

After a lengthy interrogation of Crawford, in learning that he had spent some time in Birmingham, Ala, Atlanta, Ga., Little Rock, Ark., he was arrested and held for the Homicide Bureau where he was later released after he was again interrogated.

We then proceeded to 424 S. Main where we interviewed Guy Warren Canipe, Sr., MW 58, of 1078 Brover Rd., ph. 324-0344, business ph. 525-0439. He stated that he was the owner of Canipe Amusement Co. and that his main business is vending machines. He stated that on Thursday, Apr. 4, 1968 that he didn't get to his office until approx. 5:00 p.m. Shortly after he came in, two male coloreds who were later learned to be Julius Leroy Graham, MC 22, and W/ Bernell Finley, MC 40, and was going through the records that he had taken off of his music machines and he was playing some of them on a juke box that he had in for repair, when he heard a thud at his front door and on looking up, he saw a male white that he described as being 6 ft. tall, 180 lbs., dark hair, neatly dressed, walking away from his front door in a normal manner, south on Main St. on the sidewalk. He said that it wasn't unusual for things like that to occur, and he recalled one specific incident where a drunk male white had placed a television at about the same location as the other bundle was, and later on the drunk came back and asked for his TV, that he had taken and put inside the store. He said that it probably took him a minute or less to go to the front door and look out, and he saw a barrel of a rifle pointed towards him lying in a Browning gun box. He also saw a green piece of cloth that was wrapped around what was later learned to be a small suitcase. He said he told the two male coloreds who had followed him out, to stay in the place as there was going to be trouble, because he had just looked to his right and saw a deputy sheriff with his revolver drawn, coming towards him from north on Main St.

Afterwards, he had learned that Dr. Martin Luther King had been shot a few minutes earlier, before the bundle was dropped at his front door.

In further questioning him, he stated that there are three parking places from in front of his store southward to a driveway leading to a parking area just south of his building. He said that he always attempts to get into one of these three parking places, but when he arrived at 5:00 p.m., he saw that there were three cars already in this parking area, and he parked in the first spot south of the beforementioned driveway. He said one of these cars, and he believed it to be the one in front of his place of business, was a white small compact car, and that parked behind it was another white small car. After he had stepped out onto the sidewalk, he looked to the south and then to the north and saw the deputy sheriff coming. He thinks it was at this time when the car parked directly behind the car that was parked in front of his place of business pulled away from the curb and left northbound on Main St. He did not think that this car was being handled in a reckless manner or driven fast, and therefore paid no attention to it afterwards.

It was his opinion that he could not identify this male white who dropped the bundle.

He told us that he had been to police headquarters where he had given a written statement stating the same facts as above.

After leaving Canipe's at 424 S. Main St., we went to 422 1/2 S. Main St., which is the scene of where the assailant had rented a room and had fired the fatal shot. It was found that even though the manager called the scene as being 422 1/2 S. Main St., it is actually over 418 S. Main St., Jim's Grill. On going up the stairs and to the north side of 422 1/2 S. Main St. we located the scene which is a bathroom, consisting of a bathtub, commode and sink, with a window in the east end of this hall that overlooks Mulberry and the Lorraine Hotel. In searching the scene we found that the window sill had a mark or indentation that was located approximately halfway across the sill and approximately in the middle of it, and on examining it closely, it was our opinion that this came from some portion of the assailant's rifle when it was fired, and that later on it would be important to the case. We borrowed a hand saw, hammer and screwdriver from Mr. Canipe and this window sill was removed and later brought to headquarters to be sent off to the FBI Office in Washington, D. C. to be processed and the marks identified.

While in this bathroom it was noticed a square kitchen match, partially burned, but at the time it was not confiscated. It was later learned that there was a chillchaser in the bathroom and the occupants were required to use a match to light the gas. The occupants of 422 1/2 S. Main St. were interviewed and the only thing we learned differently than had already been known, that the subject could have sandy hair. We also learned that the occupants of 422 1/2 S. Main St. had been questioned and statements given prior