

Feb. 3, 1969

Statement of Mr. James M. McCreaw

On April 4, 1968, I was driving for Yellow Cab Co. and was dispatched to 422 1/2 So. Main St. to pick up a fare. When I arrived at this address, I double parked as there were cars and trucks parked at the curb. I observed a Cadillac auto owned by Mrs. Jwers, owner of Jim's Grill on So. Main, ⁵²⁶⁻⁹⁹¹⁰ and I also observed two white Mustangs parked at the curb and several delivery trucks all of this traffic was parked on the East side of So. Main St. facing north. A woman who ran the rooming house directed Mr. McCreaw to a certain room stating that the occupant of that room directed that a cab be called. The door of the room was open and McCreaw ~~went~~ ^{went} in the room and found Charles Stevens (Stephen) laying on the bed fully clothed, he was in a very drunken condition. Stevens was well known to Mr. McCreaw as he (McCreaw) had picked him up many times before. Mr. McCreaw refused to transport Stevens as a fare because of his drunken condition. Mr. McCreaw stated that Stevens could not get off the bed. Mr. McCreaw left the rooming house, got back into his cab, made a U turn and went South on So. Main St. When Mr. McCreaw got to the corner of So. Main and Calhoun Sts. the dispatcher said that Dr. M.L. King had been shot and for all cabs to stay out of the So. Main area. Mr. McCreaw, after he got back into his cab, received a call to Frankie & Johnny's Boat Store on the Mississippi River at the Bridge.

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Mr. M^cCraw estimated that he was in the rooming house about 3 min. and that from the time he left the rooming house until the time the dispatcher called about King being shot was about 2 min.

M^cCraw has driven Stephens to many liquor stores throught the city at many different times. Stephens drank all kinds of whiskey or beer. Mr. M^cCraw could not tell wether Stephens drank more on the 1ST and 15th of the month as he (Stephens) was a heavy drinker at all times.

x James M. McCraw

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