

HUGH W. STANTON, JR.
NOTES
RE: JAMES EARL RAY

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Hartzell would be used in the event that there was some attempt to found the rumor that Ray was taking dancing lessons in New Orleans, while, in fact, he was at the penitentiary in Missouri.

Hayes states that this is an unusually sharp witness.

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Olivia Hays, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, is the chief clerk at the Lorraine Motel and was never interviewed by Hayes, but was interviewed in depth by Kathlene Kovelt, editor of the St. Louis Sentinel.

Elmer C. Holder, 2096 Pendleton Street, is listed in the Telephone Directory as photographer for U. S. Corps of Engineers. He was not interviewed by Hayes.

Peggy Jane Hurley, female colored, 421 S. Main, was employed in the furniture warehouse and Hayes does not remember whether he talked with her or not, but some of these people could testify that a white Mustang was parked on Main earlier in the afternoon, however, all were unable to see what happened at 6:00 P.M. on April 4, because of their positions.

William Z. Reed and Ray A. Hendrix both lived in the Clark Hotel at 106 Vance, which is at the corner of Main and Vance. Both had been in Jim's Grill and left shortly before 6:00 P.M. on April 4. According to Jowers, both were drunk. According to Mrs. Letha Clark, manager of the Clark Hotel, both were drunk. Both apparently would testify, although neither was interviewed by Hayes, that they walked North on Main Street toward the Clark Hotel. When they were almost to the intersection of Main and Vance, they saw a white Mustang headed North on Main at a rapid rate of speed, turn west on Vance. Reed is a coupon salesman for a portrait photography studio and is an alcoholic. Hendrix works for the Corps of Engineers on a riverboat and is on the boat three weeks out of each month.

Hendrix stays drunk during his week off. The name of the boat is the Orkerson. Neither was served at the last trial, although subpoenas were issued. Hayes did not interview Rev. Samuel B. Kyles, 2215 S. Parkway East.

William Bishop King, 1776 W. Lloyd Circle, Memphis, *Hayes* is a member of the Fire Department and was on duty at Fires Station No. 2 on April 4. My notes discuss Lt. Loenneke and most of the other firemen, and King was simply one of the four other firemen who were at the rear of the station.

Hayes did not talk to Rev. James Lawson, Memphis, but will give us additional information in regard to him. Lawson went to Prague, Czechoslovakia, shortly after King was shot, was convicted of draft dodging in World War II and has visited North Viet Nam along with Coretta King since we have been at war with them.

Sara Loving 3466 Lamar Avenue, Rebel Motel, was not interviewed by Hayes, but would testify that Ray checked in the Motel on April 3 and was not seen thereafter.

Ronald Wesley Haley, 4683 Montgomery, Millington, Tennessee, is a Deputy Sheriff. He was not interviewed, however he may be the Sheriff who ran on past Jim's Grill and found the rifle in front of Canape's.

Frank M. Marley, 422 1/2 South Main was one of the tenants in the South Part of the Rooming House. Hayes has been unable to locate him.

Mrs. Thomas Matthews, female colored, owns a barber and beauty shop next door to the Handy Theatre on Park Avenue. She was in the Motel area. She is a civil rights militant.

Sadie McKay, 3466 Lamar Avenue, was a clerk at the Rebel Motel and has not been interviewed.

J. L. Messer, 422 1/2 S. Main lived in the Southern apartments and has not been interviewed.

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Eunise Miller, female colored, her address is given on the State list as 406 Mulberry, which is the address of the Lorraine Motel, but she is not living there and has never lived there, and is now residing in St. Louis and has not been interviewed.

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Mary Ellen Norwood, an employee of the Lorraine Motel at 406 Mulberry. She was not interviewed, however, Hayes believes her to be the female colored carrying the towels immediately prior to King's death.

David Harrison Owens, 421 S. Main, male colored, worked at the furniture warehouse across the street and would be unable to testify to anything that occurred around 6:00 P.M. on April 4, Hayes talked to one person and two or three women at the furniture warehouse and is not sure whether this is the person or not.

Bertie L. Reeves, Hayes has a statement from him which will be gotten.

Harry Sero (Louise) formerly lived at 295 N. McNeil with Sheriff Ragghianti, who is Judge Battle's Deputy. He used to work for Blackie's Body Shop. Hayes information comes from Ragghianti, and Delmas Moore, Both say that Sero is untrustworthy and a person who would manufacture any story in order to become the center of attention. Louise, his wife, formerly worked for Limbros. Nick Limbroski is also aware of their untrustworthiness.

Paul Smith, Memphis Fire Department, Station No. 2, is the fourth fireman who was present at the time King was shot.

Charles E. Stone, 584 Orchid Drive, was also in the group of firemen who were on duty at Station No. 2, "B" Shift at 6:00 P.M. on April 4.

Frances B. Thompson 421 S. Main, Memphis, Tennessee, is another Negro woman who was upstairs at the furniture warehouse.

Howard Bonnie Vance, 422 1/2 S. Main, is another "wino" who lives in the southern apartment. He was not interviewed.

J. W. Walton, Fire Department, was a member of the ambulance crew at Station No. 3 that picked King up.

Ivan B. Webb, 2569 Faxon, was an employee of the Rebel Motel, was not interviewed,

R. N. Wenzler, 4100 Ward Avenue, is a City Engineer on the Public Works Department, whose only function was to take certain measurements and make drawings.

Barney G. Wright, 4264 Dunn Street was/attempted to be contacted several times by Hayes, but never successfully and he does not know what he would testify or why he is on the list.

Cordrey York, Sr., 1365 Yorkshire Drive, and Cordrey York, Jr., 1374 E. Crestwood, owned York Arms. Neither was contacted, but both would testify that the binoculars found in front of Canape's were purchased at their store.

Ralph Carpenter, York Arms Company, 162 S. Main, nickname Ted represented by John Knox Aycock, allegedly sold a pair of binoculars to someone who may or may not have been James Earl Ray. TPH

The following people lived at 422 1/2 Main on April 4:

Frank Brewer

Bessie Ruth Brewer

Harold Carter (Cornbread)

J.L. Messer

Howard Bonnie Vance

Mrs. Jessie Joe Ledbetter

Frank Marley

Bertie Reeves

Willie Auschultz

Charles Stevens

Grace Stevens

Harold (Cornbread) Carter, male white, age 55-60, approximately six feet has had a paralytic stroke which left his left side paralyzed formerly lived at 422 1/2 S. Main. Is in the address unknown. Carter was in the rear of 422 1/2 Main seated on a cardboard box drinking wine at 6:00 P.M. on April 4. Shortly before 6:00 Dude Wheeler and another derelict named "White Boy" had been drinking wine with him, but they left him there alone. Carter heard a man walking from the apartment building, his left rear, and thought it was another individual who had come over to watch the goings on at the hotel.

He heard the shot, loud in his ear, looked around, at that time the man was close enough to kick gravel on him as he ran North. The man had a rifle. He took the stock off the rifle and threw it behind some scrap iron in the rear of 422 1/2 Main. He stepped from the wall down onto a garbage can, on down to the street, and disappeared. Hayes, after having been told this story by Carter and in the presence of Carter, located the stock which had a door hinge behind the pistol grip which enabled the stock to be folded. Harold Carter says that the individual took the receiver and barrel, stuffed it under his coat and disappeared into the crowd. Hayes has the stock available and will produce it when Carter has testified as to the manner in which he obtained it. Hayes does not want to testify that he found the stock there without verification from some other person as to its validity.

The man who had the rifle wore a white turtle neck sweater and was a male caucasian. "Cornbread" Carter is a graduate of Ole Miss and played football there.

Ben Branch, Chicago, Illinois, is another person who would testify, according to Ernest ^{Withers} Willis, that he heard and saw an individual jump from the bank with a rifle. There is a photograph of Branch talking to a newspaper reporter with a deformed ~~left~~ ^{right} ear and Withers took the picture and heard the conversation between Branch and the reporter to the effect that as just stated above.

David M. Wood, 3639 Townes, Memphis, Tennessee, was formerly employed by Tayloe Paper Company whose office is at Front and Huling. He is presently employed by Plough, Inc. Wood remembers the lineup of the automobiles to be as follows:

Canapes' Red Station Wagon was parked in front of his place of business.

Space - where fireplug was.

Jowers' white Cadillac pulled up very close to a white Mustang in front of it a white Lincoln and in front of that a white Rambler. Wood got off work at approximately 5:00 P.M. and walked to Jim's. Harold Parker, Yellow Cab Company, owned the Rambler. A road salesman for Tayloe Paper Company owned the Lincoln. Wood says that the Mustang had a whiplash aerial. This witness was interviewed by Hayes.

Kenneth W. Foster 3072 Willow Road, was also an employee of Tayloe Paper Company. He is uncertain whether the Mustang had a whiplash aerial or not. Foster was in Jim's at the time of the shooting.

James A. Walker, 1066 Poplar Avenue, now residing at 1220 N. Parkway, was also an employee of Tayloe Paper Company. He arrived at Jim's Grill shortly after 5:00 and was there until the police came.

Wood, Foster and Walker all say that the fireplug had no vehicle parked in front of it when they arrived. Walker says that he thought he would notice it if it had had a whiplash type aerial, but could not swear that it did or did not. He did not notice the license, tires or whether the car had a trailer hitch.

Paul Gargas still employed by Tayloe Paper Company, left work later than the others and was gone prior to the shooting. Gargas would testify by the time he had arrived James A. Walker had parked his Ford Fairlane in front of the fireplug, thereby leaving no space from Harold Parker's Rambler down to the red Chevrolet Station Wagon owned by Canipes.

Gargas remembers the white Mustang being in front of Jim's Cadillac because he had to sidestep in order to get between them. He also remembers that when he left at approximately twenty minutes to six that he did not have to sidestep and that the Mustang was not there. He was in West Memphis, Arkansas when he heard a radio broadcast telling of King's death.

Burnell Finley, age forty and Julius Graham age twenty-four, both live at 804 N. Fifth Street. Both were in Canipes facing South looking at the record rack. Both would testify that they saw, run South drop the rifle turn around and run back North. Both are colored. They also state that he got in the white Mustang parked in front of Jim's Cadillac and "burned rubber" for half a block.

Jowers would testify that there were no tire marks on the street after the shooting as would most anybody in the area that looked. Our photograph of the interior of Canipes shows that they would not have been in a position to see much.