did not sign anything, that she made out the receipt herself.

B. L. REEVES M474 was interviewed again by Capt. Williams and he stated that he saw the man that Mrs. Brewer had rented the room to. He stated that he saw one side of the man's face as he came out of Mrs. Brewer's apartment. He described the M4 as 25 to 30 years old

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medium build, 175 to 180 lbs, dark hair about 6 feet tall, wearing a dark suit and coat. He stated that the man had nothing in his hand when he saw him and that the man and Mrs. Brewer went round toward Apt. 53.

ALL SUBJECTS MENTIONED IN THIS SUPPLEMENT WERE LATER ~~BY~~ ~~REMOVED~~ ~~FROM~~ ~~THE~~ ~~LIST~~ ~~OF~~ ~~INDIVIDUALS~~ ~~WHICH~~ ~~WERE~~ ~~BEING~~ ~~SEARCHED~~ ~~BY~~ ~~THE~~ ~~NEW~~ ~~ORLEANS~~ ~~POLICE~~ ~~HEADQUARTERS~~ ~~AND~~ ~~OTHER~~ ~~AGENCIES~~ ~~WHICH~~ ~~WERE~~ ~~SEARCHING~~ ~~FOR~~ ~~HIM~~, EXCEPT FOR CARTER AND KING, DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEY WERE NOT AT ALL PERTINENT IMMEDIATE TO THIS INVESTIGATION.