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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/08/1998

To: Houston

From: Houston

Beaumont RA

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

(Pending)

Title: [REDACTED]

RUSSELL BREWER;

WILLIAM KING;

JAMES BYRD) Jr. (DECEASED) - VICTIM;

AOT-DT-VIOLENT CRIMES-PREDICATE OFFENSE

Synopsis: Murder of James Byrd, Jr. by subjects [REDACTED] Russell Brewer, and William King who are believed to be associated with the Aryan Nation or a similar white supremacist hate group.

Details: On 6/8/98, Jasper County Sheriff [REDACTED] came to the Beaumont RA to advise of a murder in Jasper County that appears to have racial/hate crime implications.

According to [REDACTED] during the morning hours of 6/7/98, a caller to the sheriff's office advised that a body was in the middle of a rural county road east of Jasper, Texas. Responding to the scene, Sheriff [REDACTED] located the badly mangled body of a black male. Further observation determined that the body had been [REDACTED] located a distance away. Witnesses in the area described a suspicious pickup truck which Sheriff Office personnel were able to locate. The driver of the pickup, [REDACTED] was stopped and detained. [REDACTED]

In summary, [REDACTED] that the victim, identified as 49 year old James Byrd, Jr. was picked up by the three men during the early morning hours of 6/7/98. The men drove to a remote logging road at which time the victim was [REDACTED]

At this time, all three subjects are in the Jasper county jail on a variety of local charges. AUSA [REDACTED] has

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been contacted and advised that the circumstances appear to be a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code., Section 241. Beaumont RA personnel are responding to Jasper County for further investigation, in coordination with the S. O. and D. A.'s Office. Houston ERT has been requested to respond for evidence processing.

It is noted that at least two of the subjects are parolees from the TDCJ and are believed to be associated with the Aryan Nations or similar white supremacist hate group.

Request is made to Open and Assign a 266A matter to SA [redacted]

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Descriptive Data:

Main Subject

Name -
Last:
First:
Middle:
DDN:
Race:
Sex:
Event Date:
Miscellaneous -

W
M
06/07/1998

Re: James Byrd, Jr., deceased
Victim

Main Subject

Name -
Last:
First:
Middle:
DDN:
Race:
Sex:
Event Date:
Miscellaneous -

Brewer
Russell

W
M
06/07/1998

Re: James Byrd, Jr., deceased
Victim

Main Subject

Name -
Last:
First:
Middle:
DDN:
Race:
Sex:

King
William

W
M

William King
29D-ND-26178

SN 14x2; 16P6; 23;
66-ND-A27114 SN 1

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Event Date:
Miscellaneous -

06/07/1998

Re: James Byrd, Jr., deceased
Victim

Main Subject

Name -

Last:

Byrd

First:

James

Middle:

DDN:

Jr

Race:

B

Sex:

M

Event Date:

06/07/1998

Miscellaneous -

Victim; re: [redacted]

Russell Brewer, William King

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Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 06/08/1998

To: Houston

Attn: Supervisor, SOG

From: SA [redacted]

Squad: Beaumont RA
Extension: (409) 832-8571
Pager Number: (409) 720-4426
Cell Phone Number: 720-4426
Point of Contact: SA [redacted]
Extension:

[redacted] Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] mcb

Case ID #: [redacted] (Pending)

Title: [redacted]

RUSSELL BREWER;
WILLIAM KING;
JAMES BYRD, JR. (DECEASED) - VICTIM;
DT

Synopsis: SOG Surveillance Request.

Details:

REQUEST IS: () URGENT (X) PRIORITY () ROUTINE

THIS REQUEST IS VALID FOR FOURTEEN DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS EC.

TYPE OF SURVEILLANCE

() GROUND (X) AERIAL

Request Surveillance of:

() SUBJECT () W/ARRESTS
() ASSOCIATES () W/ARRESTS

Request Photos of:

() SUBJECTS () ASSOCIATES

ADMINISTRATIVE : All requests for SOG assistance, either ground, aerial, or photos, must first be reviewed by the squad supervisor who must concur with the request. The squad

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supervisor will then forward all copies of the request to the SOG supervisor for prioritizing and assignment. The case agent is responsible for briefing/updating SOG concerning any additional information that may impact on the handling of the case.

Reviewed by Squad Supervisor [redacted] on 6/8/98.
(initials) (date)

Approved by SOG Supervisor _____ on _____.
(initials) (date)

SOG Agent in charge of surveillance: _____.

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PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING EACH
SUBJECT/UNSUB, INCLUDING PHOTOS, IF AVAILABLE.

NAME: N/A

SEX: RACE: AGE: DOB:

HAIR: EYES: HEIGHT: WEIGHT:

DRIVER'S LICENSE #: STATE OF ISSUE:

RESIDENCE ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):

ALL KNOWN BUSINESS ADDRESSES:

BUSINESS PHONE(S):

KNOWN VEHICLES AND PLATES:

KNOWN TO BE ARMED?: () YES () NO () UNKNOWN

ASSOCIATES: N/A

KNOWN TO BE ARMED?: () YES () NO () UNKNOWN

ARE PHOTOS AVAILABLE? () YES (X) NO
(If Yes, They Must Be Attached, Below.)

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Re: [redacted] 06/08/1998

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1. Please provide a synopsis of this case (also indicate if Informants/CWs, T-IIIs, UCAs or other agencies are involved.):

This matter involves a brutal murder in rural Jasper County on 6/7/98. Captioned subjects picked up the victim during the early morning hours of 6/7/98 and drove him to a rural area. The victim was severely beaten and then chained to the back of the truck. The victim was dragged down the road resulting in his decapitation. All three subjects are in local custody. One subject agreed to interview at which time it was determined that this act was apparently racially motivated. At least two of the subjects are parolees from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), and are believed to be associated with Aryan Nations or a similar white supremacist hate group. This matter is being handled as a priority matter at the BMTRA and a Command Post has been set up at the Jasper County Sheriff's Office (JCSO). This matter is being worked jointly with the JCSO.

2. Set forth the objectives of the SOG surveillance:

It is requested that an SOG aircraft be assigned to obtain aerial photographs of the crime scene for both evidentiary as well as lead purposes. SA [redacted] is on the scene in Jasper, Texas and can provide locations, coordinates, etc.

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3. For what length of time do you want this surveillance?

The time necessary to obtain the requested photographs.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 06/10/1998

To: Dallas

Attn: JTTF

From: Houston

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Contact: SA [redacted] (713) 693-3820

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

div [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted]

(Pending)

Title: [redacted]

RUSSELL BREWER;
WILLIAM KING;
JAMES BYRD, Jr. (Deceased) - VICTIM;
AOT-DT-VIOLENT CRIMES-PREDICATE OFFENSE

Synopsis: Request for local law enforcement checks and interviews with persons associated with Lawrence Russell Brewer, II.

Enclosures: Copy of booking photos of Brewer, [redacted] and King.

Details: The subjects of the captioned investigation are currently being held in the Jasper County jail on charges stemming from the murder of James Byrd. The victim was [redacted]

[redacted] All three subjects have spent time in prison and appear to be white supremists.

Investigation has revealed that Lawrence Russell Brewer is from Paris, Texas. As recently as two weeks ago, Brewer was living [redacted]

[redacted] Brewer was kicked out of her residence two weeks ago at which time he came to Jasper. Brewer has indicated to interviewing agents that he is not a racist and that [redacted] could 'clear everything up'.

According to SA [redacted] (Beaumont RA), Sheriff (FNU) [redacted] Hopkins County, called to report that [redacted] has dated [redacted] in the past. [redacted] described [redacted] as a militant racist who requested that [redacted]

[redacted] The sheriff is concerned about this information being released to the media for obvious reasons.

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Re: [redacted] ~~(Pending)~~ 06/10/1998

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Information obtained from a Texas Department of Public Safety check revealed Brewer gave an address of 909 Vicki Circle, Sulphur Springs, Texas, 75482, in 1992. At this time it is unclear if this address was used before he went to prison.

Descriptive Data:

Main Subject

Name -

Last: Brewer
First: Lawrence
Middle: Russell
DDN: II

Race: W

Sex: M

DOB: 03/13/1967

POB: Paris, Texas

DLN: TX 10583938

FBI: 364009HA6

LPN: SID TX03897953

Address -

House #: 909
Street Name: Vicki
Street Suffix: Circle
City: Sulphur Springs
State: Texas
Postal Code: 75482

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LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

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Conduct the following leads:

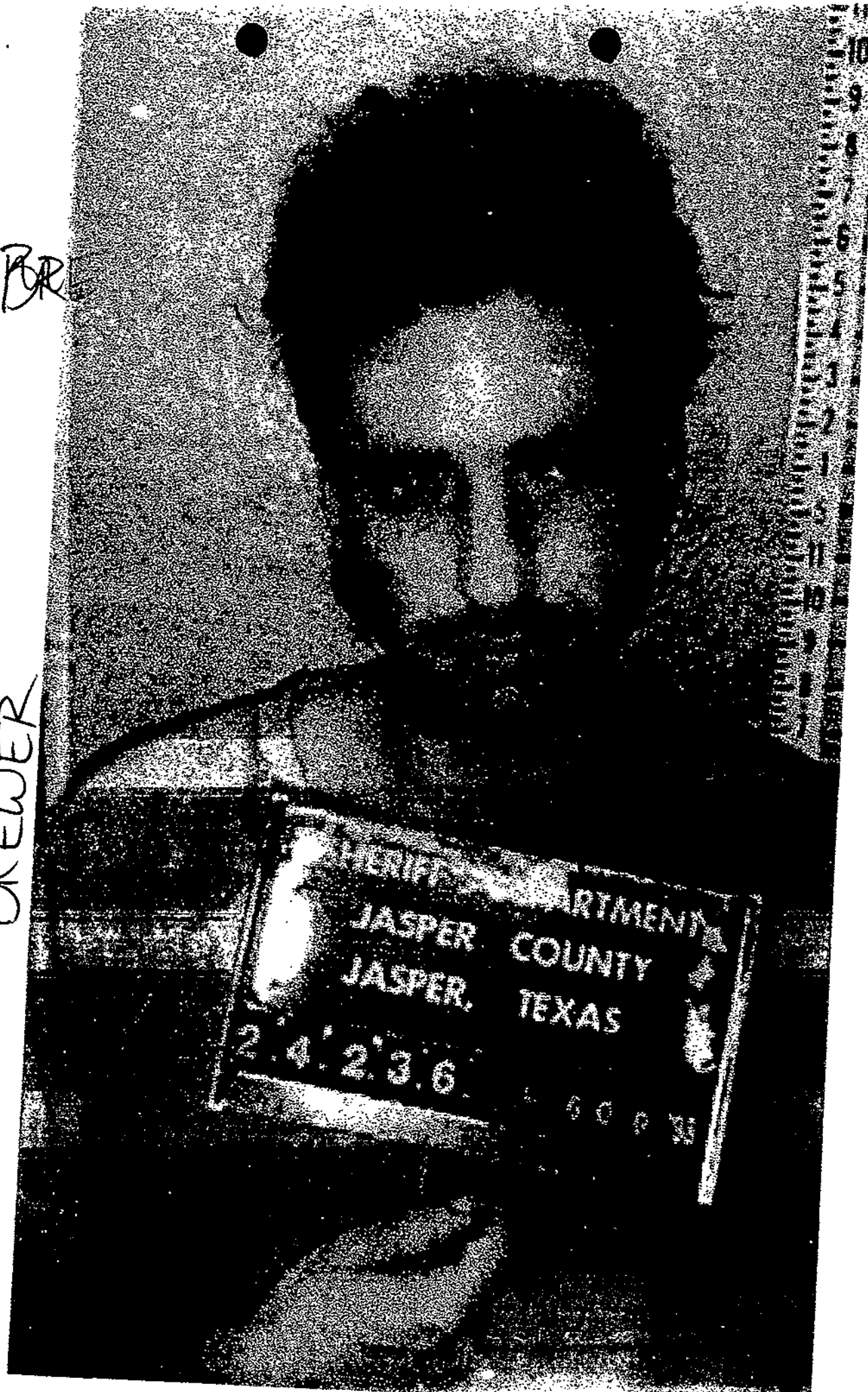
- * Discreetly interview Sheriff [redacted] Hopkins County, for information on [redacted] Brewer and other logical information he may have concerning the murder of James Byrd.
- * Interview [redacted] for information on Brewer, his ties to racist organizations and any other logical information.
- * Conduct local law enforcement checks on Brewer in Sulphur Springs, Como, and surrounding counties.
- * Conduct interviews of individuals in the neighborhood of 909 Vicki Circle, Sulphur Springs regarding Brewer and any racist activities or organizations he may have been involved in.
- * Conduct interviews of individuals in [redacted] neighborhood regarding Brewer and any racist activity he may have been involved in.

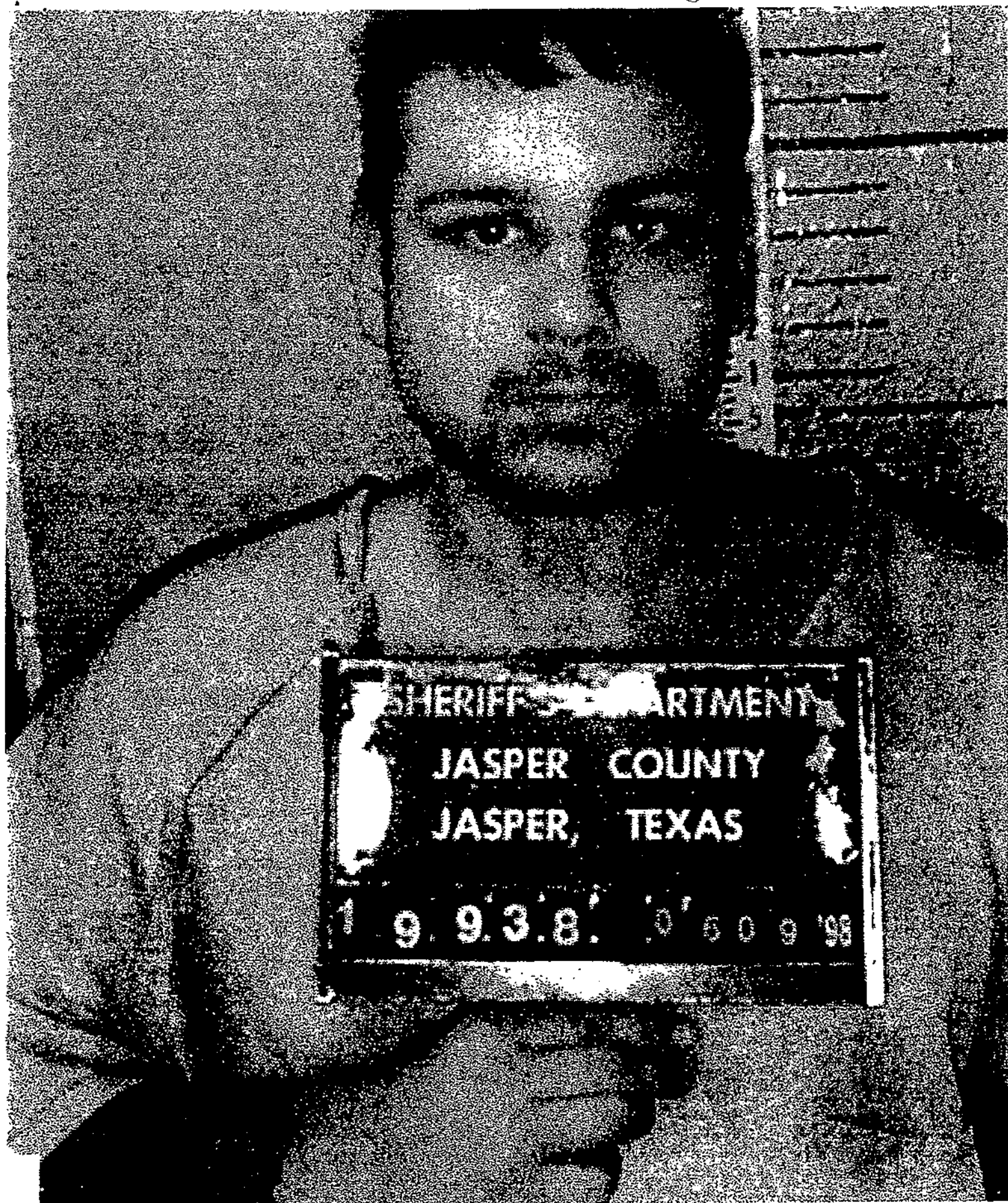
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KING

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 06/11/1998

To: National Security
Laboratory

Attn: DTOU, SSA [redacted]
Attn: Latent Fingerprnt Section
Chemistry Unit
DNA Analysis Unit,
Trace Evidence Unit

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From: Houston

Beaumont RA

Contact: SSRA [redacted] 409/832-8571

Approved By: [redacted] *HC*

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted]

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Title: [redacted]

LAWRENCE RUSSELL BREWER;
JOHN WILLIAM KING;
JAMES BYRD, JR., DECEASED-VICTIM
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION - FORCE AND/OR VIOLENCE

Synopsis: Transport of vials of blood.

Enclosures: 3 Brown envelopes sealed by [redacted] Jasper
Police Department described as containing: 1. [redacted]
blood, pulled hair, fingernail scrapes; 6/11/98 Det [redacted]
Jasper P. D.; 2. Lawrence R. Brewer blood, pulled hair,
fingernail scrapes, 6/11/98, Det [redacted] Jasper P. D.; 3. King,
John William, blood, pulled hair, fingernail scrapes, 6/11/98,
Det [redacted] Jasper P. D.

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Details: Reference is made to EC of SA [redacted] dated
6/11/98. In addition to testing requested in reference EC, the
Lab is further requested to perform a toxicology examination of
victim James Byrd's blood sample submitted in EC from SA [redacted]

However, if in the event the Laboratory does not
possess a sufficient amount of the victim's blood, the testing
will be conducted by a lab from the Beaumont RA territory. For
information of the Laboratory, a small amount of Byrd's blood was
maintained by the Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office,
which can be used for toxicology or other examinations as needed.

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Re: [REDACTED] 06/11/1998

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LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Perform testing as described in referenced EC dated
06/11/1998 by SA [REDACTED]

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Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 06/11/1998

To: National Security
Laboratory

Attn: DTOU, SSA [REDACTED]
Attn: Latent Fingerprint Section,
Chemistry Unit,
DNA Analysis Unit,
Trace Evidence Unit

Washington Field

From: Houston

SOM/ERT

Contact: [REDACTED]

(713) 693-1716

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

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Title: [REDACTED]

LAWRENCE RUSSELL BREWER;
JOHN WILLIAM KING;
JAMES BYRD, JR. (DECEASED) - VICTIM;
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Synopsis: To report the transport of forensic evidence to the FBI Laboratory.

Package Copy: Being forwarded under separate cover are the following items:

1. Blood sample of subject [REDACTED]
2. Blood sample of subject BREWER.
3. Blood sample of subject KING.
4. Hair samples from subject [REDACTED]
5. Hair samples from subject BREWER.
6. Hair samples from subject KING.
7. Facial skin scrapings and facial hair samples of victim BYRD.
8. Fingernail scrapings from subject [REDACTED]
9. Fingernail scrapings from subject KING.

Being hand-carried by SA [REDACTED] to the FBI Laboratory are the following items:

1. Blood sample of victim BYRD.
2. Major Case Fingerprints of subject [REDACTED]
3. Major Case Fingerprints of subject BREWER.
4. Major Case Fingerprints of subject KING.

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5. Hair samples from victim BYRD.
 6. [REDACTED] - Soil and vegetation samples.
 7. LR-27B - Broken Coors bottle
 8. LR-2A - Bud Light beer bottle
 9. LR-20 - Bud Light bottle
 10. LR-14 - Bud Light beer bottle
 11. LR-18 - Coors beer bottle
 12. LR-2B - Bud Light beer bottle
 13. LR-13 - Full Coors beer bottle
 14. LR-15 - Allen wrench set
 15. LR-11 - Nut driver
 16. LR-2C - Doral Menthol Cigarette Package
 17. LR-12 - Compact Disk and Case "Kiss Revenge"
 18. LR-8 - Fix-A-Flat Can
 19. PUI-7 - Black Compact Disk Case with 16 Compact Disks
 20. LR-5 - Button
 21. LR-21 - Assorted Items - Various Items on Logging Road - Glass Shards - Cigarette Butts
 22. LR-7 - Coors Light Beer Cap
 23. LR-27A - Aerosol spray can
 24. CA-4 - Matches, lighter, receipts
 25. Item #1 from 266A-HO-50665-1B-87 - One Chain
 26. Item #19 from 266A-HO-50665-1B-89 - Chain Hook
 27. LR-31 - Left foot, Nike Air, black and white
 28. LR-24 - Ball Cap "San Francisco"
 29. LR-30 - Nike Air, white and black tennis shoe, right, shoe size 11 1/2
 30. LR-33 - Long-sleeved, Multi-Colored Shirt, Van Huesen Brand
 31. LR-32 - Black and White NBA Jersey, Size 44
 32. RB-1 - Red/White Underwear, Black Tank Top, Navy Shorts
 33. SB-2 - Clothing Worn by [REDACTED] on 6/8/98: Wrangler Blue Jeans, Pair of White Socks, Black T-Shirt, Red Underwear, Navy "NY" Ball cap
 34. LR-19 - Possible blood-stained soil
 35. #37 - Concrete from culvert area with traces of reddish substance
 36. [REDACTED] - Eight cotton swabs of blood-like substance and one control cotton swab
 37. [REDACTED] - Item #5 - Swab of splatter stains
 38. [REDACTED] - Item #6 - Swab of splatter stains
 39. [REDACTED] - Item #7 - Swab of splatter stains
 40. [REDACTED] - Item #9 - Tail pipe echo chamber

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Re: [REDACTED] 06/11/1998

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41. [REDACTED] - Item #16 - Ball and hitch
from rear of truck
42. RB-2 - Scrapings from left and right hand of
subject
BREWER
- Q 44 DNA * 43. HUFF-2 - Dentures found on Huff Creek Road
LATENT 44. #45 - Unknown substance on road
CHEM. 45. [REDACTED]
Item #2 - Piece of what appears to be tissue/
flesh
- Q 101, 102 K 46. APT-2 - Black sandals from bedroom
Q 103, 104 DNA * 47. APT-1 - Nike Air shoes "LB" on inside tongue
Sander 48. SB-1 - Black and Tan Anderson Bean Boot Company
Boots
Q 84 85 x 49. JWK-1 - Clothing worn by John W. King when
TShirts 83 arrested on 6/8/98: pair of thongs sandals, white
S/Made 82 T-shirt, shorts
50. JB-1 - Underwear, T-shirt, black jeans, and black
socks from victim's body near church
51. [REDACTED]
Item #17 - Tarp from bed of truck
52. [REDACTED]
Item #21 - Mat from bed of truck
53. [REDACTED]
Item #24 - Clothes and shoes from truck
54. #38 - Black fibers from concrete culvert
55. #42 - Black fibers from road
56. [REDACTED]
#1 - Dirt and grass found on underside of truck
57. [REDACTED]
#8 - Dirt and grass from truck differential
58. [REDACTED]
#10 - Vegetation on left rear brake cable
59. [REDACTED]
#3 - Fiber from left radius rod under truck
60. [REDACTED]
#22 - Vacuum filters from truck
61. [REDACTED]
#23 - Vacuum filters from truck
62. [REDACTED]
#32 - Vacuum filters from truck
63. G-2 - Black lace-up boots, size 9R
64. E-2 - Polo boots, size 9
65. H-1 - Black and brown NWT high-top tennis shoes
66. [REDACTED]
Item #28 - Miscellaneous items taken from
passenger seat floorboard
67. [REDACTED]
Item #27 - Miscellaneous items taken from
driver's seat floorboard

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Re: [redacted] 06/11/1998

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68. [redacted]
Item #30 - Floor mat from truck
69. [redacted]
Item #31 - Seat cover from truck's bench seat
70. G-1 - Blue jeans - Gap
71. #36 - Bud Light bottle cap
72. #1 - Rock with unknown substance
73. #9 - Glass shards - Coors Light bottle
74. #31 - Sunglasses
75. C-3 - Washrag from kitchen
76. D-1 - Two green washrags from bathroom
77. [redacted]
11 cannister containing soil samples and/or
soil/blood-like substance
78. #5 - Coors Light beer bottle
79. LR-26 - Fiber
80. C-2 - Blood swab from freezer
Q2 - 81. LR-4 - Marlboro cigarettes, clear rock, cigarette
butt
82. LR-23 - fiber
83. #16 - Soil/blood-type substance

Details: Reference telephone conversation of 6/10/98 between FBI Houston Division and Deputy Assistant Director RANDALL S. MURCH and telcal from Houston SA [redacted] to WFO Night Supervisor [redacted] on 6/10/98.

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For the information of the Bureau, the above subjects are in custody in Jasper County, Texas after being charged for the brutal murder of the victim, who was allegedly [redacted]. [redacted] The Sheriff of Jasper County, Texas, requested FBI assistance and an FBI investigation is currently being conducted to determine if any federal charges may be added.

Per conversation with Deputy Assistant Director [redacted], physical evidence collected at the crime scene and associated locations, as well as hair and blood samples and inked fingerprints of the victim and subjects are being hand carried to FBIHQ by Houston SA [redacted] to expedite forensic processing of same.

Descriptive Data:

Main Subject

Name -

Last:

First:

[redacted]

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Re: [REDACTED] 06/11/1998

Middle: [REDACTED]
DDN:
Race:
Sex:
DOB:
POB:
DLN:
FBI:
LPN:
SOC:
Address -
Post Office Box:
City:
State:

W
M

Main Subject

Name -

Last: BREWER
First: LAWRENCE
Middle: RUSSELL
DDN:

Race: W
Sex: M
DOB: 03/13/1967
POB: Paris, TX
DLN: TX-10583938
FBI: 364009HA6
LPN: TX03897953
SOC: 451-63-2638

Address -

City: Sulphur Springs
State: TX

Main Subject

Name -

Last: KING
First: JOHN
Middle: WILLIAM
DDN:

Race: W
Sex: M
DOB: 11/03/1974
POB: Atlanta, GA
DLN: TX-07475242
LPN: TX04684561
SOC: 462-41-3256

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Re: [REDACTED] 06/11/1998

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Middle:
DDN:
Last:
First: POSSUM
Middle:
DDN:
Address -
House #: 1407
Street Name: Lynn Street
City: Jasper
State: TX
Phone: 409-768-1100

Victim

Name -
Last: BYRD
First: JAMES
Middle:
DDN: JR.
Race: B
Sex: M
DOB: 05011948
05021949
DLN: TX-10241866
FBI: 544856G
LPN: TX01484013 .

To: National Security From: Houston
Re: [REDACTED] 06/11/1998

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LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

LABORATORY

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process the following items and compare them with the inked fingerprints of the subjects, starting with subject BREWER, then subjects [REDACTED] and KING and victim BYRD. It should be noted that the paint contained in item LR-27A will be used by the Chemistry Unit for comparison purposes with items RB-2 and HUFF-2:

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- LR-27B - Broken Coors bottle
- LR-2A - Bud Light beer bottle
- LR-20 - Bud Light bottle
- LR-14 - Bud Light beer bottle
- LR-18 - Coors beer bottle
- LR-2B - Bud Light beer bottle
- LR-13 - Full Coors beer bottle
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- LR-2C - Doral Menthol Cigarette Package
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- LR-21 - Assorted Items - Various Items on Logging Road - Glass Shards - Cigarette Butts
- LR-7 - Coors Light Beer Cap
- LR-27A - Aerosol spray can
- #36 - Bud Light bottle cap
- #9 - Glass shards/Coors Light bottle
- #31 - Sunglasses
- LR-11 - Nut driver
- LR-4 - Marlboro cigarettes, clear rock, cigarette butt
- #5 - Coors Light beer bottle

2. Latent Fingerprint Section and Chemistry Unit are requested to examine the following items for latent fingerprints of subjects and victim and for the presence of blood. If blood is found, then compare with known samples of blood from subjects and victim. If positive for blood, consideration should be given to conducting DNA analysis, if appropriate:

CA-4 - Matches, lighter, receipts

To: National Security From: Houston
Re: [redacted] 06/11/1998

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Item #1 from [redacted] One Chain
Item #19 from [redacted] Chain Hook

3. Chemistry Unit is requested to examine the following items for the presence of blood. If blood is found, then compare with known samples of blood from subjects and victim. If positive, consideration should be given to conducting DNA analysis, as appropriate:

LR-31 - Left foot, Nike Air, black and white
LR-24 - Ball Cap "San Francisco"
LR-30 - Nike Air, white and black tennis shoe, right, shoe size 11 1/2
LR-33 - Long-sleeved, Multi-Colored Shirt, Van Huesen Brand
LR-32 - Black and White NBA Jersey, Size 44
RB-1 - Red/White Underwear, Black Tank Top, Navy Shorts
SB-2 - Clothing Worn by [redacted] on 6/8/98:
Wrangler Blue Jeans, Pair of White Socks, Black T-Shirt, Red Underwear, Navy "NY" Ball cap
LR-19 - Possible blood-stained soil
#37 - Concrete from culvert area with traces of reddish substance
[redacted] - Eight cotton swabs of blood-like substance and one control cotton swab
[redacted] - Item #5 - Swab of splatter stains
[redacted] - Item #6 - Swab of splatter stains
[redacted] - Item #7 - Swab of splatter stains
[redacted] - Item #9 - Tail pipe echo
[redacted] - Item #16 - Ball and hitch from rear of truck
G-1 - Blue jeans - Gap
#1 - Rock with unknown substance
D-1 - Two green washrags from bathroom
C-3 - One washrag from kitchen
C-2 - Blood swab from freezer
[redacted] - 11 cannisters containing soil samples and/or soil/blood-type substance
#16 - Soil with blood-type substance

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4. Chemistry Unit is requested to examine the following items for the presence of paint. If paint is found,

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then compare with paint in aerosol can identified in 266A-HO-50665-1B-13. Item HUFF-2 should also be examined for the presence of blood. If blood is found, then compare with known samples of blood from victim.

RB-2 - Scrapings from left and right hand of subject
BREWER

HUFF-2 - Dentures found on Huff Creek Road

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5. Chemistry Unit is requested to examine facial skin scrapings and facial hair samples of the victim, as well as fingernail scrapings from subjects [REDACTED] and KING (all being forwarded under separate cover), for the presence of blood and paint. If blood is found, then compare with known samples of blood from subjects and victim. If positive for blood, consideration should be given to conducting DNA analysis, as appropriate. If paint is found, then compare with paint in aerosol can identified in 266A-HO-50665-1B-13.

6. Chemistry Unit is requested to determine if the following items are human tissue. If positive, consideration should be given to conducting DNA analysis, as appropriate:

#45 - Unknown substance on road

[REDACTED]

Item #2 - Piece of what appears to be tissue/
flesh

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7. Trace Evidence Unit and Chemistry Unit are requested to examine the following items for the presence of blood and soil. Chemistry Unit is also requested to examine item JB-1 below for possible urinalysis. If blood is found, then compare with known samples of blood from subjects and victim. Compare items in JB-1 below with fibers obtained from subject pick-up truck, identified in 266A-HO-50665-1B-89. If positive for blood and/or urine, consideration should be given to conducting DNA analysis, as appropriate. Evidence of soil should be compared with known samples of soil taken from crime scene, which are identified as [REDACTED]

APT-2 - Black sandals from bedroom
APT-1 - Nike Air shoes "LB" on inside tongue
SB-1 - Black and Tan Anderson Bean Boot Company Boots
JWK-1 - Clothing worn by John W. King when arrested
on 6/8/98: pair of thongs sandals, white
T-shirt, shorts

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JB-1 - Underwear, T-shirt, black jeans, and black socks from victim's body near church

The following item should be examined for the presence of blood and fibers. If blood and/or fibers are found, compare with known samples of the victim:

[REDACTED]

Item #17 - Tarp from bed of truck
Item #21 - Mat from bed of truck
Item #24 - Clothes and shoes from truck

8. Trace Evidence Unit is requested to examine the following items in an attempt to determine if the following items are human hair. If positive, compare to known hair samples of victim:

#38 - Black fibers from concrete culvert
#42 - Black fibers from road

9. Trace Evidence Unit is requested to examine the following items for evidence of soil and vegetation for comparison with known samples identified in 266A-HO-50665-1B-88:

[REDACTED]

#1 - Dirt and grass found on underside of truck
#8 - Dirt and grass from truck differential
#10 - Vegetation on left rear brake cable

10. Trace Evidence Unit is requested to examine the following items for comparison with known samples of victim's clothing previously described and victim's hair, being forwarded under separate cover:

[REDACTED]

#3 - Fiber from left radius rod under truck
#22 - Vacuum filters from truck
#23 - Vacuum filters from truck
#32 - Vacuum filters from truck

Trace Evidence Unit is requested to examine the following items for comparison with known samples of victim's and subjects' clothing and hair, previously described:

LR-23 - White fiber
LR-26 - Fiber

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11. Chemistry Unit and Trace Evidence Unit are requested to examine the following items for blood, soil, and fibers. If blood is found, then compare with known samples of blood from subjects and victim. If positive for blood, consideration should be given to conducting DNA analysis, as appropriate. Compare evidence of fibers to fibers obtained from subject pick-up truck, identified in [redacted] and known hair samples of victim. Compare evidence of soil with known samples of soil taken from crime scene, which are identified as [redacted]

G-2 - Black lace-up boots, size 9R
E-2 - Polo boots, size 9
H-1 - Black and brown NWT high-top tennis shoes
Item #28 from [redacted] - Miscellaneous items taken from passenger seat floorboard
Item #29 from [redacted] - Miscellaneous items taken from passenger seat floorboard
Item #30 from [redacted] - Floor mat from truck
Item #31 from [redacted] - Seat cover from truck's bench seat

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Set Lead 2: (Adm)

NATIONAL SECURITY

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Copy of this communication is being sent to NSD, DTOU, for information.

Set Lead 3: (Adm)

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Re telcal from SA [redacted] to Night Supervisor [redacted] on 6/10/98, Washington Field is requested to have a van meet SA [redacted] at Continental Airlines #680, arriving at 2:54 p.m., Washington National Airport, and assist in transporting the evidence to the FBI Laboratory.

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attn: Criminal Investigation Division
Civil Rights Unit

From: [redacted]uston

Date: 06/12/1998

1. Title: (use additional page if necessary)

[redacted]
LAWRENCE RUSSELL BREWER;
JOHN WILLIAM KING;
JAMES BYRD, JR., DECEASED-VICTIM
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION - FORCE AND/OR VIOLENCE

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BUDED:

RE: JAMES BYRD, JR. VICTIM

2. Universal Case File Number [redacted]

3. XX Initial submission Supplemental submission

4. Matter Type: (check more than one if applicable)

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| A. | Brutality | No Brutality |
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| | ☒ Non-Law Enforcement | ☐ Non-Law Enforcement |
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| | ☒ Racial | ☐ Religious |
| | | ☐ Other |
| C. | ISS Matters | |
| | ☐ Migrant Victim | ☐ Other |
| D. | Known/Suspected Extremist Group | |
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| | ☐ Reproductive Health Care Facility | |
| | ☐ Religious Place of Worship | |
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| ☐ Arson | ☐ Injury | ☐ Property Damage |
| ☒ Death | ☐ No Injury | ☐ Cross Burning |

5. Date of Incident 06/07/1998

6. Date of Complaint 06/08/1998

7. Synopsis of Case: Jasper County Sheriff [redacted] reported that victim James Byrd, Jr. was first [redacted]

[redacted] resulting in Byrd's death. Three white males are in custody for the offense on state charges. Statements from one of the subjects indicated the offense was racially motivated; two subjects, King & Brewer, were allegedly members of a white supremacist gang while in prison.

8. Significant Case: ☒ Yes ☐ No (if yes, provide reason) Racially motivated crime resulting in death of citizen. This case is receiving extensive media coverage.

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Date of transcription 6/11/98

On June 8, 1998, the following search was conducted at
473 McQueen, Jasper, Texas, by FBI Special Agents (SA) [redacted]
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At approximately 7:00 p.m., a search commenced at 473 McQueen, Jasper, TX. At approximately 7:09 p.m. a chain was located in a hole approximately five feet wide by ten feet long. The item was approximately 70 steps from the south-west corner of the mobile home trailer at the stated address. Photos were taken by SA [redacted] and documented on a photographic log which includes a sketch and notes. SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] recovered the chain at approximately 7:35 p.m. and the search processing concluded at approximately 7:37 p.m. Attached in a 1-A is the original photographic log.

IN [redacted] 162 [redacted] 6/11/98 [redacted]

Investigation on 6/8/98 at Jasper, Texas

File # [redacted] Date dictated 6/11/98

by SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 06/12/1998

To: National Security
Dallas
Jackson
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Oklahoma City
San Antonio

Attn: DTOU, SSA [REDACTED]

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From: ✓ Houston

CT-2

Contact: SSA [REDACTED] (713) 693-3810

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED] (Pending)-

Title: [REDACTED]

RUSSELL BREWER;
WILLIAM KING;
JAMES BYRD JR. (DECEASED) -VICTIM;
AOT-DT-VIOLENT CRIME

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: Request for source canvassing.

Details: Reference telcall between Houston Division SSA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and New Orleans Division SA [REDACTED]

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On 06/08/98, Jasper County Sheriff [REDACTED] came to the Beaumont RA, Houston Division, to advise of a murder in Jasper County that appears to have racial/hate crime implications.

In the morning hours of 06/07/98, Sheriff [REDACTED] located the badly [REDACTED] of a black male. Witnesses in the area described a suspicious pick-up truck which Sheriff Office personnel were subsequently able to locate. The driver of the pick-up, [REDACTED] was stopped and detained. During [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that the victim, identified as 49 year-old James Byrd, Jr., was picked up by the three men during the early morning hours of 06/07/98. The men drove to a remote logging road at which time the victim was [REDACTED]

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At this time, all three subjects are in the Jasper County Jail on a variety of local charges. Charges for the murder are pending. Investigation to this point indicates that all three subjects are affiliated with white supremacist groups.

On 06/12/98, Houston received an unconfirmed report from the Deridder, Louisiana Sheriff's Office, that two bus loads of Ku Klux Klan members were en route to Jasper, Texas, in order to cause trouble at the funeral of captioned victim.

Also on 06/12/98, FBI Dallas Division learned that a number of the Black Panthers in Dallas plan to depart Dallas at approximately 7:00p.m. today, (06/12/98), en route to Jasper, Texas. Dallas' source indicated that the Panthers would be heavily armed.

In addition to the Black Panthers, Khalid Muhammad, currently the leader of the Nation of Islam, is to accompany the Black Panthers. Muhammad is a very racist individual and is quite outspoken. Dallas' experience with the Black Panthers and the Nation of Islam is that they are vocal and will not hesitate to get involved in a confrontation.

Finally, Houston Division has learned that Quanell Evans, a.k.a. Quanell X, a leader of the Black Muslims, left Houston, Texas, this morning headed for Jasper, Texas. Travelling with Quanell X are approximately 8 to 10 people. They also are reportedly armed.

Due to the potentially volatile nature of the situation, Houston requests immediate canvassing of all appropriate sources and notification of results as soon as possible.

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Re: [REDACTED] 06/12/1998

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LEAD (s):

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ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

Contact all appropriate sources in order to determine if members of any political activist group of any type is en route to Jasper, Texas, for the funeral of captioned victim. Immediately notify Houston of positive results.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 06/12/1998

To: Criminal Investigative
National Security
Los Angeles

Attn: CR Hate Crime Unit
Attn: DTOU

From: ✓ Houston

Beaumont Resident Agency

Contact: SSRA [REDACTED] 409/832-8571

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] A:ng

Case ID #: [REDACTED] Pending)

Title: [REDACTED]

LAWRENCE RUSSELL BREWER;
JOHN WILLIAM KING;
JAMES BYRD, JR. (DECEASED)-VICTIM;
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION-FORCE AND/OR
VIOLENCE

Synopsis: Lead to conduct logical investigation re telephone number [REDACTED] California.

Details: On 6/11/98, at 2246 hours, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office (JCSO), Jasper, Texas, received a telcall inquiring about the three males arrested in the murder of James Byrd, Jr., which occurred in rural Jasper, Texas, 6/7/98.

Due to the national attention this case has received, the JCSO had trap and trace established on their telephone lines. This call was traced to [REDACTED] which reportedly originated from [REDACTED] California.

The telephone call was recorded and proceeded as follows:

Dispatch: Sheriff's Department.

Caller: How about those three guys, are they in jail there?

Dispatch: Yes sir, they are.

Caller: Are they dead yet?

Dispatch: No, we're keeping them alive. [REDACTED]

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Caller: You may as well kill them right now because they are going to be dead as fried chicken by next week.

Dispatch: Why is that? (phone rings)

Caller: You can put some money on that shit.

Dispatch: Who is this?

Caller: (Unintelligible).

Dispatch: Who is this, sir?

Caller: You need to take care of shit down there..... (unintelligible) figure it out.

Dispatch: Who is this? (phone rings).

Caller: Alright.

Dispatch: Hello? (phone rings).

The caller sounded like a white male, possibly twenty to thirty years old. The call lasted approximately thirty (30) seconds. The call came into the sheriff's office on line "2", 409/384-5418, but that may be due to a "ring down" from the main telephone number (409) 384-5417.

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Re: [REDACTED] 06/12/1998

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LEAD (s):

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CA

Conduct logical investigation to determine the address and person who called Jasper County Sheriff's Office, Jasper, Texas, 6/11/98 at 22:46 hours threatening the lives of the three suspects incarcerated in the Jasper County Jail with respect to the murder of James Byrd, Jr.

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(12/31/1995)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/15/1998

To: HOUSTON

Attn: [REDACTED]

From: Savannah ITC

Investigative Information Services Center (IISC)
Contact: [REDACTED] 912-944-0824

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED] ~~-(Pending)-~~

Title: JOHN WILLIAM KING
REQUEST #119049

Synopsis: To report results of request submitted to Savannah ITC.

Enclosures: IISC database printouts are maintained in the 00 case file.

Details: IISC DATABASE PRINTOUTS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE REQUESTER AND WILL BE MAINTAINED AS PERMANENT FILE MATERIAL IN THE 00 CASE FILE.

Two copies of a reply form are being submitted with database printouts. It is requested that you record the accomplishments of this request on these forms, return one copy to the SITC, and maintain one copy as a serial in your case file.

Results of inquiries are set forth below.

SSAN 462-41-3256 has been utilized by JOHN KING. The most current address found is 801 W Gibson ST., Apt 214, Jasper, TX.

Telephone number 409-384-1560 is associated with JOHN W. KING. An address of 107 Lynn St., Jasper, TX., appears to be the family residence.

A TX driver's license record was located for JOHN WILLIAM KING.

News article were located in association with JOHN KING.

No assets, liens, judgments, lawsuits, corporate records, Bureau of Prison records or bankruptcy records were found for the subject. All other searches were

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To: HOUSTON From: Savannah ITC
Re: [REDACTED] 06/15/1998

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LEAD (s):

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AT HOUSTON

Complete and return Reply Form to Savannah ITC.

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Savannah, Georgia 31401

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TO: FBI, SAVANNAH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Date: 6/15/98

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Forfeiture/Seizure Related: ☐ Type of Request: ☒ FAX ☒ Telcal ☐ Mail Reply: ☒ FAX ☒ Telcal ☐ MailRequest: _____ Phone #: (713) 693-5032 FAX #: (713) 693-3975 UCFN: _____Office/RA: NO Precedence: ☒ ROUTINE ☐ PRIORITY ☐ IMMEDIATE
Approximate turnaround times (48 hrs) (24 hrs) (2 hrs)SEARCH CRITERIA (Attach additional sheets if necessary) needed by COB 6/15/98.Name - Last: King First: John Middle: WilliamAlias: _____ Sex: M DOB1: 11/13/1974 DOB2: 1/1SSAN1: 462-41-3256 SSAN2: _____ Spouse: _____Fugitive: ☐ Yes ☒ No Driver's License #: 07475242 State: TX

RESIDENCE

Street Address: 190 Timbers Apts #214 City/State: JASPER, TX Zip: 75851 Phone: _____

BUSINESS

Business Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Business ID#: _____

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801 W GIBSON ST APT 214
JASPER TX 75951-4933
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PERSON LOCATOR

Name: KING, JOHN

Current Address: 1407 LYNN, JASPER, TX 75951

Social Security Number: 462-41-3256

On File Since: 6/1/1997

PERSON LOCATOR

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RESIDENT(S)

APPROXIMATE BIRTH DATE

KING, JOHN W (MALE)

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TEXAS DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORD

Name: KING, JOHN WILLIAM

Address: 1407 LYNN
JASPER, TX 75951

* * * * * LICENSE INFORMATION * * * * *

DL Number: 007475242

Class: C - ANY TWO AXLE SINGLE VEHICLE NOT IN EXCESS OF 24,000 POUNDS GROSS
VEHICLE WEIGHT OR ANY SUCH VEHICLE TOWING A VEHICLE NOT IN EXCESS OF 10,000
POUNDS GROSS WEIGHT OR A BUS WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 24 PASSENGERS,
BUT EXCLUDING MOTORCYCLES OR MOPEDS.

Date of Last Transaction: 08/01/1997

* * * * * PERSONAL INFORMATION * * * * *

Date of Birth: 11/03/1974

Race/Sex: WHITE MALE

Height (Ft-In): 5-08

Weight (Lbs.): 168

Hair: BROWN

Eyes: BROWN

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AAP NEWSFEED

June 14, 1998, Sunday

SECTION: Western Australian Regional; Overseas News

LENGTH: 491 words

HEADLINE: US: RELATIVES SAY GOODBYE TO VICTIM OF DRAGGING DEATH

BYLINE: By Terri Langford

BODY:

JASPER, Texas, June 13 AP - Hundreds of mourners crowded into a tiny brick church and a sweltering tent today to hear politicians and civil rights activists urge the nation not to allow the brutal death of James Byrd Jr to harm race relations.

"Turn a crucifixion into a resurrection," the Reverend Jesse Jackson exhorted mourners at the funeral for Byrd, a black man who police believe was dragged to his death a week ago by three white supremacists.

The civil rights activist suggested that a memorial be erected in Jasper that would be "a place for blacks and whites to rally, a tomb that says choose redemption over retaliation".

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison expressed hope that Byrd's death and his family's stoic reaction would inspire others not to hate based on race.

"We are diminished by this act, but from the depths of our pain, the fog of all our disbelief, we are going to emerge stronger," she told those assembled. "We are better today because we have seen a family tested like no other family has been tested."

Others who came to honour Byrd and his family were Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, Houston Mayor Lee Brown and civil rights activist Al Sharpton of New York.

Mourners, mostly black and dressed in their Sunday best, heard the speeches by loudspeaker outdoors in broiling heat and humidity. Ambulances stood by in case people suffered heat exhaustion.

About 200 people were in Greater New Bethel Baptist Church, and about 300 more were outside in an overflow tent.

The funeral was held a few blocks from where Byrd is thought to have climbed into a pickup truck that stopped to give him a lift last Sunday.

Byrd, 49, was savagely beaten, then shackled by his ankles to the back of the truck and dragged to death along four kilometres of a narrow, twisting rural road. Pieces of his body were scattered along the bloody trail.

Three white men - Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, Shawn Allen Berry and John William King, both 23 - are charged with Byrd's murder. Police say Byrd was

targeted simply because he was black.

"I've defended all sorts of folks in criminal cases," said attorney William Morian, appointed yesterday to represent Brewer. "It's a horrible allegation, but at this point I've got to do what every attorney is obligated to do, zealously defend his client."

The three suspects remain jailed without bond while a multi-agency task force led by the FBI investigates. Authorities may seek the death penalty.

In an affidavit, Berry told authorities he tried to stop King and Brewer from beating Byrd in a wooded area 16 kilometres east of town. Berry's attorney, Steve Hollis, said his client is a victim of circumstance.

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BYLINE: TERRI LANGFORD

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BODY:

Hundreds of mourners crowded into a tiny brick church and a sweltering tent Saturday to hear politicians and civil rights activists urge the nation not to allow the brutal death of James Byrd Jr. to harm race relations.

"Turn a crucifixion into a resurrection," the Rev. Jesse Jackson exhorted mourners at the funeral for Byrd, a black man who police believe was dragged to his death a week ago by three white supremacists.

Jackson suggested that a memorial be erected in Jasper that would be "a place for blacks and whites to rally, a tomb that says choose redemption over retaliation."

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, expressed hope that Byrd's death and his family's stoic reaction would inspire others not to hate based on race.

"We are diminished by this act, but from the depths of our pain, the fog of all our disbelief, we are going to emerge stronger," she told those assembled. "We are better today because we have seen a family tested like no other family has been tested."

Others who came to honor Byrd and his family were Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, Houston Mayor Lee Brown and civil rights activist Al Sharpton of New York.

Mourners, mostly black and dressed in their Sunday best, heard the speeches by loudspeaker outdoors in broiling heat and humidity. Ambulances stood by in case people suffered heat exhaustion.

About 200 people were in Greater New Bethel Baptist Church, and about 300 more were outside in an overflow tent.

The funeral was held a few blocks from where Byrd is thought to have climbed into a pickup truck that stopped to give him a lift last Sunday.

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Police theorized that Byrd may have known Berry because they had the same parole officer. Byrd was sentenced to seven years for theft in 1990. He was paroled at one point, then returned for a violation.

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Suspects' criminal backgrounds

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Lawrence Russell Brewer

31

Sulphur Springs Sentenced on Oct. 10, 1986, to seven years' probation for a burglary in Cooper.

Arrested for burglary while on probation in July 1987 and sentenced to prison. Paroled in early 1988 to Cass County.

Arrested in March 1989 in Snyder for marijuana possession.

Sentenced to 10 days in jail.

Sentenced to 15 years in prison on April 28, 1989, for cocaine possession. Paroled on May 2, 1991. Parole revoked for an unknown reason Sept. 17, 1993. Released Sept. 5, 1997, with mandatory supervision. Brewer last checked in with parole officers on May 11.

John William King

23

Jasper

Arrested with fellow suspect Shawn Allen Berry on Sept. 15, 1992, for burglary. Received 10 years' probation.

Received another probationary term in lieu of a 10-year sentence after another burglary conviction. After failing to complete his probation, was sent to a county boot camp in 1994.

Returned to prison in June 1995 after failing to complete a restitution program. Released on parole June 19, 1997. Last seen by parole officers on May 11.

Shawn Allen Berry

23

Jasper

Arrested Sept. 15, 1992, with King for burglary. Convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison. Released on probation on Jan. 14, 1993. Pled guilty on Oct. 4, 1996, to misdemeanor DWI in Jasper County. Sentenced to \$ 800 fine or 60 days in jail.

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He has no racist ties, attorney says

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DATELINE: JASPER, Texas

BODY:

JASPER, Texas - The suspected ringleader in the slaying of a disabled black man denies any involvement in the crime or any membership in supremacist groups - in or out of prison, his lawyer said Friday.

"Obviously, he's remorseful that a man died under such circumstances, but he told me he had no involvement in that," said Randy Walker, a Jasper lawyer named Friday to represent John King, 23, of Jasper.

Mr. King and two other suspects each met their court-appointed attorneys at the Jasper County Jail, where they are being held without bond in the the brutal slaying of James Byrd Jr.

The attorney for Shawn Berry, 23, said that his client, who has cooperated with police, is sorrowful and still "visibly shaken" but that he denies taking part in the killing.

"If he could somehow make everything right again he certainly would do it," said Steve Hollis, who described Mr. Berry as nonracist. "He's sorry, deeply sorry that this happened."

The attorney for Lawrence Brewer, 31, of Sulphur Springs - the third defendant and Mr. King's former prison cellmate - declined to discuss the case or reports that his client was an avowed white supremacist.

The legal developments unfolded as Mr. Byrd's family prepared for his funeral on Saturday in Jasper, an event expected to draw widespread attention.

Mr. Byrd, 49, a father of three, was beaten then chained to a pickup and dragged to death on a bumpy asphalt road. Mr. Berry has told authorities that the three white men were riding in his pickup when he saw Mr. Byrd and offered him a ride. Mr. Berry said Mr. King became furious and later drove to a deserted area where he began beating Mr. Byrd.

At his wake Friday, Mr. Byrd's casket was surrounded by flowers and notes from well-wishers. A photograph showed Mr. Byrd, his arms outstretched and a grin on his face. Many people cried silently. Some sat dazed in the lobby.

"We've lived in this community for 22 years," said James Coleman. "We've come so far in 22 years as a community, that this was just such a blow to us. Such a blow. We had to come."

Investigators believe Mr. Byrd, who lived on medical disability checks for a variety of physical ailments, including arthritis, was killed simply because he was black, and the crime has become a national symbol of racial intolerance.

Attorney General Janet Reno, in a speech Friday to the national convention of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, said: "We have seen in Jasper, Texas, an example that hate and bigotry in its worst and most tragic form is still with us."

"None of us can relax while that happens in America," she said.

As authorities continue to gather evidence to seek the death penalty, information about the suspects continued to emerge, including that Mr. Brewer recently divorced his Hispanic wife, the mother of his son.

Those who know Mr. King and Mr. Brewer said it was prison, not small-town East Texas, that left the men brimming with hate-based ideology and belligerence.

"If he was a white-supremacist type, he sure didn't get that at home," said a woman who has known Mr. King his entire life. She described the King family as "good, salt-of-the-earth people who would never condone that sort of stuff."

The father, Ronald King, issued a statement this week extending his sympathy to Mr. Byrd's family.

Prison records show that Mr. King made it to the 10th grade at Jasper High School. That year, the records show, he was suspended for "dipping" - using chewing tobacco or snuff.

He got a high school equivalency degree from Angelina College in Lufkin in 1993.

Mr. Berry, who came from a broken home, quit school after the 8th grade.

Mr. King and Mr. Berry were convicted in October 1992 of a burglary in Jasper. They were sent to a boot camp, a detention facility normally reserved for younger and less dangerous offenders. Both were released on probation the next year.

The cure appeared to take for Mr. Berry, at least mostly. His only further offenses, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, were a minor probation violation in 1993 and a drunken driving charge in October 1996.

Mr. King, however, continued to violate the terms of his probation. In July 1995, he was sent to the Beto 1 Prison in Tennessee Colony, Texas.

There he met Mr. Brewer, a seasoned con with an arrest record for burglaries and drug offenses dating to 1986.

Before Mr. King went off to prison, "he was just a normal guy," said a relative who has known him since childhood.

"He was kind of a loner, even as a kid. But he was very well-mannered, real quiet," said the relative, who declined to be named.

A very different Mr. King came home from the Beto prison last July, after two years behind bars.

"He was much bigger, all muscular," said the relative. "I don't know if it was from pumping iron or what. And he had all these tattoos."

At least one of those prison tattoos indicated membership in the Confederate Knights of America, a white supremacist group closely affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan, a prison official who specializes in gang activities said this week.

Also, prison records show, Mr. King changed his religious affiliation from Baptist to "Odinism," a sect embraced by Nazi groups. Mr. Brewer listed no denomination at first but later changed that to "Christian Identity," a religious movement closely aligned with racist organizations.

The attorney for Mr. Brewer, William S. "Billy" Morian, said his client appeared stunned Friday when he heard that the case has attracted international attention and outrage.

"His mood was very somber, and he was very quiet. I can tell you that he appears to me to be - well, he's scared as hell," Mr. Morian said.

Mr. Brewer left Cooper High School in Cooper, Texas, in the 11th grade, according to his prison records. He later got a high school equivalency degree from East State University in Commerce, Texas.

In 1993, he married a Hispanic woman from Fort Worth, the mother of his son. He divorced from his wife less than a week before the Byrd killing.

"If he didn't like other races, he never showed anything like that," said Marina Nunes, the mother of Mr. Brewer's wife, Sylvia Nunes, 33, of Fort Worth. Her daughter declined to comment.

Mr. Brewer was returned to prison for a probation violation in February 1994. After his release from prison last September, he visited his wife once in Fort Worth, her mother said, then filed for divorce.

Mr. Berry was working as manager at a Jasper theater at the time of the killing. He was engaged to be married in August to a girlfriend who was the mother of his infant daughter.

Mr. Hollis, the attorney for Mr. Berry, said his client has recounted getting into arguments over Mr. King's white supremacist beliefs. "He tried to get them not to bring it up," Mr. Hollis said.

"All this talk about white supremacist groups, he's not a part of any of those. He's got lots of friends, black and white. He doesn't agree with that stuff, and he doesn't hate anybody," Mr. Hollis said of Mr. Berry.

Staff writers Pete Slover in Dallas and David Snyder in Jasper contributed to this report.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO(S): 1. (The Dallas Morning News: Joe Stefanchik) William Morian, the attorney for suspect Lawrence Brewer, says his client appeared stunned when told James Byrd Jr.'s slaying had attracted outrage worldwide. 2. (State ed. p. 28A - AP) The ball of the hitch on suspect Shawn Allen Berry's pickup truck has been removed by the FBI as part of its investigation of James Byrd Jr.'s brutal death.

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LOAD-DATE: June 14, 1998

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The New York Post

June 13, 1998, Saturday

SECTION: News; Pg. 002

LENGTH: 443 words

HEADLINE: TEXAS-SLAY SUSPECT'S LAWYER: HE'S TORMENTED

BYLINE: TRACY CONNOR

BODY:

"He stutters. He gets to the point of crying when he thinks back and recalls what happened." STEVE HOLLIS, DEFENDANT SHAWN BERRY'S LAWYER The lawyer for one of three men accused in the shocking Texas race-murder case said yesterday his client was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Shawn Berry, 23, is tormented by the dragging death of black hitchhiker James Byrd Jr., whose funeral today will be attended by thousands, the lawyer said.

"He stutters. He gets to the point of crying when he thinks back and recalls what happened," lawyer Steve Hollis said.

"You probably hear this so often - that a guy is at the wrong place at the wrong time and gets with a bunch of bad people - that you don't believe it anymore," he said.

"But I'm telling you that's what happened."

Berry has been cooperating with police and told authorities his co-defendants, John William King and Lawrence Brewer, tortured Byrd because of the color of his skin.

He claims he tried to stop the beating and dragging.

King, 23, and Brewer, 31, both sport tattoos linking them to white supremacist groups, and they were monitored for racist views while they shared a prison cell in 1995.

Prosecutors have said they want to build a death-penalty case against the suspects, and federal prosecutors may take over and file civil-rights and hate-crime charges.

Authorities have said they may need to cut a deal with one suspect - presumably Berry - in exchange for testimony about the racial motive for the murder.

Brewer's court-appointed lawyer, William Morian, promised a vigorous defense for his client.

"I've defended all sorts of folks in criminal cases," he said.

"It's a horrible allegation, but at this point, I've got to do what every attorney is obligated to do: zealously defend his client."

King's attorney, Randy Walker, had no comment on the case - which shocked the nation and left the tiny town of Jasper reeling.

Large crowds were expected for Byrd's wake last night as Jasper tried to heal its wounds and present a united front against prejudice.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, the Rev. Al Sharpton and other black leaders will attend today's funeral at Greater New Bethel Baptist Church.

Moses Stewart, the father of Yusuf Hawkins, a black teen slain by whites in Bensonhurst in 1989, also will be there.

The White House is sending Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater to represent the Clinton administration.

Despite the attention, Byrd's family is planning a quiet, short service.

"We think, basically, enough is enough," his sister, Clara Taylor, said. "What we really want is for everybody to leave us alone Saturday."

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AAP NEWSFEED

June 12, 1998, Friday

SECTION: Nationwide General News; Overseas News

LENGTH: 689 words

HEADLINE: US: ACCUSED'S FATHER APOLOGISES FOR SON'S PART IN MURDER

BYLINE: By Michael Graczyk

BODY:

JASPER, Texas, June 11 AP - As this small Texas community tried to heal itself, the father of one of three white men accused in the gruesome death of a black hitchhiker apologised for his son.

"It hurts me deeply to know that a boy I raised and considered to be the most loved boy I knew could find it in himself to take a life," Ronald King wrote in a letter released today.

"Again, I want to say I'm sorry."

Prosecutors are considering a death penalty case against his 23-year-old son, John William King, and two other men suspected of dragging James Byrd by a chain from the back of a pickup truck.

Mary Verrrett, Byrd's sister, said today that she appreciated the elder King's apology.

"As a parent myself I can understand his anguish. As a parent you question yourself, 'Did I do something wrong? Did I overprotect? Did I not discipline enough?'" she told NBC's Today.

Two of the suspects were monitored by Texas prison authorities because of their involvement in racial hate groups, the Houston Chronicle reported today in a copyright story.

King and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, had been monitored for possible affiliation with the Ku Klux Klan and the Confederate Knights of America, a skinhead group, while they were housed at the Beto I Unit in Tennessee Colony, said Sammy Buentello, assistant director of the Texas prison system's gang task force.

Buentello said one of the men had been disciplined for involvement in a 1995 racial disturbance between whites and Hispanics at Beto.

Prison records show only King was in that prison at that time.

King and Brewer both have tattoos indicating white supremacist beliefs.

The Rev Jesse Jackson today led ministers of both colours in a vigil at Byrd's church. He said the 49-year-old man's gruesome death early Sunday could help bring blacks and whites together.

"There's a sense of agony everywhere," Jackson said.

"And that's a step in the right direction. When I looked at those ministers, white and black, I thought what a great opportunity to close the race gap."

Chicago Bulls basketball player Dennis Rodman has offered to pay Byrd's funeral expenses, Jackson announced.

"They always portray Dennis as some kind of buffoon," Jackson said.

"I think it was a tremendous gesture."

Rodman played two seasons for the San Antonio Spurs and attended junior college for a year in Cooke County in northern Texas.

"The fact he used to live in Texas was one reason he is concerned," said Rodman agent, Dwight Manley.

"But even more than this being just a Texas issue, or a racial issue, it's a human issue with him."

The other suspect besides King and Brewer is Shawn Allen Berry, 23. The three, all with criminal records, are jailed without bond on the murder charge.

District Attorney Guy James Gray said prosecutors are considering whether the evidence is strong enough to add a second felony charge, such as kidnapping, which would make it a capital punishment case.

"The very nature of this crime puts it into the death penalty," Gray said.

Gray said it is possible one of the men could be spared the capital murder charge if his testimony is needed against the others.

Federal agencies have joined the investigation.

"We are determined the investigation will be thorough, will be fair and the guilty will be brought to justice," President Clinton said.

Byrd's mangled torso was found Sunday on a bumpy, winding country road about 10 miles from his Jasper home. His severed head, neck and right arm were about a mile away. Investigators found a trail of blood along a two mile stretch of road.

Byrd was last seen walking home from a niece's bridal shower Saturday night. He apparently accepted a ride from the suspects, one of whom he knew.

At the church service in this town of 8,000 some 150 miles north-east of Houston, the congregation sang and cried.

"We live together, we pray together, we share each other's food, money, cars," said the Rev John Hardin of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

"You cannot let this divide us. The right word now is 'Togetherness'."

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From: Savannah ITC

Investigative Information Services Center (IISC)
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Approved By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: [REDACTED]

Title: LAWRENCE RUSSELL BREWER
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Results of inquiries are set forth below.

SSAN 451-63-2638 has been associated with names Lawrence R. Brewer, Lawrence Brewer, L. Russell Brewer and [REDACTED]

Above SSAN is valid, issued in 1982 in TX.

The most recently reported addresses for credit reasons for name Lawrence R. Brewer are POB 151, Como, TX 75431 (5/98) and 909 Vicki Circle, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482 (2/98).

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A cite list is furnished showing current and previous residents of POB 151, Como, TX.

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No information was located re either of the above names in Bureau of Prisons' database.

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Savannah, Georgia 31401

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Requestor: [Redacted]

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Approximate turnaround times (48 hrs) (24 hrs) (2 hrs)

SEARCH CRITERIA (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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Name - Last: Brewer

First: Lawrence

Middle: Russell

Alias:

Sex: M

DOB: 3/13/67

DOB2: 1/1

SSAN1: 451-63-2638

SSAN2:

Spouse:

Fugitive: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Driver's License #: 10583938

State: TX

RESIDENCE

Street Address: 190 Timbers Apts #14 City/State: Jasper, TX Zip: 75851 Phone:

BUSINESS

Business Name:

Street Address:

City/State:

Zip:

Phone:

Business ID#:

CHECK DESIRED SEARCH PARAMETERS (Please check only those that are needed)

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Also need CREDIT INFORMATION!

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☐ 10. Determine Corporate Business Info, i.e., Officer, Director, Registered Agent

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☐ 11. Customs Border Crossings / Subject query / I-94 info (circle one)

☒ 12. Federal Prison Inmate Information

☐ 13. Telemarketing Complaints

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SAC, [Redacted]

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1. BREWER, LAWRENCE R.

909 VICKI CI., SULPHUR SPRINGS TX. 75482

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2741 S. ADAMS ST., FORT WORTH TX. 76110

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SULPHUR SPRINGS TX 75482-3879
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2080 MAIN ST
SULPHUR SPRINGS TX 75482-3663
RPTD: 12-97

PO BOX 151
COMO TX 75431-0151
RPTD: 5-98

2741 S ADAMS ST
FORT WORTH TX 76110-3104
RPTD: 3-94

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/15/1998

To: Houston

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From: Savannah ITC

Investigative Information Services Center (IISC)

Contact: [REDACTED] 912/944-0824

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED] (Pending)-

Title: James Byrd, Jr. (# 119050)

Synopsis: To report results of request submitted to Savannah ITC.

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Name/address query re Byrd, 129 W Broad, Jasper, TX, 75951, was negative.

Name query disclosed 3 Texas records, a a drivers license, a residential, and a vehicle registration. All records list address as 128 W Broad. The residential record also listed SSAN as 450-86-0753.

Queries re SSAN 450-86-0753 disclosed this is a valid SSAN issued in texas in 1964 being utilized by JAMES BYRD, JR., aka JAMES BYRD. The most current address listed is 128 W Broad St, Jasper, TX, 45951 (10/96).

Bureau of Prisons query was negative.

Other name queries disclosed numerous records for James Byrd, Jr., but with no matching addresses or descriptive data.

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TEXAS DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORD

Name: BYRD, JAMES JR

Address: 128 W BROAD
JASPER, TX 75951

* * * * * LICENSE INFORMATION * * * * *

DL Number: 010241866

Date of Last Transaction: 10/16/1997

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Date of Birth: 05/02/1949

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PERSON LOCATOR

Name: BYRD, JAMES

Current Address: 128 W BROAD STREET, JASPER, TX 75951

Social Security Number: 450-86-0753

On File Since: 8/1/1995

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TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

OWNER: JAMES BYRD JR

OWNER INFORMATION: JAMES BYRD JR
128 W BROAD
JASPER, TX 75951-2708

PLATE NUMBER: 746RBL

COUNTY REGISTERED: Jasper

PREVIOUS OWNER: CHESTER ADAMS JASPER TX

VIN: 8Y81S769130

VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL: LINCOLN-CONTINENTAL

* * * * * Registration Information * * * * *

PREVIOUS PLATE NUMBER: 746RBL

REGISTRATION CLASS: PASSENGER - LESS/EQ 6000

REGISTRATION DATE: 5/1/1991

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 00000000032171599

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MODEL YEAR: 1979

BODY TYPE: 2-D Sedan

CLASS CODE: Passenger

ODOMETER READING: EXEMPT

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128 W. BROAD ST., JASPER TX. 75951

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JASPER TX 75951-2708
RPTD: 10-96

SS: 450-86-0753
DOB: 05/02/49

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The Bulletin's Frontrunner

June 15, 1998, Monday

SECTION: WASHINGTON NEWS

LENGTH: 743 words

HEADLINE: Clinton's Race Initiative Pushed To Discuss Texas Killing.

BODY:

... year-old initiative on race" to "hold a town meeting on race in the tiny town" of Jasper, TX. Last week in Jasper, a black man named James Byrd Jr. was "dragged to his death by three white men" who "might have ties to a white supremacy group."

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AAP NEWSFEED

June 14, 1998, Sunday

SECTION: Western Australian Regional; Overseas News

LENGTH: 491 words

HEADLINE: US: RELATIVES SAY GOODBYE TO VICTIM OF DRAGGING DEATH

BYLINE: By Terri Langford

BODY:

... a sweltering tent today to hear politicians and civil rights activists urge the nation not to allow the brutal death of James Byrd Jr to harm race relations.

"Turn a crucifixion into a resurrection," the Reverend Jesse Jackson exhorted mourners at the ...

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SECTION: Nationwide General News; Overseas News

LENGTH: 829 words

HEADLINE: WORLD NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM AAP 07:00 JUNE 14

BODY:

... a sweltering tent today to hear politicians and civil rights activists urge the nation not to allow the brutal death of James Byrd Jr to harm race relations. (Slug US HATE DAYLEAD sent at 05:14, 493 words.)<

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CITY: BISSAU, GUINEA-BISSAU (92%); BRUSSELS, BELGIUM (76%); DAKAR, SENEGAL (72%); BAGHDAD, IRAQ (52%); HOUSTON, TX, USA (51%);

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June 14, 1998, Sunday HOME FINAL EDITION

SECTION: NEWS; Pg. 1A

LENGTH: 1154 words

HEADLINE: Jasper scarred but healing, Jackson tells mourners;
Residents pack church to honor dragging victim

SOURCE: Staff Writers of The Dallas Morning News

BYLINE: Bruce Tomaso, David Snyder

DATELINE: JASPER, Texas

BODY:

JASPER, Texas - James Byrd Jr. died a senseless death - but not a meaningless one, mourners were told at his funeral Saturday.

"There ...

... leader and other dignitaries who came to Jasper to honor Mr. Byrd's memory and to praise his family's courage.

"In memory of James Byrd, we will go forth this day and affirm that we are committed to justice, to equality, in our country."

Mr. Jackson, who was in town ...

... Renee Mullins and Jamie Byrd; a son, Ross Payne Byrd; a granddaughter, Tayla Renee Mullins; his parents, James Byrd Sr. and Stella Byrd; his sisters, Stella Brumley, Clara Taylor, Mary Verrett, Mylinda Washington, Louvon Harris and Betty ...

GRAPHIC:

... inside the church indicates that there are five more seats available inside for the packed funeral service for dragging victim James Byrd Jr. in Jasper. 2. "He always had something nice to say," said Janell Brown of James Byrd Jr., who she said was a regular customer of hers at the Smoker's Island in Jasper. She was visiting his grave site Saturday evening. (3. AP) Mourners embrace next to the casket during a funeral in Jasper for James Byrd Jr., who was dragged to death last Sunday along a rural road. Mourners included the Rev. Jesse Jackson and ...

CITY: HOUSTON, TX, USA (59%);

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June 14, 1998, Sunday 2 STAR EDITION

SECTION: STATE; Pg. 2

LENGTH: 205 words

HEADLINE: Loud tie appropriate for sheriff ;
Professor's critique doesn't faze Rowles

SOURCE: Staff

BYLINE: RICHARD STEWART, Houston Chronicle East Texas Bureau

DATeline: JASPER

BODY:

... answering questions from scores of reporters. But he's been doing a lot of that ever since the media flocked to his town to cover the brutal slaying of James Byrd Jr.

CITY: SAN ANTONIO, TX, USA (50%); DALLAS, TX, USA (50%);

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 6/12/98

[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. He then provided the following information:

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[redacted] of River City Coaches located at 2218 North Walters, San Antonio, Texas 78206, telephone 210-226-4855. River City Coaches is a commercial bus company which leases most of its busses from H and B Enterprises, 10100 Reunion Place, Suite 260, San Antonio, Texas 78216.

[redacted] confirmed that a commercial bus, displaying Texas license T5679 is owned by River City Coaches and is designated Unit 8224 by the company. The vehicle is a gold and purple 1982 TMC bus with "River City" painted in large letters on the sides. The vehicle identification number is 1TUA AH9A6CR003190.

[redacted] stated that Unit 8224 and Unit 7912, described below, were contracted to pick up military personnel from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on June 11, 1998, and deliver them to Fort Polk, Louisiana, the same day. Both busses left Fort Sam Houston, Texas, at approximately 8:00 a.m. on June 11, 1998, and arrived at Fort Polk, Louisiana, at approximately 6:30 p.m. the same day. After discharging their passengers, both busses were driven empty to Houston, Texas, where the drivers spent the night. [redacted] said both busses travelled together and they would have been completely on schedule if they were seen on Highway 12 near the Texas/Louisiana state line at approximately 8:00 p.m. on June 11, 1998.

Unit 7912 returned without passengers to San Antonio, Texas, on June 12, 1998, while Unit 8224 remained in Houston to pick up a load of military personnel at Ellington Air Force Base, Texas, who were returning from duty in Panama. [redacted] said that Unit 8224 had not arrived in San Antonio as of the conclusion of the interview at 4:30 p.m.

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Unit 8224 was driven by [redacted] and Unit 7912 was driven by [redacted]. Both drivers are white males. After arriving in Houston, Fuller spent the night at the White

Investigation on 6/12/98 at San Antonio, Texas (telephonically)

File # [redacted] Date dictated 6/12/98

SA [redacted]

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House motel located on South Main Street. [REDACTED] stayed at a Super 8 Motel located near Ellington Air Force Base.

Unit 7912 is described as a green 1979 MCI bus with white lettering and displaying Texas license T07745. The vehicle identification number is S14540.

[REDACTED] said that neither of his two busses were involved in any activity other than the trip for which they were contracted.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 06/12/1998

✓To: Houston

Attn: CT-2

New Orleans

SA [redacted]
Attn: Domestic Terrorism Squad
(Information Only)

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San Antonio

Squad 16

Contact: SA [redacted] telephone 210-978-5360

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted]

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Title: [redacted]

RUSSELL BREWER;
WILLIAM KING;
JAMES BYRD, JR. (DECEASED) - VICTIM;
AOT-DT-VIOLENT CRIME

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: To set forth lead received telephonically from Houston and provide coverage by San Antonio.

Administrative: Reference telcall of 06/12/1998 between SA [redacted] San Antonio Division, and IRS [redacted] Houston Division.

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Enclosures: For Houston are an original and two (2) copies of the FD-302 interview of [redacted]

Details: On 06/12/1998, Houston telephonically requested immediate lead coverage involving the interview of company personnel knowledgeable about the whereabouts of a commercial bus displaying license plates registered a bus company in San Antonio, Texas.

According to information provided by the Sheriff's Office in Jasper County, Texas, at approximately 7:00 p.m. on 06/11/1998, an anonymous caller to the Sheriff's Office in Deridder, Louisiana, reported that two busses were traveling through the Deridder area enroute to Jasper County - the occupants of which were supposed to "start trouble". The route of travel to Jasper County would involve either Highway 12 or Highway 62 and include a stop in Vidor, Texas

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To: Houston From: San Antonio
Re: [redacted] 06/12/1998

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At approximately 8:00 p.m, on 06/11/1998, the Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office reported two westbound busses crossed the Texas/Louisiana state line on Highway 12. The lead bus was described as being so dirty that its color could not be distinguished while the second bus was purple and displayed Texas license T5679. Registration information on the second bus indicated that the vehicle was licensed to H and B Limited, Incorporated, of 10100 Reunion Place, Suite 260, San Antonio, Texas.

On 06/12/1998, an interview was conducted of [redacted] of River City Coaches, who provided the full travel itinerary and driver information of the two busses his company leases from H and B Limited.

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[redacted] stated that the busses were contracted to pick up military personnel from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on 06/11/1998, and deliver them to Fort Polk, Louisiana, the same day. Both busses left Fort Sam Houston, Texas, at approximately 8:00 a.m. on 06/11/1998 and arrived at Fort Polk, Louisiana, at approximately 6:30 p.m. the same day. After discharging their passengers, both busses were driven empty to Houston, Texas, where the drivers spent the night. [redacted] said both busses travelled together and they would have been on schedule if they were seen on westbound Highway 12 near the Texas/Louisiana state line at approximately 8:00 p.m. on 06/11/1998.

[redacted] said that neither of his two busses were involved in any activity other than the trip for which they were contracted.

Full details of the interview are contained in the enclosed FD-302.

Lead covered at San Antonio.

To: Houston From: San Antonio
Re: [REDACTED] 06/12/1998

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LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

SAN ANTONIO

AT SAN ANTONIO

Determine current owner of the commercial bus displaying Texas license T5679 and conduct logical interview to ascertain its involvement, if any, with activities surrounding the funeral of captioned victim planned for 06/13/1998 in Jasper County, Texas.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 06/12/1998

To: All Field Offices

Attn: ADIC;
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Criminal Investigative
National Security

Attn: HCU, Room 10178
Attn: DTOU, SSA [REDACTED]

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From: Houston
CT-2

Contact: SA [REDACTED] 713-693-3817

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED] ~~(Pending)~~
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Title: [REDACTED]

LAWRENCE RUSSELL BREWER;
JOHN WILLIAM KING;
JAMES BYRD, JR., (DECEASED)-VICTIM
DOMESTIC TERRORISM-FORCE AND/OR VIOLENCE-MURDER

[REDACTED]
LAWRENCE RUSSELL BREWER;
JOHN WILLIAM KING;
JAMES BYRD, JR. (DECEASED)-VICTIM
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION-FORCE AND/OR VIOLENCE

Synopsis: To advise FBIHQ of Houstons initiation of a DT Preliminary Inquiry on captioned subjects. To provide a summary of investigation to date at Jasper, Texas and set leads for receiving offices.

Preliminary Inquiry Initiated: 6/11/1998, set to expire 9/11/1998.

Administrative: This communication is carried dual captioned to reflect Houston's investigative interest in pursuing all possible links between captioned subjects and various Domestic Terrorist groups. All offices in prior receipt of leads in this matter should continue coverage of leads and report results under both case files.

To: All Field Offices From: Houston
Re: [REDACTED] 06/12/1998

Enclosures: Enclosed for receiving offices are the following:

1. One color photograph each of [REDACTED] LAWRENCE RUSSELL BREWER, and JOHN WILLIAM KING.
2. 4 photographs of tattoos located on the captioned subjects.

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Details: For information of offices not in receipt of prior communications, during the morning hours of 06/07/1998, Jasper County Sheriff [REDACTED] located the badly mangled and dismembered body of a black male on Huff Creek Road, a rural area in Jasper County, Texas. Witnesses in the area described a suspicious pick-up truck which Sheriff Office personnel subsequently located. The driver of the pick-up, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the victim, 49 year-old James Byrd, Jr., was known to him and was picked up by the three captioned subjects as he walked down the road North of Jasper in the early morning hours of 06/07/98. The subjects then drove with the victim to a remote logging road, where the victim was beaten unconscious, then tied to the back of the truck with a tow chain and dragged for some distance.

Crime scene investigation and autopsy reports revealed the victim was alive when he was chained to the rear bumper of the pick-up truck and dragged 1000 yards down a logging road which terminated onto Huff Creek Road, a paved county road. He was then dragged another 2.3 miles along the paved road. The body struck a concrete culvert along the route, resulting in the torso being pulled apart. The head and right shoulder region of the body were discovered approximately .2 miles from the rest of the torso.

Several items of physical evidence have been recovered, linking captioned subjects to the crime scene. A witness has also been located who places the victim alive, in the back of [REDACTED] truck during the early morning hours prior to his death.

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Captioned subjects are all former inmates in the Texas state prison system. Interviews of prison officials and reviews of inmate records indicate that Brewer and King displayed signs and maintained associations indicative of a belief in the white supremacist ideology. As such, officials of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division (TDCJ-ID) prison system monitored their activity while the three were incarcerated. Based on records confiscated by TDCJ-ID from the cells of Brewer and King and obtained by the FBI, it appears that Brewer and King displayed an interest in joining or leading a prison-based cell of the Confederate Knights of America (CKA).

To: All Field Offices From: Houston
Re: [redacted] 06/12/1998

CKA is apparently led by [redacted]
[redacted] Contrary to media accounts, TDCJ-ID gang intelligence personnel did not identify the captioned subjects as members of the Texas Aryan Brotherhood (TAB), a large white supremacist gang in TDCJ-ID and elsewhere. The extent of the subjects' associations with TAB and/or other white supremacist prison gangs are as yet unknown.

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Two of the three subjects are extensively tattooed. Each have both arms covered in body art in what they call "sleeves" and much of their torso is also covered. Some of these tattoos are believed to have significance in the white supremacist movement.

A large volume of white supremacist literature and letters was recovered during searches of the subjects' Jasper, Texas residence. Items include books and letters that indicate subjects' affinity for racist literature. Inmate correspondence copied by TDCJ-ID personnel indicates that both King and Berwer were organizers of the small CKA chapter. Interviews with acquaintances of King and Brewer indicate that they may have planned to expand the CKA organization into Jasper. Forms with the names of approximately fifteen CKA members were copied by prison officials. Further details will be provided to Charlotte as Houston thoroughly evaluates the seized evidence.

In a statement provided by [redacted] Lawrence Russell Brewer was quoted as saying "We're starting the Turner Diaries early" as the victim was dragged down the road.

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Investigation is continuing in Houston. Field offices and FBIHQ will be apprised of significant developments.

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Main Subject

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DDN:

Race:

Sex:

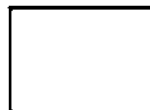
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To: All Field Offices From: Houston
Re: [REDACTED] 06/12/1998

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Main Subject

Name -

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BREWER

First:

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Middle:

RUSSELL

DDN:

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Event Date:

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Main Subject

Name -

Last:

KING

First:

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DDN:

Race:

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DOB:

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To: All Field Offices From: Houston
Re: [REDACTED] 06/12/1998

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LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

All receiving offices are requested to contact all logical DT and prison sources to determine if captioned subjects are known. Determine if enclosed taboos can be identified with any known White Supremacist organization or sub group. Determine the symbolic significance of the attached symbol found on each of the three subjects.

Consult sources to determine the significance of acquiring a "Patch". The patches described by acquaintances of the subjects in this case are reportedly collages of symbols tattooed on inmate AB members, after performing a specific deed, exhibiting an act of bravery or proving oneself in some way.

Set Lead 2:

CHARLOTTE

AT HUNTERSVILLE, NC

Provide Houston with available information on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with particular attention to his possible involvement with the white supremacist movement and relationships with other hate groups or political extremists. Special attention should be paid to [REDACTED] East Texas connections, if any are known to Charlotte. Information on [REDACTED] the Confederate Knights of America, is also requested.

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(01/26/1998)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 06/16/1998

To: /Houston

Attn: CT-2

SSA [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED] (Pending)

Title: [REDACTED]

RUSSELL BREWER;
WILLIAM KING;
JAMES BYRD, JR. (DECEASED) - VICTIM;
AOT-DT-VIOLENT CRIME

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: Response to lead set forth in EC dated 06/12/98.

Details: In response to above referenced lead, the New Orleans Division, Lake Charles RA, contacted area law enforcement agencies and received the following information:

On 06/12/98, SA [REDACTED] contacted the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office (BPSO) and spoke with Chief Deputy [REDACTED] who advised that on 06/11/98, his dispatcher received a telephone call from an anonymous caller who stated two busloads of members of the KKK were going through Louisiana traveling on Highway 112, en route to Jasper, in support of the three suspects. In response to this call, BPSO advised area law enforcement agencies of the call and dispatched a deputy to the reported route to look for the two buses, however the deputy did not locate the buses. BPSO has no knowledge or documentation of KKK activity in their parish.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 06/11/98

On June 10, 1998, [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] interview was precipitated by his call to the [redacted] Police Department during which he claimed to have information concerning the homicide in Jasper, Texas.

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[redacted] was made aware of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview. Also participating in the interview was [redacted] Police Detective [redacted] was also advised of [redacted] identity. [redacted] then provided the following information:

[redacted] returned from his off-shore job with [redacted] to his residence, located at [redacted] family moved to Sulphur from Jasper, Texas, over the [redacted] weekend. [redacted] is [redacted] from a previous marriage, [redacted] During the evening of June 8, 1998, [redacted] became involved in an argument with [redacted] and decided to rent a room at the Player's Casino and Hotel.

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During the morning of Tuesday, June 9, 1998, [redacted] spoke with [redacted] who told him about the homicide in Jasper. [redacted] told [redacted] that she knew the three people responsible for killing the black male victim, and that the crime was intentional. [redacted] stated the three suspects knew the victim and had previously been in an confrontation with him at the V.F.W. in Jasper.

[redacted] initially did not pay much attention to [redacted] comments, however on Wednesday, June 10, 1998, saw a news report concerning the incident and realized [redacted] was telling the truth. Upon seeing the new report, [redacted] who was with him at the time the news report was aired, that he was going to call the police and report [redacted] comments. [redacted] became scared and told [redacted] that she was going to take [redacted] to a safe location, at which time she left the hotel room.

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by SA [redacted]

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Later in the evening of June 10, 1988 [REDACTED] contacted the writer and stated that [REDACTED] was taking [REDACTED] back to Jasper. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was dating [REDACTED] who lived in Jasper. [REDACTED] suggested that we contact [REDACTED] in an effort to locate [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further added that due to his family situation, [REDACTED] might try to "get him in trouble." The writer asked [REDACTED] if he was referring to the incident in Jasper, at which time [REDACTED] replied that he had been off shore for the entire month and was no way involved in the Jasper incident.

Based on observations and information provided by [REDACTED] the following physical description of [REDACTED] was obtained:

Aliases:
Race:
Sex:
Date of Birth:
Social Security
Number:
Driver's license
Number:
Home Address:

Home Telephone:
Employment:

[REDACTED]

White
Male

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 06/11/98

On June 11, 1998, [redacted] (protect identity) was interviewed by the writer at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, [redacted] Upon being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] moved from Jasper, Texas to [redacted] over the weekend of [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] stated she was familiar with [redacted] LAWRENCE RUSSELL BREWER, and JOHN WILLIAM KING. Her first

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[REDACTED] continued relating [REDACTED] story by stating

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After hearing this from [REDACTED] interrupted her

[REDACTED]

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that she was not in any trouble and not to be afraid in any way of speaking with agents, however it was important that agents speak with her as soon as possible. [Redacted] agreed to wait at the residence until agents could arrive.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Based on observations and information provided by [Redacted] the following physical description of [Redacted] was obtained:

Race:
Sex:
Date of Birth:
Social Security
Number:
Home Address:

Home Telephone:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 06/11/1998

To: Houston

Attn: SA [redacted]
Beaumont RA

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From: [redacted]

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: [redacted]

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Title: [redacted]

LAWRENCE RUSSELL BREWER;
JOHN WILLIAM KING;
JAMES BYRD, JR., DECEASED-VICTIM
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
FORCE AND/OR VIOLENCE

Synopsis: To advise Beaumont RA of information developed in [redacted]
[redacted] concerning above case.

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Administrative: All persons interviewed were furnished the appropriate provisions of the Privacy Act. Express promises of confidentiality, both limited and unlimited, have been granted to the following individuals:

[redacted]

Reference telephone calls dated [redacted]
between [redacted]

Enclosures: For the Beaumont RA are one original and one copy each of interviews with [redacted]
[redacted] along with notes taken during each interview.

Details: On [redacted] spoke with the [redacted]
Police Department concerning a call received from [redacted]
[redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On 6/12/98, [redacted] Ku Klux Klan, [redacted] Texas, was telephonically contacted by SA [redacted] and provided the following information.

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[redacted] refused to answer any questions and referred the interviewing agents to his attorney, [redacted] telephone (w) [redacted]. While on the phone, [redacted] stated he had no plans on going to Jasper, Texas during the weekend of 6/13-14/98. [redacted] stated that he did not live on [redacted]

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A few minutes later, SA [redacted] attempted to talk to [redacted] and SA [redacted] left a message on [redacted] answering machine.

SA [redacted] then telephoned [redacted] and advised [redacted] that he was unable to talk to [redacted] and the interviewing agents were outside [redacted] yard. SA [redacted] told [redacted] that the agents needed to meet with him. [redacted] refused to meet with the interviewing agents without his attorney. On the phone, [redacted] again advised that he had no plans on going to Jasper, Texas and he was not aware of anybody going to Jasper, Texas. [redacted] also stated that he did not know the three subjects involved in the murder of JAMES BYRD. Then [redacted] agreed to see the interviewing agents in order to obtain their business card.

A few minutes later, [redacted] meet with the interviewing agents and Deputy [redacted] San Jacinto County Sheriff Dept., and [redacted] obtained SA [redacted] business card. At this time, [redacted] stated that no one from his group was going to Jasper, Texas. [redacted] was not aware of any other person or group going to Jasper, Texas. [redacted] advised that at this time he did not have any plans for demonstrations about the Jasper incident. [redacted] did not know [redacted] RUSSELL BREWER or WILLIAM KING and he [redacted] was not involved in the murder in Jasper, Texas.

On 6/13/98, at approximately 10:00 a.m., SA [redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted] at his home phone, [redacted] and [redacted] advised that he believed that his attorney [redacted] had tried to contact SA [redacted] during the evening of 6/12/98.

Investigation on 6/12/98 at [redacted] Texas

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by SAs [redacted]

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The following is a description of [Redacted]

NAME [Redacted]
RACE/SEX White/Male
HAIR [Redacted]
HEIGHT 5'8" - 5'10"
DOB
SSAN
SCARS
ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:
FORMER ADDRESS:
(Prior to 911)
MAILING ADDRESS:
911 ADDRESS:
ATTORNEY:

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Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 06/17/1998

To: National Security
Laboratory

Attn: DTOU, SSA [REDACTED]
Attn: Chemistry Unit
DNA Analysis Unit
Trace Evidence

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From: Houston

Beaumont RA

Contact: SSRA [REDACTED] (409) 832-8571

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED] 3
Pending)

Title: [REDACTED]

LAWRENCE RUSSELL BREWER;
JOHN WILLIAM KING;
JAMES BYRD, JR., DECEASED - VICTIM
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION - FORCE AND/OR VIOLENCE

Synopsis: Transport of three vials containing samples of body fluids taken from captioned victim for submission to FBI Lab for testing.

Enclosures: Enclosed for FBI Lab -

1 - one vial containing approximately 3 ml of blood taken from captioned victim,

2 - one vial containing approximately 3 ml of bile taken from captioned victim,

3 - one vial containing approximately 4 ml of urine taken from captioned victim.

Details: Reference EC dated 06/11/98 from Houston to FBI Lab re transport of vials of blood, by SSRA [REDACTED]

Reference EC dated 06/11/98 from Houston to FBI Lab re transport of forensic evidence, by SA [REDACTED]

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Submitted for toxicology examination to FBI Lab are three vials containing blood, bile, and urine samples taken from captioned victim, JAMES BYRD, JR.,

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On 06/17/98, Jasper County District Attorney (JCDA) [redacted] requested that a toxicology examination, consisting of a blood alcohol content and drug screen, be conducted on the blood of BYRD. However, the JCDA also stressed that the DNA testing of BYRD's blood is more important to the case than the toxicology testing. If the FBI Lab is unable perform both the requested DNA and toxicology examinations due to the limited amount of blood sample available, priority should be given to the DNA testing.

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For the information of FBI Lab, the Jefferson County Crime Laboratory did not perform a toxicology examination of BYRD's blood. The only toxicology examination to be conducted would be that of the FBI Lab, should it be deemed possible.

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LEAD (s):

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Perform laboratory examination.

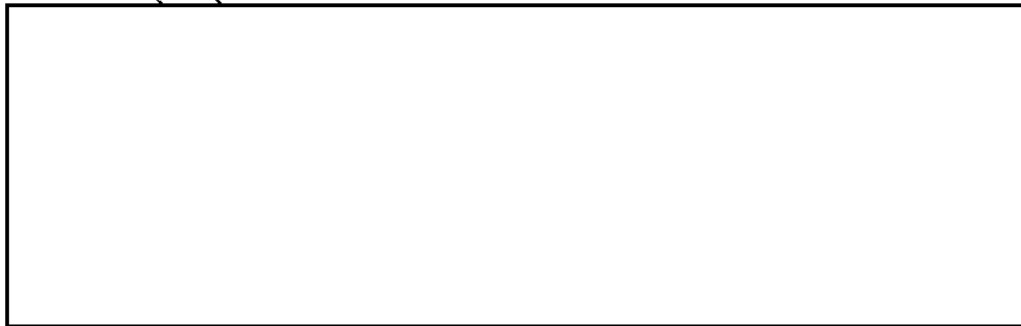
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The following investigation was conducted by HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, Detective [redacted] and Detective [redacted] who are assigned to the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI), Domestic Terrorism Task Force at Houston, Texas:

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On June 8, 1998, interviews were conducted with residents living on Huffcreek Road in Jasper, Texas with regards to a homicide committed on the road sometime between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 7, 1998.

The below listed residents were unable to provide any pertinent information with regards to any activities or traffic occurring on Huffcreek Road during the stated time frame.



No contact was made with the residents at the following locations on Huffcreek Road:

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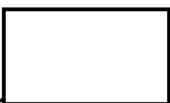


The "no contact" locations were routed to the case agent, Special Agent [redacted] FBI Houston Division, Beaumont Resident Agency, for follow-up.

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[redacted] a White female, date of birth [redacted] was interviewed at the residence of her grandparents, [redacted] Jasper, Texas on Friday, June 12, 1998. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Task Force Agent (TFA) [redacted] and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information. Also present during the interview were [redacted]

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[redacted] is currently employed at the [redacted] after being hired in [redacted] Immediately upon starting work at [redacted] she met [redacted] who also was employed there. [redacted] described [redacted] as being friendly and comical, and was nice to everyone, Black and White alike. She further stated that [redacted] had numerous Black friends and had never considered him a "racist."

[redacted] stated that on Saturday, June 6, 1998, she arrived at work at [redacted] at approximately 6:15 p.m. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was already at work at [redacted] and remained there

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[redacted] stated that upon [redacted] baby left and [redacted] returned to work. [redacted] remained at work until [redacted] closed and he secured a ride to his residence at the [redacted] with another [redacted] employee, [redacted]

On Sunday, June 7, 1998 at approximately 8:30 p.m., [redacted] stated that she returned to [redacted] and observed [redacted] RUSSELL BREWER, and BILL KING at the location and that [redacted] was parked at [redacted] [redacted] spoke to [redacted] and KING and both appeared to be normal in their actions. During this time period [redacted] and his [redacted] arrived and went inside [redacted] and exited a short time later. [redacted] advised that upon exiting [redacted] KING [redacted] left the area.

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[redacted] advised that she had met KING through [redacted] at [redacted] sometime before Christmas of 1997. She stated that at times KING would stress how he hated "niggers." At one point

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King described his tattoos to her, giving [redacted] the impression he was a "racist," however he never made comments in front of her about the Black people attending [redacted]

[redacted] first met BREWER a few weeks ago and has had no conversations with him other than saying hello.

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[redacted] White male. was interviewed at his residence located at [redacted] Jasper, Texas. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Task Force Agent's (TFA) [redacted] and [redacted] and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information.

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[redacted] was identified by Texas drivers license [redacted] resides [redacted]
[redacted] During the initial interview [redacted] advised that on Sunday, June 7, 1998 during the early afternoon hours, between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m., he returned from the store and observed one White male in the bed of the suspect vehicle. [redacted] advised that he parked two spaces to the right of the suspect vehicle. [redacted] advised that he observed the male to be one of the White males from [redacted] TFA [redacted] obtained two photos, photo #1 of [redacted] and photo #2 of JOHN W. KING from Special Agent [redacted] TFA [redacted] showed both photos to [redacted] who advised TFA [redacted] that the White male he observed in the bed of the truck was not the person in photo #1 or photo #2.

During the interview [redacted] described the White male's clothing the day he observed him in the bed of the suspect vehicle as having only a pair of jean shorts, and no shirt with numerous tattoos visible on his shoulders and arms.

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After being unable to locate a photo of LAWRENCE RUSSELL BREWER, TFA [redacted] and [redacted] returned to the Command Center at the JASPER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT and obtained a photo of BREWER. TFA [redacted] and [redacted] to show [redacted] photo #3 of BREWER. TFA [redacted] did not receive an answer at [redacted]

On Friday, June 12, 1998, TFA [redacted] returned to TAC, [redacted] was located outside his apartment residence. [redacted] invited TFA [redacted] inside his residence. [redacted] was shown photo #3 of BREWER, and positively identified the person in photo #3 as the White male

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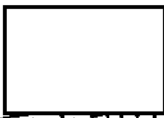
that he observed in the bed of the suspect vehicle between the hours of 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 7, 1998. TFA  then initialed, and dated the photo #3. The photo #3 shown to  was placed in a 1-A envelope attached hereto.

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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☒ See below

Subject's name and aliases

Murder in Jasper TX
James Byrd - Victim

Character of case

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Complainant ☒ Protect Source

Complaint received

☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 6/8/98 Time

Address of Subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

Complainant's DOB

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Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☒ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth Date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	Social Security Number
	Scars, marks and other data					

Facts of complaint

C- called requesting the name of the agent she make a complaint to several months ago. The nature of the complaint involved allegations of corruption on behalf of her famous elderly [redacted] of Jasper. She expressed a great hatred of her [redacted] and in this call, as in her original complaint, (banking violations in Jasper attributed to [redacted] she indirectly attributed this recent murder and all other Jasper murders to her [redacted] She said [redacted] the Police Chief, bankers and other law enforcement and in some way is responsible.

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23:52:03

Type X, x, or / to view Full Response, then press Enter.

Name:

M/R : R Case ID: HO 272-0

Serial: 77:

Race: U Sex: F DOB/Event: ID Info: SOC

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LAWRENCE RUSSELL BREWER II was contacted at the Jasper County jail by Special Agents [redacted] and detective [redacted] with the Jasper Police Department. Brewer was advised of the nature of the investigation and of his Miranda Rights. Brewer read and signed a n advice of rights form and agreed to answer questions. Brewer provided the following information:

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Brewer age 31 was paroled from State prison on 9/5/97. Brewer was serving time for possession of cocaine in 1989 and went to prison after a probation violation. Brewer has been living in the Sulphur Springs area and has been living in Jasper with his friend Bill King since last month. Brewer is not employed but had an odd job this past week helping to clear some land at Wildwood for someone by the name of [redacted]. Brewer was at King's apartment with King and [redacted] until after mid -night. Sometime around 1:00am on Sunday 6/7/98 King's [redacted] returned home from work. Brewer and [redacted] left in [redacted] to look for some girls that had called earlier. The girls lived out on Highway 255 at the residence of [redacted] according to caller ID. Brewer thought the address for the girls was on a yellow sheet of paper in [redacted] and Brewer drove around until around 2:30 am looking for the address. Brewer recalled that stopped once at a gas station for gas. Brewer could not identify the gas station saying that only one or two were open at that time of night. Upon returning at 2:30 am they were home for the rest of the night. Brewer denied that King had left the residence with them. Brewer denied that they stopped to pick up anyone in the truck.

Brewer was wearing sandals during the interview and Agents noticed the big toe on Brewer's right foot was purple in a deep purple color. Brewer complained of the pain in the toe and his left ankle which appeared to agents to be swollen. Brewer explained he had sustained the injuries when while driving around looking for the girls a cooler of beer fell out of the back of the pickup. Brewer though he hurt himself when he went down into a ditch to retrieve the cooler.

[redacted] that the next day he slept late and later went with King to a volleyball party at the residence of [redacted] south of Jasper.

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[redacted] removed his shirt and pants so agents could view numerous tattoos all over his body. Several of the tattoos were

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by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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consistent with a white supremacist idiolgy. Detective took 35 mm photos of Brewer's tattoos and injured toe and ankle.

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The interview which began at 3:14PM ended when Brewer requested to return to his cell when the interview became accusatory.

Descriptive Data:Main Subject

Name -

Last:	Brewer
First:	Lawrence
Middle:	Russell
DDN:	

Race:	W
Sex:	M
DOB:	03/13/1967
POB:	Paris, Texas
Address -	
House #:	801 apt214
Street Name:	West Gibson
City:	Jasper, TX.
State:	Texas

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[redacted] Jasper County Sheriff's Office (JCSO), 101 Burch Street, Jasper, Texas 75951, telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and nature of the interview. [redacted] then provided the following information:

[redacted] who is the [redacted] provided all pertinent National Crime Information Center and Texas Crime Information Center records on JAMES BYRD JR. She also provided a booking photograph on BYRD from October 21, 1994, as well as booking records on BYRD from the JCSO. This information shall be maintained in the I-A section of the file.

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[redacted] Pineview Apartments, 700
Pollard, Jasper, Texas 75951, telephone number [redacted]
was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and nature
of the interview. [redacted] then provided the following
information.

[redacted] advised that JAMES BYRD Jr. lived in apartment
number 77. She advised that he moved in on December 8, 1997.
She advised that BYRD was an older black male, who consumed a lot
of alcohol. She advised that he was basically a loner, and did
not cause any trouble. She advised that the last time she saw
him was last week. She commented that he did not have a vehicle
and usually was seen walking around town. She advised that since
his death, [redacted] had come previously that morning and
cleaned out his apartment. She advised that some of his
belongings went to apartment number [redacted] that belongs to [redacted]
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[redacted]
Jasper, Texas 75951, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview. [redacted] the provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that the morning of June 8, 1998, she picked up some dishes and other items from JAMES BYRD, JR., deceased, apartment. She advised that [redacted] gave her these items. [redacted] advised that [redacted] cleaned out his apartment.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Jasper, Texas, 75951, telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview. [redacted] then provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that he was a personal friend of JAMES BYRD, JR., deceased. He advised that on Saturday night, June 6, 1998, he was at a party at the [redacted] residence on Smith Street, Jasper, Texas. He advised that BYRD was also at the party. [redacted] advised that he was at the party from 11:30 p.m. until 1:20 a.m. He advised that he estimated that there was about 60 - 80 people at the party. He advised that BYRD had on a pair of black pants, a multi-colored shirt, tennis shoes, and was drinking heavily.

[redacted] advised that he had known BYRD for a long time, and he was a harmless man. He advised that BYRD drank often, and walked everywhere, inasmuch as he did not own a vehicle.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Jasper, Texas 75951, was advised of the nature of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview. [redacted] then provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that she is the [redacted] of JAMES BYRD, JR., the deceased. She advised that she saw BYRD at his apartment on the morning of June 6, 1998. She advised that he was coming home from HEB with some groceries. She advised that he walked everywhere that he went. She advised that occasionally he would catch a ride from a friend that had a small brown car and a brown pickup truck. She commented that BYRD normally drank Thunderbird wine. She advised that that was the last time she had seen BYRD. [redacted] advised that he had on a basketball type jersey with the name James on the back and a pair of jeans. She advised he hung out with a man by the name of [redacted] and played dominoes.

She advised that BYRD was a harmless man, and that he basically was very friendly to everyone and drank all day.

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[redacted] Jasper, Texas 75951, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview. [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised that she was at the [redacted] party on the evening of Saturday, June 6, 1998. She advised that she saw JAMES BYRD, JR., the deceased, at the party. She advised that she left the party at about 1:15 a.m., and that BYRD was still there. [redacted] advised that he was looking for a ride home. She advised that at the time she left there were about thirty people at the party. She advised that BYRD had on a baseball cap, jeans, and tennis shoes. [redacted] advised that BYRD appeared to be in a good mood. She advised that he had been drinking alcohol.

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