

Velanti, Johnny

Mo Pen

X1-19

Ray and Velanti known to inmate  
Buddy, but not known to associate.

Not known to capt. of guards.

Velanti, Johnny

Kansas City

X1-69      Alias: Raymond Dutton Jackson, Melody  
Reno LaValle, Roy Douglas Taylor,  
Carl Dutchin Von Demeran, Miles Swiftwater,  
Reno Velanti.

Summary of records.    Description.

Valenti, Johnny

Mo Pen

XVII- 24

Ran lottery on J Hall with Ray  
and "Boston", says informant.

Wade, Kenneth Lee

MoPen

SA Norton,  
Geary

XI-36

Says Ray was conservative with money. Sometimes gambled, but conservatively. Said he didn't spend much money. Wade described the procedures at prison drug sale by which Ray could have made a substantial income.

Says Ray was friend of Willie Show or Schoat (ph) an associate of Glen Shurnick (ph).

White, Jerry Wayne  
#10743

Mo Penn SA Ayers

X-69

Worked in Kitchen where Ray pushed  
food cart to hospital, but knows nothing  
about Ray.

Wallace, James D.  
#75682

Mo Pen

SA Ayers

X1-8

Says he saw Ray entering Jefferson-Gravois Bank with James L. Owens, a former partner of Ray; in St. Louis, Summer 1967.

Does not know of Cooley's organization.

X1-16

Reinterviewed. Says no doubt about seeing Ray in Summer 1967. Says wife Betty also may have seen him.

Westberg, Ronald  
#71859

Mo Pen

SA Ayers

X1-17

Says he knew Ray well, was working in Food Services when Ray escaped, and knew all about it. Another inmate planned the escape in the bread box, but he and Ray decided that Ray would go since Ray had longer sentence. The other inmate gave Ray money and clothing and "covered for him." Would not name the inmate because they were good friends.

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Ayers, L.L.  
(SA)

Mo Pen

X-119

Reviewed Leavenworth records 4/26/68.

Ayers, Rowen B.  
SA

Mo Penn

X-17      Filed complaint for Ray's arrest for  
unlawful flight, April 24, 1968, in  
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Ayers, Rowen  
Sa

Mo Penn

X-18      Obtained handwriting samples of Ray  
from G. B. Peterson.    Fulton, Mo.  
State Hospital on 4/19/68.

Ayers, R. B.  
(SA)

Mo Penn

X - 75,78

Received 4/23/68 from Treasurer  
Stewart, Ray's ledger,

Received 4/24/68 from list of  
Money orders received by Ray.

Baker, Phillip L.

Mo Penn SA Ayers

X-75

Sent money order to Ray 6/19/63

516 Guitar Building  
Columbia, Mo.

Baker, Phillip Lee  
Attorney

Mo Pen

X1-10

Represented Ray concerning habeas  
corpus writ.

Baker, Philip Lee

MoPen

SA ~~F~~ Howe

X1-71 Ray's attorney an habeas corpus. Spoke with Ray once prior to hearing. Would not represent him on appeal. Was recommended by Ray to another inmate.

about  
Received letter from Jerry Ray - ~~want~~ money, saying money received from James Earl Ray should be sent to Jerry. 7/10/63.



Baker, Philip Lee

MoPen

SA Howe

X1-73      Reinterviewed about payment of legal fees. Received letter 5/19/63 from Ray saying \$50 would be sent. Received letter from Ray 6/11/63 indicating money was being sent to him by a relative. Received letter posted 6/12/63 with money; return addressee was Nathan Murphy. On 6/17/63. Baker sent \$50 excess to Ray.

Bunker, Donald  
Employee

MoPen

SA Ayers

X1-78      Described visitation procedures.

Burkhardt, Alfred  
former guard

Mo Penn

SA Ayers

• X-16

Relief driver of truck. Described  
picking up bread April 23, 1967.  
Heard someone found Ray's clothes  
after escape.

Burkhardt, Alfred  
guard officer

Mo Penn

x - 5

Drove farm truck by which Ray may  
have escaped 4/23/67.

Burkhardt, Alfred  
guard

Mo Penn

X-7

Interviewed re-escape. States his activities in carrying bread from prison kitchen to farm.

CASEY, Judge John C.

Missouri-Penn.

B

LHM 5/23/68

Sentenced Ray to 20 years in Penn for armed robbery in 1959. Motion to set aside conviction filed before escape 4/67 - still pending.

Casey, Judge John C.

MoPen

Extradition  
Affidavit

Furnished record of conviction for  
robbery and sentence.

Compton, Bill

MoPen:

Manager, Belsaw Locksmithing Locksmithing

XI-49            No record of Ray. Furnished applications.

XI-49a           Handwriting on applications compared with  
"Murkin" investigation. Negative.  
Furnished applications 5/28/68 to FBI.



Connolly, Thomas J.  
SA

Mo. Penn

X-18      Obtained form dated 4/4/58 signed by  
Ray from probation officer, at Kansas  
City on 5/6/68.

Cotton, Dr. Jack C.

Mo Penn

X-73

Signed 10/24/66 psychiatric report  
on Ray

Dallas, Hugh  
business manager  
at MSP

Channel Radio  
MoPen

SA Ayers

XI-86

No records kept of radio serial numbers unless sent by Seller. Does have numbers from some radios purchased.

Inmates could buy Pepsodent but not Right Guard.

Elliott, M. J.  
Assoc. Warden

Mo. Penn

X - 7

Recorded supplemental report on  
escape. Report dated 5/4/67 from  
Capt. D. Steele.

Elliott, M. J.  
Assoc. Warden

Mo. Penn

X - 5

Recorded initial report on escape.

Fletcher, J. C. Mo Penn  
inmate

X-66

Reported an escape, between noon  
and 1 p.m., April 23, 1967, to Lt.  
Turner.

Fuller, Mrs. Mabel

Mo Penn SA Ayers

X-75

Sent money order to Ray 1/8/64,  
12/24/64, 12/20/65

2601 Chestnut  
Quincy, Illinois

Guhleman, Henry  
M.D.

Mo Pen

X-123      Wrote letter dated 12/20/66 re Ray  
psychiatric condition to Mo Perole Board.



Holt, Freeman

Mo Pen

SA McDonald

X-98

Stated ledger of Kenneth Hurtt shows  
money order for \$15.25 sent to  
Albert J. Pepper on 1/20/67.

Huett, John

Mo Penn

X-98

Ledger indicates money order sent  
1/20/67, to Albert J. Pepper.

Kepler, Dr. E. C.

Mo Penn

X-73

Signed 10/24/66 psychiatric report  
on Ray.

Kepler, Dr. Earl C.

Mo Penn

x-18

Letter from Ray to above given to SA Ayers, on 4/19/68 for handwriting analysis. Sent to lab 4/20/68.

Letter is from Ray to above of the Biggs Building, Fulton, Mo. Letter furnished to Ayers by Dr. G. B. Peterson of State Hospital in Fulton, Mo.

Kirkpatrick, James C.

Mopen

Extradition (Sec. of State of State of Missouri)  
Affidavit

Defined Missouri statutes of robbery  
in 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees; and  
robbery by means of a deadly weapon.

Lauf, Harry  
records officer

Mo Penn

X-18      Gave 34 pages of Ray's handwriting  
            on prison records to SA Ayers on  
            4/26/68/. Sent to lab 4/27/68.

Lauf, Harry  
records officer

Mo Pen

SA Ayers

X1-6

Gave names of former inmates  
with last name of Cooley.

Luche, Clarence  
Storekeeper, canteen

Channel Radio  
MoPen

SA Weaver

XI-93      Worked in canteen April 1967.  
Often engraved numbers on radios.  
Marked and furnished sample to SA  
Weaver 5/29/68.



Lueckenhoff, Harry I.  
Gordon Sound Co.

Channel Radio  
MoPen

SA Ayers

XI-84

No record kept of serial numbers of items  
sold to MSP, including 34 channel master  
radio model #6502.

Lyons, Gus  
#01696

MoPen

SA Weaver

XI-94

Worked in canteen and did engravings.

Gave sample "00416" to SA Weaver 5/29/68

Maher, Mrs. Mary

Mo Penn SA Ayers

X-76

Sent money order to Ray 3/25/64,  
12/20/66

1324 Lami  
St. Louis, Mo.

Miller, Kenneth      Mo Penn  
Mo. State Highway Patrol Lab.

SA Ayers

X-64

Reported negative results as of 5/6/68  
on latent fingerprint comparisons with  
known Ray prints.

Murphy, Nathan J.

MoPen

X1-73

Return addressee on letter sent to  
Attorney Baker 6/12/63 for Ray's legal fee.

Murray, Edward B.

Mo Pen

X-108

Signed presentence report 4/26/55. U.S.  
probation office.

Pepper, Albert J.

Mo Penn

SA McDonald

X-98

Ree'd money order from inmate Hurtt,  
1/20/67

(St. Louis, Mo). For \$15.25

Peterson, D. B.  
M.D.

Mo Penn

SA Ayers

X-71

Stated Ray was confined in max. security State Hospital No. 1 for mental evaluation September 8, 1966, to October 21, 1966. Examination requested by attorney after Ray charged with attempting to escape.

Furnished negative photo, letter from Ray to hospital, and diagnosis on 4/19/68.



Peterson, Dr. G. B.

Mo. Penn

X-18

Gave letter from Ray to Dr. Earl C.  
Kepler to SA Ayers on 4/19/68.

Phason, Al  
canteen

Channel Radio  
MoPen

SA Weaver

XI-92

Worked in canteen during 1967. Sometimes etched numbers on radios.

Gave ~~xxx~~ FBI sample etch of "00416" marked "AP" to SA Weaver 5/29/68.