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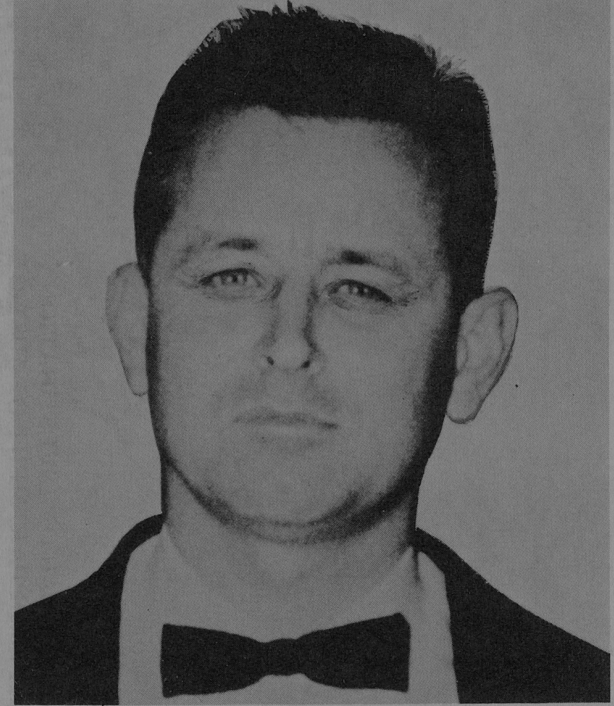
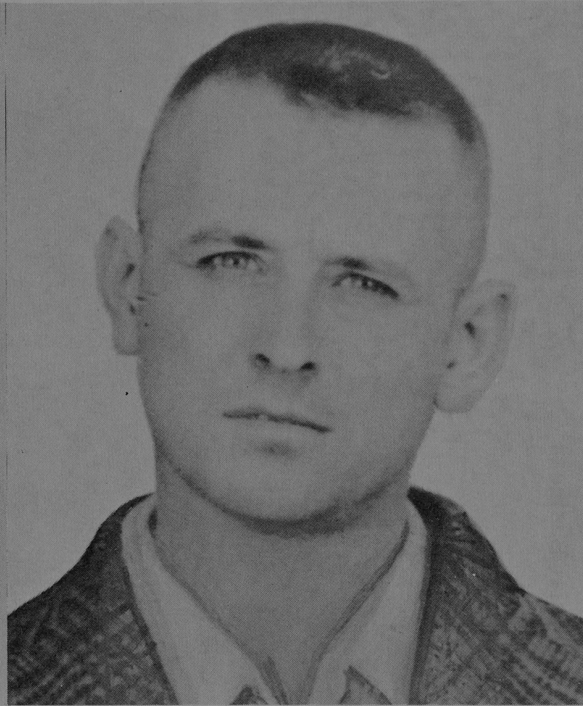
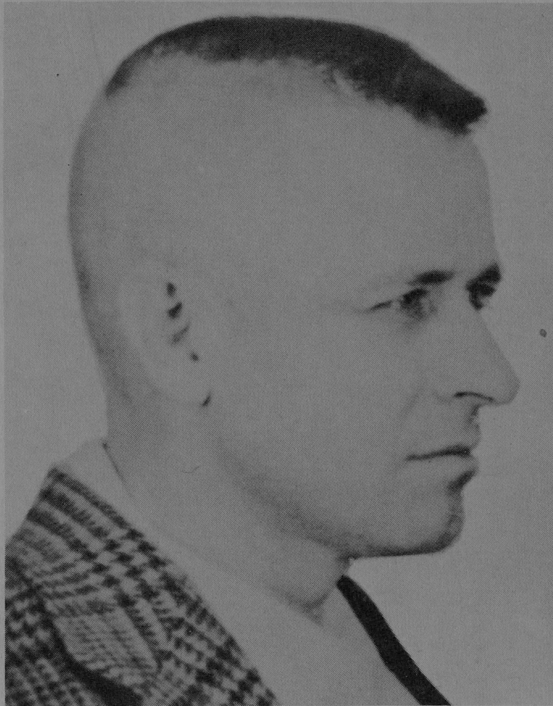
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## CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY JAMES EARL RAY

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968  
(eyes drawn by artist)

**Aliases:** Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim,"

### DESCRIPTION

**Age:** 40, born March 10, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)  
**Height:** 5' 10" **Eyes:** Blue  
**Weight:** 163 to 174 pounds **Complexion:** Medium  
**Build:** Medium **Race:** White  
**Hair:** Brown, possibly cut short **Nationality:** American

**Occupations:** Baker, color matcher, laborer

**Scars and Marks:** Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand

**Remarks:** Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.

**Fingerprint Classification:** 16 M 9 U 000 12

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### CRIMINAL RECORD


Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

### CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

**IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.**

  
DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535  
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(File No.) 44-760

1. IDENT RECORD RE: WALTER TERRY RIFE.

REC'D 4/22/68

2. IDENT RECORDS RE: JAMES EARL RAY.

4/22/68

3. Photos of Wilson Elmo Rife

" 4-23-68

4. List of places where Ray + Rife cashed

" 4-24-68

Hidden Postal Mox during March 1955

5. Specimen of Permo-Seal tape

" 4/24/68

6. Photos of Richard Darrell

" "

7. Zero + copy 50 records re

" "

8. Photos of James Earl Ray

" 4/26/68

9. Letter 4/21/68 from Maurice Block to

" "

J. J. W. Selingham

10. Envelope letter Warden from Roy D. Keelp

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

KC Mo  
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By J. Hayes  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned  Yes  
 No

Receipt given  Yes  
 No

Description:

Ident record re  
Walter Terry Rife



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# Sheriff's Office — Jackson County, Mo.

## BUREAU of IDENTIFICATION RECORD

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Kansas City, Mo. 3-28-55 195

No. 29636

No. 29636 Kansas City, Mo. 3-28-55 195

Name Walter Terry Rife Alias  Married  Single

Color White Age 30 Height 5-93/4 Weight 160 Build Med.

Hair Brown Eyes Gray Complexion Med.

Occupation Bartender Res. 220 Locust St. Quincy, Ill.

Relative Rossie Rife (Mother) Res. Same

Relative Rossie Rife (Mother) Res. Same

Place of Birth Quincy, Ill. Date of Birth April 19, 1924

Marks, Scars, etc.

F.P.C.

Tattoo of cross left forearm

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SO, Kansas City, Mo 3-28-55  
Comm. #672 A

Walter Terry Rife  
29636

Forgery Postal Money  
Orders

Present inv- ordered  
4-1-55

3 Yrs. Whittaker  
7-1-55

Out to 11-Worth 7-7-55



MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

29636

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White - Male  
Ill.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Evansville, Ind.	Vernon Elmo Rife, #12071	12-5-43	inv.	disch.
SO, Quincy, Ill.	Walter Rife, #--	3-3-44	larceny of motor vehicle	\$1500 bond to Cir. Court
St.Farm, Vandalia, Illinois	Walter Rife, #20076	4-8-44	tampering with motor vehicle	1 yr.; 3-3-45 final disch.per exp.of sent.
War Dept., Wash.,D.C.	Walter T. Rife, #46022416	5-22-45	Enlisted	
PD, Hannibal, Mo.	Walter Terry Rife, #27520	4-29-47	deserter from Army	ret.to Army
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	Walter Terry Rife, #B-3376	8-5-47	escape from USDB, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas	rel.to Fed.Auth. 8-8-47
PD, Quincy, Ill.	Walter T. Rife, #--	2-28-51	bad checks	rel.to Decatur, Illinois
SO, Decatur, Ill.	Walter T. Rife, #39302	3-1-51	forged check	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	Walter Terry Rife, #B-3376	3-23-55	cashing stolen postal money orders	rel.to Postal Inspector at Kansas City, Mo. 3-24-55
SO, Kansas City, Mo.	Walter Terry Rife, #29636	3-28-55	forgery government	

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*	WANTED: Walter T. Rife by P.M.G.O., War Dept., December 1945. NO LONGER WANTED: Per inf. rec. 4-30-47. (located 4-29-47, apprehended Rural Lewis Co., Mo. by Fed. Auth.)			
*	WANTED: Walter T. Rife, Missouri Item #1997, 5-27-47 Charge: escape Notify: U.S.D.B., Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas (as appearing in our weekly patrol bulletin 5-30-47) CANC: 8-6-47 AUTH: U.S.D.B., Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.			
*	WANTED: NAME UNKNOWN, Missouri Item #1540, 3-22-55 Charge: passing stolen money orders Notify: Post Office Inspector, Kansas City, Mo. CANC: 3-24-55 AUTH: Post Office Inspector, Kansas City, Mo. (Subject identified as Walter Terry Rife)			

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PD Evansville Ind	Vernon Elmo Rife #12071	12-5-48	inv	disch
SO Quincy Ill	Walter Rife #--	3-3-44	L of motor veh	\$550 bond to Cir Ctt
St Farm Vandalia Ill	Walter Rife #20076	4-8-44	temp with mtr veh	1 yr: 3-3-45 final disch per exp of sent
Army	Walter T. Rife #46022416	enlisted 5-22-45		
PD Hannibal Mo	Walter Terry Rife #27520	4-29-47	deserter from Army	rel to Army
St Hwy Patrol Macon Mo	Walter Terry Rife #B-3376	8-5-47	escape from USDI Ft Leavenworth Kans	rel to Fed Auth 8-8-47
USDE Fort Leavenworth Kans	Walter Rife #15653	12-5-47	desertion	5 yrs
PD Quincy Ill	Walter T. Rife #--	2-28-51	bad checks	rel to Dep Sheriff of Decatur Ill
SO Decatur Ill	Walter T. Rife #39302	3-1-51	forged check	
PD Decatur Ill	Walter Terry Rife #7828-A	3-6-51	forg	
St Menard Ill	Walter Rife #22674	10-4-51	forg	1-14 yrs 1-18-55 par
St Hwy Patrol Macon Mo	Walter Terry Rife #B-3376	3-23-55	cashing stolen postal money orders	rel to Postal Insp Kans City Mo 3-24-55
USM Kans City Mo	Walter T. Rife #12019	3-28-55	forg US Postal Money Order	
SO Kans City Mo	Walter Terry Rife #29636	3-28-55	forg govt	

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# Sheriff's Office — Jackson County, Mo.

## BUREAU of IDENTIFICATION RECORD

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No. 29637 Kansas City, Mo. 3-28-55, 195  
Name James Earl Ray Alias ~~Marr~~ Single  
Color White Age 27 Height 5-10-1/2 Weight 170 Build Med.  
Hair Black Eyes Blue Complexion Med.  
Occupation Labor Res. Hotel Quincy, Quincy, Ill.  
Relative Mrs. Ray (Aunt) Res. Quincy Ill.  
Place of Birth Quincy-Ill Date of Birth   
Marks, Scars, etc. F.P.C.

None

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SO, Kansas City, Mo. ~~4x~~ 3-28-55  
Comm. #673A 29637

James Earl Ray Forgery-Postal Money  
Order  
Present inv- ordered  
4-1-55

4/28/67 Wanted by Mo. State Pen  
(Possible Escape) Wanted  
bulletin in jacket

3 Yrs. 7-7-55  
& 9 Mos. Whittaker ✓  
Out to 11-Worth  
7-7-55

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29637

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

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White - Male  
Ill.-Iowa-

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray, #E-119908	10-11-49	sus. burglary	
PD, Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray, #139648	10-11-49	sus. 459 PC (burglary)	8 mos. Co.Jl. sp; 2 yrs. Prb, srv 1st 90 ds Co Jl D46 12-30-49 (Cs 129438)
SO, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray, #5937	4-18-50	vagrancy	
PD, Alton, Ill.	James Earl Ray, #7514	7-23-51	no operator's license - no state license - no city license	rel. to pay later
PD, Chicago, Ill.	James Ray, #D90696	5-6-52	robbery (run)	GJ \$3000
Cook Co. Jl., Chicago, Ill.	James Ray, #131165	5-9-52	robbery	6-13-52 sent. to penty
SP, Joliet, Ill.	James E. Ray, #32419	6-13-52	robbery	1-2 yrs.
SP, Pontiac, Ill.	James E. Ray, #19121	7-7-52 in trans. f/Joliet	robbery	1-2 yrs., disch. 3-12-54
SO, Edwardsville, Ill.	James Earl Ray, #2640	8-30-54	burglary & larceny	
PD, Hannibal, Mo.	James E. Ray, #40714	3-23-55	inv. breaking & entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Mo.	James Earl Ray #E-3376	3-23-55	cashing stolen postal money orders	rel. to Postal Insp., Kans. City, Mo. 3-24-55

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USM, Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray, #12018	3-28-55	forgery US postal money order	
<del>SO, Kansas City, Mo.</del>	James Earl Ray, #29637	3-28-55	forgery government	
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray, #81071	10-10-59	sus. robbery	
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10-16-59	sus. robbery & stealing & fugitive other authorities	

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	1950 CJ Los Angeles, Calif.,		90 days for burg.	
	1950 Crim Crt., Los Angeles, Calif.,		2 yrs. prob. for burg.	
	WANTED: James Earl Ray, Missouri Item #1540,		3-22-55	
	Charge: passing stolen money orders			
	Notify: Post Office Inspector, Kansas City, Mo.			
	CANC: 3-24-55 AUTH: Post Office Inspector, Kansas City, Mo.			
	WANTED: James Earl Ray			
	Charge: armed robbery			
	Notify: PD, Alton, Ill.			
	(Information received Illinois Bulletin #303, 9-1-59)			
	CANC. in custody per prt #81071, PD, St. Louis, Mo. 10-10-59.			

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Westwood  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Sec 273  
(CITY AND STATE)

By Mail  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned  Yes  
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Receipt given  Yes  
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Description:

Photos of Vernon  
Elmo Rife



Vernon Elmo Rife  
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Vernon Elmo Rife  
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File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received 4-17-68

From US Postal Insp Ruddell  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

KCllo  
(CITY AND STATE)

By Wtzech  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned  Yes  
 No

Receipt given  Yes  
 No

**Description:**

list of places where  
Ray + Rife cash  
stolen Postal Money Orders  
during March 1955

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63883-K  
 63884-K  
 (35437-MD)  
 (Chi.Div.)

Particulars relating to cashing of money orders stolen from the Kellerville, Illinois, post office, serial numbers 7-42,239,535 through 7-42,239,600, by WALTER TERRY RIFE and JAMES EARL RAY.

Last three digits	Cashed by	Cashed at	Second endorser	Date of earliest discernible bank stamp	Amt.
538	Rife	St. Louis, Mo.	(Illogible)	Mar. 10	\$50
543	Ray	do	Downs Men's Shop	Mar. 9	\$55
547	Ray	Hot Springs, Ark.	EssRay Art Galleries	Mar. 21	\$75
548	Rife	do	Brown's Dept. Store	Mar. 21	\$75
550	Rife	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Topp's	Mar. 15	\$75
552	Rife	Memphis, Tenn.	Borg & McCargo	Mar. 11	\$25
557	Ray	New Orleans, La.	Wright Tailors	?	\$75
558	Rife	do	Schneiders	Mar. 21?	\$75
559	Rife	do	Todd's Sportswear Shop	Mar. 18	\$50
560	Rife	Hot Springs, Ark.	None apparent*	Mar. 21	\$50
561	Ray	do	Dinos(?) J. C. Ross	Mar. 21	\$75
562	Rife	do	Lockwood's Men's Store	Mar. 23	\$50
577	Rife	do	Pfeifers of Arkansas	Mar. 21	\$75
578	Ray	do	Biles Music Co.	Mar. 21	\$75
582	Rife	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Squires, Inc.	Mar. 16	\$50
583	Ray	do	C. K. Slaughter	Mar. 15	\$50
585	Rife	St. Petersburg, Fla.	(Ivan O. Whipple I. Zucker)	Mar. 16	\$50
586	Ray	do	Arnold's Mens Wear	Mar. 14	\$75
587	Ray	do	Dunoffs Footwear	Mar. 14	\$50
589	Rife	do	Isabelle Abrams	?	\$75
591	Ray	Tampa, Fla.	Rio Liquors Inc.	Mar. 16	\$50
592	Rife	do	Knox(?) Bar & Luncheonette	Mar. 18	\$75
593	Rife	do	The Hub	Mar. 14	\$50
595	Ray	Tallahassee, Fla.	Alford Bros. Inc.	Mar. 12	\$50
596	Ray	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Kings Credit Clothing	Mar. 14	\$50
598	Ray	Daytona Beach, Fla.	(Illogible)	Mar. 15	\$75
599	Rife	Hot Springs, Ark.	Chas. Hearn(?)	Mar. 21	\$75

\*Both Rife and Ray say no money orders cashed by them in banks.

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DATE 2-22-02 BY SPICK/KH

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File No. 44-760-1A2

Date Received 9-15-68

From Harry Buschman, Supt  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Don-A-mey Laundry  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Columbia mo.  
(CITY AND STATE)

By Raven B. Ayers  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned  Yes  
 No

Receipt given  Yes  
 No

Description:

Specimen of Burma-seal  
tape - Textile Marking  
Machines - Columbia



KEEP ATTACHED TO EXHIBIT

KC 44-160-1A2 *(initials)*

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

35-2

#1  
Thermo Seal

W30 -  
44-760  
4-15-68

Thermo seal

# 2

34 22

HSK 1  
SM-31298

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OV 30-

4-15-68

44-760-



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Thermo Seal

#1-

Model H5K2

SN-31270

ALB-

4-15-68

Morton

44-760

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File No. 44-760-1A2

Date Received 4/24/68

From Buc  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

St  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Sec 391  
(CITY AND STATE)

By mm  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

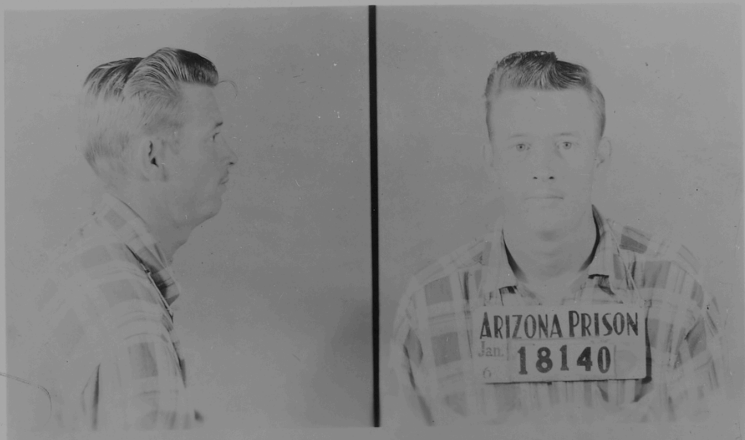
To Be Returned  Yes  No

Receipt given  Yes  No

Description:

Photos of Richard  
Harrell

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Richard Burnham Harrell FBI #751 195 A  
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Richard Burnham Harrell FBI #751 195 A  
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File No. 44-760-7A2

Date Received Apr 19-68

From Judson Co. So.  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By [Signature]  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned  Yes  
 No

Receipt given  Yes  
 No

Description:

purp. [unclear]  
So. [unclear]  
for [unclear] By [unclear]



# SHERIFF'S OFFICE — JACKSON COUNTY, MO. BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION RECORD

Kansas City, Mo. 3-28-55, 1955

No. 29637

Name James Earl Ray Alias \_\_\_\_\_ Female  Male  Married  Single

Color White Age 27 Height 5-10 Weight 170 Build Med

Hair Black Eyes Blue Complexion Med

Occupation Laborer Res. Hotel Quincy, Quincy, Ill

Relative Mrs. Ray (Aunt) Res. Quincy

Place of Birth Quincy, Ill Date of Birth

Marks, Scars, etc.

F.P.C.

Note

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VISITORS NAME	ADDRESS	RELATION

ATTORNEYS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SO, Kansas City, Mo. 3-28-55 James Earl Ray Forgery - Postal Money Order  
Comm #673A #29637 Pre-sentence investigation  
ordered 4-1-55

3 yrs 7-7-55

4-28-67-Wanted by Mo State Pen  
(Possible Escape) wanted  
bulletin in jacket

8-9-68-Whittaker  
Out to Leaveaworth 7-7-55

673-A

PRISONER'S RELEASE TICKET  
FOR RECORD ROOM

NAME Ray James Earl

ADDRESS Quincy Ill

DATE RECEIVED Mar-28-55

CHARGE Forgery

SENTENCE 3 yrs Pen

DATE RELEASED 7-7-55

DISPOSITION 11-6024

Out to jail

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_



29637

JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF

JAIL - COURT INTERCHANGE TICKET

MAY 27 1955

NO. 673A

NAME Ray James Earl

COURT W. S. Courts

CHARGE

Returned

SENTENCE

Continued

DESK

RECORDS

W. S. Courts

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JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF

JAIL - COURT INTERCHANGE TICKET

MAY 6 1955

NO. 673A

NAME Ray James Earl

COURT Court

CHARGE

SENTENCE

Returned

DESK

RECORDS

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JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF

JAIL - COURT INTERCHANGE TICKET

NO. 673a DATE 4/1/55  
 NAME Ray James East  
 COURT Govt CRT  
 CHARGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SENTENCE Present on. (Returned)  
Arthur Hamilton

29637

JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF  
JAIL - COURT INTERCHANGE TICKET

NO. 673a DATE JUL 1 - 1955  
 NAME Ray James  
 COURT Govt  
 CHARGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SENTENCE 3 years 9 mo. (Mistake)  
(Returned)  
 DESK  : RECORDS Arthur Hamilton



# MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

STATE BUREAU OF  
CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of this Bureau concerning our number

207387

FBI #306443A

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	1950 CJ Los Angeles, Calif., 1950 Crim Crt., Los Angeles, Calif.,		90 days for burg. 2 yrs. prob. for burg.	
	WANTED: James Earl Ray, Missouri Item #1540, Charge: passing stolen money orders Notify: Post Office Inspector, Kansas City, Mo. CANC: 3-24-55 AUTH: Post Office Inspector, Kansas City, Mo.			
	WANTED: James Earl Ray Charge: armed robbery Notify: PD, Alton, Ill. (Information received Illinois Bulletin #303, 9-1-59) CANC. in custody per prt #81071, FD, St. Louis, Mo. 10-10-59.			

\*Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints.

# MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

STATE BUREAU OF  
CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray, #12013	3-28-55	forgery US postal money order	
Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray, #29637	3-28-55	forgery government	
St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray, #81071	10-10-59	sus. robbery	
St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray, #81071	10-16-59	sus. robbery & stealing & fugitive other authorities	

\* Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints

For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.



MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

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JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

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-Iowa-

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray, #B-119908	10-11-49	sus. burglary	
Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray, #139648	10-11-49	sus. 459 PC (burglary)	8 mos. Co. J1. sp; 2 yrs. Prb. srv 1st 90 ds Co J1 D46 12-30-49 (Cs 129438)
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray, #5937	4-18-50	vagrancy	
Alton, Ill.	James Earl Ray, #7514	7-23-51	no operator's license - no state license - no city license	rel. to pay later
Chicago, Ill.	James Ray, #D90696	5-6-52	robbery (run)	GJ \$3000
Co. J1., Chicago, Ill.	James Ray, #131165	5-9-52	robbery	6-13-52 sent. to pent
Joliet, Ill.	James E. Ray, #32419	6-13-52	robbery	1-2 yrs.
Pontiac, Ill.	James E. Ray, #19121	7-7-52 in trans. f/Joliet	robbery	1-2 yrs., disch. 3-12-54
Edwardsville, Ill.	James Earl Ray, #2640	8-30-54	burglary & larceny	
Hannibal, Mo.	James E. Ray, #10714	3-23-55	Inv. breaking & entering Post Office	
Missouri State Highway Patrol Jefferson City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #B-3376	3-23-55	cashing stolen postal money orders	rel. to Postal Insp., Kansas City, Mo. 3-24-55

ITEM #4124

WANTED FOR POSSIBLE ESCAPE:

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RAY, James Earl, alias James McBride, James Walton, W. C. 15 9 U OIO 13  
 Herron, James E. Ray, James Ray, M 4 W IOI 15  
 Jim Ray, James O'Conner, FBI-  
 306443A, State Penitentiary,  
 Jefferson City, Mo. #00416,  
 State Highway Patrol, Macon, Mo.  
 #B-3376, Department of Police,  
 St. Louis, Mo. #81071, Sheriff's  
 Office, Kansas City, Mo. #29637.



Left thumb

White - male - 32(60) - 5-11 -  
 163 - blue eyes - black hair.  
 Home: St. Louis, Mo.

Ray was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary on  
 March 17, 1960 to serve a 20 year sentence for robbery 1st  
 & operating a motor vehicle without permission of owner.

Notify: Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri and Missouri  
 State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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PRISONER'S RELEASE TICKET  
FOR RECORD ROOM

NAME

*Rife Walter*

ADDRESS

*Quincy Ills*

DATE RECEIVED

*3-8-55*

CHARGE

*Burglary*

SENTENCE

*1 1/2 yrs Pen, 2 months*

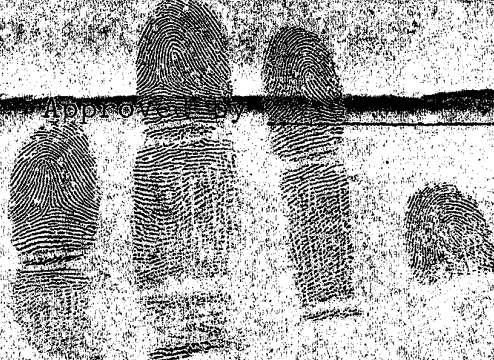
DATE RELEASED

*7-7-55*

DISPOSITION

*Out of J. D. M's*

*11 weeks*



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JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF  
JAIL - COURT INTERCHANGE TICKET

NO. 6727

DATE MAY 27 1955

NAME RIFE, Walter F.

COURT U.S. Court

CHARGE Returned

SENTENCE Continued

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JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF  
JAIL - COURT INTERCHANGE TICKET

NO.

MAY 6 1955

NAME RIFE, Walter

COURT Govt Ct

CHARGE

SENTENCE Return

DESK

RECORDS



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JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF

JAIL - COURT INTERCHANGE TICKET

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NO. 672a DATE 4/15/55  
 NAME Rife Walter T  
 COURT 105 Ct  
 CHARGE p  
 SENTENCE prob bond 5 mo (Returned)  
Walter Hamilton

29636

JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF

JAIL - COURT INTERCHANGE TICKET

NO. 672 DATE JUL 1 1955  
 NAME Rife Walter  
 COURT 105 Ct  
 CHARGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SENTENCE 3 yr Whittaker  
(Returned)  
 DESK ✓ : RECORDS Walter Hamilton

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

STATE BUREAU OF  
CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED: Walter T. Rife by U.S.C.O., War Dept., December 1945.                      NO LONGER WANTED: Per inf. rec. 4-30-47. (located 4-29-47, apprehended Rural Lewis Co., Mo. by Fed. Auth.)</p> <p>WANTED: Walter T. Rife, Missouri Item #1997, 5-27-47                      Charge: escape                      Notify: U.S.D.B., Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas                      (as appearing in our weekly patrol bulletin 5-30-47)                      CANG: 8-6-47 AUTH: U.S.D.B., Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.</p> <p>WANTED: NAME UNKNOWN, Missouri Item #1540, 3-22-55                      Charge: passing stolen money orders                      Notify: Post Office Inspector, Kansas City, Mo.                      CANG: 3-24-55 AUTH: Post Office Inspector, Kansas City, Mo.                      (Subject identified as Walter Terry Rife)</p>			



MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

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White - Male  
Ill.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Evansville, Ind.	Vernon Elmo Rife, #12071	12-5-43	inv.	disch.
SO, Quincy, Ill.	Walter Rife, #--	3-3-44	larceny of motor vehicle	\$1500 bond to Cir. Court
St. Farm, Vandalia, Illinois	Walter Rife, #20076	4-8-44	tampering with motor vehicle	1 yr.; 3-3-45 final disch. per exp. of sent.
Gen. Dept., Wash., D.C.	Walter T. Rife, #46022416	5-22-45	Enlisted	
PD, Hannibal, Mo.	Walter Terry Rife, #29320	4-20-47	deserter from Army	ret. to Army
State Highway Patrol, Macon, Missouri	Walter Terry Rife, #B-3376	8-5-47	escape from USDB, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas	rel. to Fed. Auth. 8-8-47
PD, Quincy, Ill.	Walter T. Rife, #--	2-28-51	bad checks	rel. to Decatur, Illinois
SO, Decatur, Ill.	Walter T. Rife, #30302	3-1-51	forged check	
State Highway Patrol, Macon, Missouri	Walter Terry Rife, #B-3376	3-23-55	cashing stolen postal money orders	rel. to Postal Inspr. at Kansas City, Mo. 3-24-55
SO, Kansas City, Mo.	Walter Terry Rife, #29036	3-28-55	forgery government	