

4:00 pm

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Jim's Grill 2-6-69
 Interview with Mr. Lloyd Jowers 418 So. Main St.

A white Mustang was parked directly in front of Jim's Grill. I parked behind this Mustang - Mustang did not have Tenn. Tag - no other description. Mr. Jowers heard a noise that did ~~not~~ not know it was a shot. Did not see anyone drive off in white Mustang after heard noise.

Charles Stephens was drunk on Apr. 4, 1968, in the afternoon - remembers because Stevens and his landlady were having trouble about Stephens rent. One of the police officers guarding Stephens paid \$59.00 on Stephens bill to Mr. Jowers. Mr. Jowers states that there was only one person in Jim's Grill, 4-4-68 at 9:00 pm, who was unfamiliar to Mr. Jowers. This man introduced himself as Jim Sanders and has been a regular customer of Jim's Grill ever since - however Sanders ~~is~~ has not been back in for about two months. Sanders did act funny ~~there~~ when in the excitement he continued to sit on his stool and drink beer.

Mr. Jowers was behind the counter when he heard a noise from the back of the building, he went to investigate as it sounded like one of his skillets had fallen on the floor. As Mr. Jowers walked back, Sanders ordered a beer, when Mr. Jowers returned to the counter he drew a draft beer for Sanders. Then a deputy sheriff came to the door and told Mr. Jowers to lock up his place of business. About 30 min. later officers returned and had Mr. Jowers reopen. Police had everyone in the place write his name

and address on a sheet of paper and allowed those who wanted to leave to do so. Sanders stayed until closing time. Mr. Jowers closed about 11:00 pm.

Mr. Jowers estimates that about 4 min. went by between the time he heard the noise and the time the deputy sheriff told him to lock his door. A negro named Frank Holt was on the street and the police had Mr. Jowers open his door and let Holt in off the street.

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