



**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**  
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

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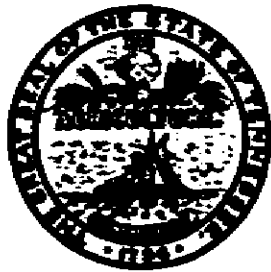
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DECEASED - NAME <b>Martin Luther King, Jr.</b>		DATE OF DEATH MONTH DAY YEAR <b>4-4-68</b>	
BIRTH NO. <b>7991</b>		DATE OF BIRTH MONTH DAY YEAR <b>1-15-29</b>	
RACE WHITE NEGRO AMERICAN INDIAN OR OTHER SPECIFY <b>White</b>		SEX <b>Male</b>	
COUNTY OF DEATH <b>Shelby</b>		CITY TOWN OR LOCATION OF DEATH <b>Memphis</b>	
STATE OF BIRTH <b>Georgia</b>		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY <b>America</b>	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <b>12 253-36-3980</b>		MARRIED NEVER MARRIED DIVORCED OR PORTED MARRIED <b>Married</b>	
RESIDENCE - STATE <b>Georgia</b>		HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - NAME <b>St. Joseph Hospital</b>	
FATHER - NAME <b>Martin L. King, Sr.</b>		MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME <b>Alberta Williams</b>	
CITY TOWN OR LOCATION <b>Fulton</b>		CITY TOWN OR LOCATION <b>Atlanta</b>	
RESIDENCE - STREET AND NUMBER <b>234 Sunset N.W.</b>		CITY TOWN OR LOCATION <b>Atlanta</b>	
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY (a) <b>Gunshot Wound to Thoracic Cord</b>			
CONDITIONS IF ANY WHICH COULD BE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE (b) STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST			
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS (CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE OF DEATH)			
ACIDENT DATE OF FOMIC DE OR UNDERMINED (SPECIFY) <b>Toxicide</b>		DATE OF INJURY MONTH DAY YEAR <b>4-4-68</b>	
PLACE OF INJURY AT HOME FROM STREET FACTORY OFFICE BLEND ETC. (SPECIFY) <b>Hotel</b>		NATURE OF OCCURRENCE (BRIEF NATURE OF INJURY) <b>Victim was shot.</b>	
PHYSICIAN - CERTIFICATION I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DECEASED DIED AT THE PLACE OR IN THE STATE AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF TO THE CAUSES STATED.		SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	
MEDICAL EXAMINEE - CERTIFICATION I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DECEASED DIED AT THE PLACE OR IN THE STATE AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF TO THE CAUSES STATED.		SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	
CERTIFIER - NAME (TYPE OR PRINT) <b>J. T. Francisco, M.D.</b>		DATE SIGNED MONTH DAY YEAR <b>4-5-68</b>	
LEGAL CREATION - REMOVAL <b>Removal</b>		DATE MONTH DAY YEAR <b>4-5-68</b>	
FUNERAL HOME - NAME AND ADDRESS <b>B. S. Lewis Funeral Home, 374 Vance Avenue</b>		CITY OF DEATH <b>Memphis</b>	
CITY OF DEATH <b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>		STATE OF DEATH <b>Tenn. 38103</b>	

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE. NOT VALID UNLESS COUNTERSIGNED BY STATE REGISTRAR.

*[Signature]*  
COMMISSIONER

# State of Tennessee



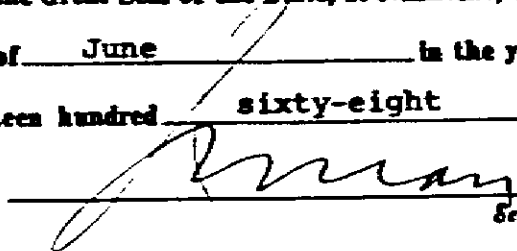
## Department of State

I, Joe C. Carr, Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee do hereby certify that Mary R. Baird is the State Registrar for the State of Tennessee and the person authorized to certify Death certificates in the State of Tennessee.

I further certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature on the attached Death Certificate is the true and genuine signature of Mary R. Baird, State Registrar for the State of Tennessee.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my signature and the Great Seal of the State, at Nashville, this 10th day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred sixty-eight

  
Secretary of State



TENNESSEE  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
NASHVILLE 37219

BUFORD ELLINGTON  
GOVERNOR

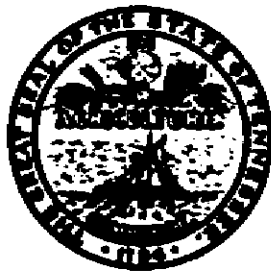
JUNE 10, 1968

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Buford Ellington, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that Joe C. Carr is the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee, and to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature on the attached document is the true and genuine signature of Joe C. Carr, Secretary of State.

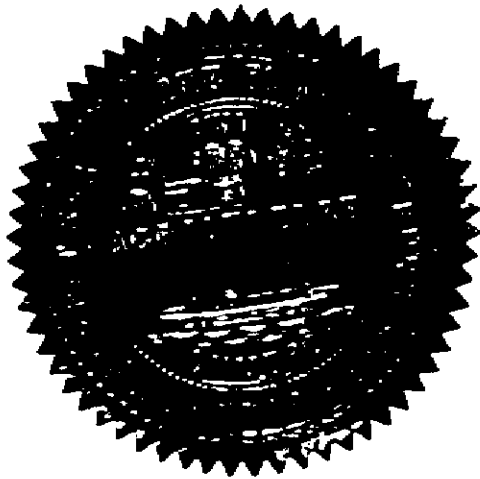
  
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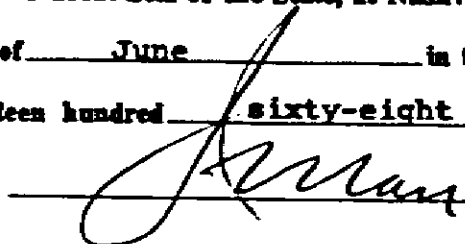


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I, Joe C. Carr, Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that Honorable Buford Ellington is the duly elected, qualified, and acting Governor of the State of Tennessee, and to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature on the attached certificate is the true and genuine signature of Honorable Buford Ellington, Governor of the State of Tennessee.



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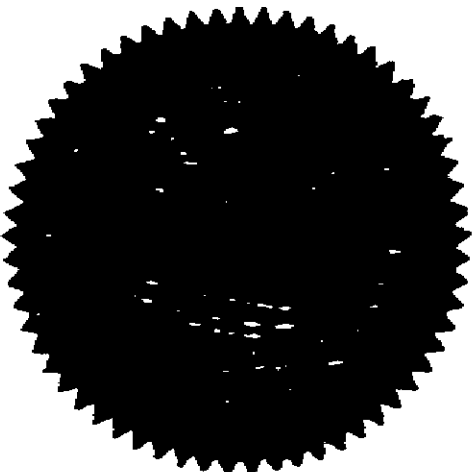
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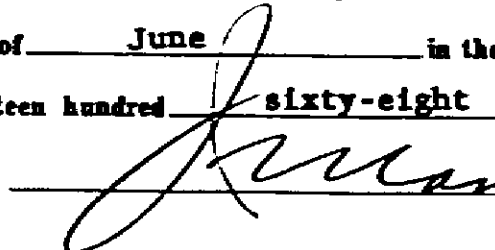
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I, Joe C. Carr, Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee do hereby certify that Thomas C. Littlejohn, Jr., is the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Tennessee and the person authorized to certify Autopsy Reports in the State of Tennessee.

I further certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature on the attached Autopsy Report is the true and genuine signature of Thomas C. Littlejohn, Jr., Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Tennessee.



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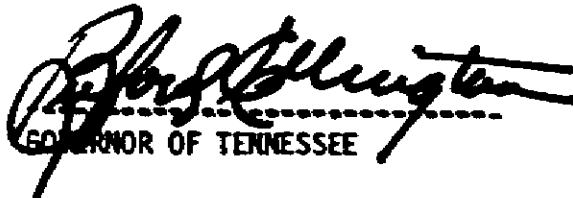
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EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
NASHVILLE 37210

BUFORD ELLINGTON  
GOVERNOR

June 10, 1968

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*To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:*

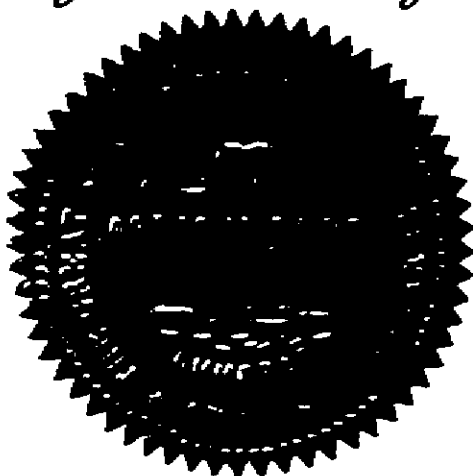
*I Joe C. Carr, Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that the annexed is a true copy of*

Sections 39-2401, 39-2402 and 39-2405 of Chapter No. 24, Tennessee Code Annotated, and are a full embodiment of the statutory law in regard to murder in the first degree and the punishment therefor as the law existed on April 4, 1968 and on May 7, 1968.

*the original of which is now on file and a matter of record in this office.*

*In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my Official Signature, and by order of the Governor, affixed the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee, at the Department, in the City of Nashville,*

*this 10th day of June,*  
*A.D. 1968.*



*Joe C. Carr*  
Secretary of State

CHAPTER 24

HOMICIDE

39-2401. MURDER.--If any person of sound memory and discretion, unlawfully kill any reasonable creature in being, and under the peace of the state, with malice aforethought, either express or implied, such person shall be guilty of murder. [Code 1858, §4597 (deriv. Acts 1829, ch. 23, §2); Shan., §6438; Code 1932, §10767.]

39-2402. MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.--Every murder perpetrated by means of poison, lying in wait, or by any other kind of willful, deliberate, malicious, and premeditated killing, or committed in the perpetration of, or attempt to perpetrate, any murder in the first degree, arson, rape, robbery, burglary, or larceny, is murder in the first degree. [Code 1858, §4598 (deriv. Acts 1829, ch. 23, §3); Shan., §6439; mod. Code 1932, §10768.]

39-2405. PUNISHMENT FOR MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.--Every person convicted of murder in the first degree, or as accessory before the fact to such crime, shall suffer death by electrocution, or be imprisoned for life or over twenty (20) years, as the jury may determine. [Code 1858, §4601 (deriv. Acts 1829, ch. 23, §4); Acts 1913 (1st E. S.), ch. 36, §1; 1915 (Vol. II), ch. 181, §1; 1917, ch. 14, §1; Shan., §6442; Acts 1919, ch. 4, §1; 1919, ch. 5, §§ 2, 3; Code 1932, §10771.]

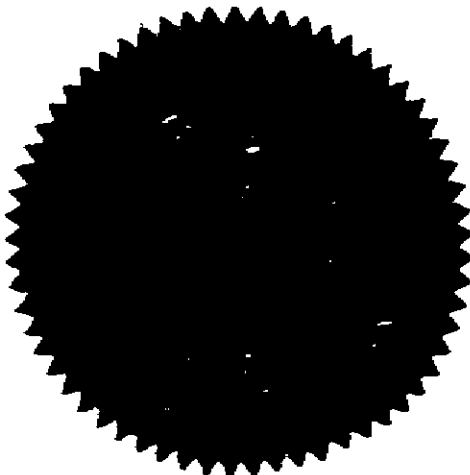


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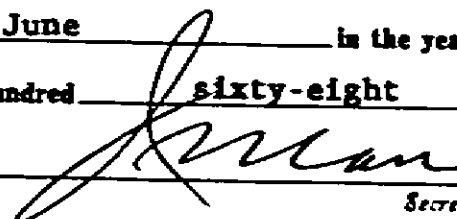


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