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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 03/31/2009

To: Atlanta **Attn:** SSRA [redacted] - Dalton RA
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From: Atlanta
Squad C6 - Public Corruption/Civil Rights
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Approved By: Jones Gregory
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Case ID #: 44A-AT-C102222 (Pending)

Title: CIVIL RIGHTS
COLD CASE INITIATIVE

Synopsis: To set lead recommending opening of new 44A matter.

Enclosure(s): Redacted FBI file #157-102 and four newspaper articles.

Details: Since 2007, the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Civil Rights Unit (CRU), FBIHQ have led an initiative to reassess all unsolved civil rights era hate crimes in the southeastern United States. This includes 15 murders suspected of being hate crimes committed throughout the state of Georgia from 1946 to 1966. The purpose of this initiative is to determine the investigative viability of each case.

On 11/14/2008, leads were sent to several Atlanta Division RA's requesting that [redacted] steps be taken to assist DOJ and CRU in determining each case's viability. On 03/26/2009, DOJ and CRU conducted an on-site audit of the Atlanta Division's cold cases. DOJ and CRU made recommendations for all 15 cases.

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One of the 15 cases involved a bomb explosion that ripped through the Ringgold, Georgia home of the Green family, killing Mattie Green, mother of six, and injuring [redacted] Three other children who were

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in the home during the explosion were unharmed. The case was investigated by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the FBI in 1960. Research has revealed that only a redacted version of the FBI file remains.

DOJ and CRU identified this case as being viable and recommended it be opened as a full Civil Rights investigation. This was based on several reasons. First, no clear subject(s) was ever identified in the original investigation. Although the FBI file mentions [redacted] or a splinter group of the Ku Klux Klan as possible subjects, it does not provide any evidence to support those notions. Second, the case involved an explosive which likely gives the case a federal nexus. And finally, the FBI file makes mention of other bombings in the area at the time. b6 b7C

Based on the foregoing reasons, it is recommended that Dalton RA open the Mattie Green murder as a full Civil Rights investigation. Further recommended investigative steps include identifying and interviewing living family members of the victim and any other logical investigative steps Dalton RA deems necessary.

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Re: 44A-AT-C102222, 03/31/2009

LEAD(s):

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AT DALTON, GEORGIA

Recommend that Dalton RA open the Mattie Green murder case as a full Civil Rights 44A matter.

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Georgia Officers Find No Motive For Fatal Blast at Ringgold Home

CHATTANOOGA TIMES MAY 2 1 1960

Special to The Chattanooga Times.

RINGGOLD, Ga., — No motive has been established in the blast at a Ringgold Negro home which killed Mrs. Mattie Green, 32, and injured her husband and a child early Thursday, Catoosa County Sheriff J. D. Stewart said Friday night.

"We haven't come up with a thing pointing to the reason for the explosion," Sheriff Stewart stated. He is being assisted in the probe by two agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Sgt. E. M. Whitfield of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Meanwhile, officers awaited a laboratory inspection of debris by Dr. Herman Jones of Atlanta, state criminologist, who visited the scene several hours after the blast had splintered the four-room house. Three other children asleep in the home escaped injury.

Sheriff Stewart said the report by Dr. Jones is expected by the weekend. His report may disclose whether dynamite or some other powerful explosive was used. There were unconfirmed reports here Friday that the explosive was black powder, set off under the bedroom of the victim.

2 Away from Home

The husband, Jethro Green, and a son, Larry, age 17 months, suffered minor injuries in the blast. Two other children were spending the night with their grandmother.

Sheriff Stewart late Friday denied published reports quoting him as saying a "personal grudge" might have brought on the attack.

"I have not made any statement indicating a motive," the officer asserted. "At present we do not know what the motive was and I certainly did not make any statement saying it must have been a personal matter."

Green has a good record in Ringgold, and "as far as I know has not had any trouble with anyone here," the sheriff stated. He is employed as a mechanic and body repairman for Abney Motor Co. at nearby East Ridge, Tenn. He has been a resident of Catoosa County all of his life.

The Greens were among Negro families living on one section of a Ringgold street. White families reside along another section of the same street.

MRS. MATTIE GREEN

Mrs. Green was instantly killed in the blast at 1:05 a.m. An autopsy disclosed that she died of multiple hemorrhages in both lungs, ruptures of the spleen and liver and a rupture of a pulmonary vessel.

Funeral services for Mrs. Green will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the St. James AME Church in Ringgold, with the Revs. O. J. Jordan, J. H. Buckner and others officiating. The body is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Adams, in Ringgold. Burial will be in Graysville Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Ruth and Lethia Green; four sons, David, William, Larry and Jethro Green Jr.; parents; four sisters, Mrs. Florence Madden, Mrs. Mary Lumpkin, and Miss Lula Mae Adams, all of Ringgold; Mrs. Inez Stamper, Menlo Park, Calif.; seven brothers, James and Sam Adams, Chattanooga; George Adams, Dewberry, Ga.; Charles, Harvey, Leroy and J. D. Adams, all of Ringgold; a foster sister, Mrs. Hilda Moss; a foster brother, Alvin Adams, Ringgold, and several aunts and uncles.

13 Marietta Youths Fined In Racial Row

ATLANTA JOURNAL MAY 2 4 1960

Thirteen white and Negro youths have been fined $15 and placed on one year's probation after being found guilty of disorderly conduct-fighting in the Marietta town square melee Saturday night.

They were given a 15-day jail sentence, but it was suspended on payments of the fines, said Recorder Court Judge Russell Ford.

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JUDGE FORD was asked what he discovered to be the cause of the fracas. "I don't know. The weather's getting hot . . . and I guess a lot of people like to fuss a little bit," he said.

He said he attached "no special significance" to the fight, which started when one of the youths allegedly insulted a Negro woman.

Included in the 13 were five juveniles. Because they had previous records, Cobb Juvenile Court remanded them to Judge Ford's custody and they were tried with the others Tuesday afternoon.

One of those arrested is yet to be tried. Cecil Bryant, 19, was still in Kennestone Hospital being treated for a knife wound in the chest.

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ACCORDING TO police records, those tried Monday were Pauline Alexander, 18, Negro; Mary Louise Shelton, 18, Negro; Douglas Cook, 18, Negro; Charles W. Fowler, 17; James W. Fowler, 24; William Alvin Haney, 18; Edward John Cook and David Eugene Cook, 21.

Names of the five youths under 17 years of age are withheld in

Pasternak Shows Slight Improvement

MOSCOW (UPI) — Soviet author Boris Pasternak is slightly improved from

ROME MAN WAYLAID, SET AFIRE

MAY 14 1960

Racial Conflict Seen in Words Of Quintet

ATLANTA JOURNAL

Special to The Atlanta Journal

ROME, Ga., May 14—A 26-year old newspaper carrier for The Atlanta Constitution told police he was waylaid shortly before sunup Saturday by five Negroes in a Cadillac, tied with newspaper baling wire and set afire by the hair of his head.

The Negroes told him, the carrier told police:

"We'll learn you white trash what's what."

Floyd County Policeman L. Snow said the assault on Dewey Lee Neighbors of 4 Conn St. took place at 5:15 a.m. in Horse Lot Estates, in a fashionable section of Rome.

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AFTER SETTING fire to Mr. Neighbors's hair, the Negroes dumped him into some shrubbery alongside the street, then set fire to his car, Officer Snow said. The car was destroyed by flames.

Officer Snow said he was going on a theory that the assailants were from out of town, possibly attendants at a big all-night Negro singing held in Rome Friday night.

Mr. Neighbors said the men were about middle-aged, and did not appear to be drunk, the officer said.

The newspaper carrier, delivering the Saturday morning edition of The Atlanta Constitution at the time of the assault, was not seriously injured. Officer Snow said he suffered abrasions from being drug on the ground, and his hair was partly burned.

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OFFICER SNOW, who was investigating the incident —

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Clues Reported Scarce By State In "Bomb" Death

ATLANTA DAILY WORLD

25 Pounds Of Dynamite Used, Sheriff Estimates

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

State Crime Laboratory experts Friday examined metal fragments found at the scene of the b ombing of a Negro home in Ringgold Thursday but expressed little hope their investigation would lead to a quick solution of the blast that took the life of a Negro mother.

Dr. Herman Jones, director of he crime lab, said that investigaors had "little to work on" in the ase, He said, "We'll probably be avestigating this one for six onths.

We're conducting tests on several ings picked up at the scene."

He added it was not likely the ime laboratory would be in a poion to issue a report on its findgs for some time.

The blast killed 32-year-old Mrs. attie Green, mother of four. Her usband, Jethro, and the children caped injury.

Catoosa County Sheriff J. D. ewart said the bombers used an timated 25 pounds of dynamite ich they placed under the bedom of the sleeping couple. He said e bombing apparently involved racial angle.

Jones said the metal fragments peared to be part of a container which the dynamite was placed.

An autopsy performed on Mrs. een's body showed that she died internal injuries received from n blast. Acting Police Chief Bill Graw said that the autopsy had n requested because "We wanted make sure."

he blast occured early Thursd morning as the family slept. rs. Green was crushed by falling ller when the dynamite went off the bedroom.

reen, a mechanic, was said by ward to be law-abiding and caused no trouble with anyas far as he knew. The incle was one of a series of racial dents in North Georgia, East, nessee in recent months. Two ro homes were fired upon by ns recently in Chickamauga, miles from Ringgold.

he explosion sent flying debris fragments of steel, flying ugh the house. It ripped a ble in the house, located on le Street in a Negro residen section.

eral, state and federal officers working on the case.

Lie Detector Test In Hair Burning Off; Man Sick

ROME, Ga. — (UPI) — planned lie detector test for Rome newspaper carrier who said five Negroes jumped him, bound him with wire, and set fire to his hair and car, was cancelled Thursday.

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Floyd County investigator Bill Hard said Huey Neighbors, 24, had consented to the test and was taken to Atlanta Thursday for the test. However, shortly before the test was to be administered, Neighbors said he was sick and the test had to be cancelled.

It was pointed out that a lie detector test can only be given with the consent of the person to be tested.

Officials said they were leaving no stone unturned in the case. Neighbors said he was delivering papers early last Saturday morning when the Negroes forced his car off the road.

He said that the Negroes said, "We'll show you white trash what's what."

Neighbors said he was not robbed and knew of no reason for the attack.

It Cannot Be Walked Away From And Forgotten

A few short days ago, the state was shocked and the nation disgraced by the wilful bombing of a Negro home which resulted in the injury of members of the family and the outright killing of a mother. This happened near the little north Georgia town of Ringgold, up in the chennile spread mountains where this humble worker had made a living for himself and family working in the nearby city of Chattanooga.

The discovery was made that the simple cottage had been bombed, with the mother having died and the father left unconscious for a time.

Testimony rang from every section that the occupants of the home were peaceful citizens; that the head of the house had no known enemies, and the family status was of such as to convince those in the community that no one was immune from such an attack as was visited upon this humble home.

The governor of the state offered a reward for the apprehension of whoever committed the cowardly act.

It is earnestly hoped that this hoodlum ring, beginning attacks on innocent homes and killing and injuring the inmates, will be nipped in the bud; that no such practice is in order and that citizens should not be under such duress as renders their lives in peril.

The country belongs to the people; every citizen should be accorded equal privilege in enjoying whatever advantages or opportunities enjoined upon any other citizen.

Has the day come when a citizen cannot go to bed at night with the assurance that he will be awakened in his backyard with his home in splinters, his wife dead, and children screaming and bleeding?

Such a condition cannot be talked about, probed, and walked off to be forgotten. Let us hope the guilty person will be found and punished to the extent that law permits.

ATLANTA DAILY WORLD MAY 28 1960

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Sheriff, Other Officials Probe Dynamiting Cause

ATLANTA DAILY WORLD, GREENLEA MAY 2 2 1949

RINGGOLD, Ga. — (SNS) — The Negro community of this quiet little North Georgia town still displayed its shock and bewilderment Saturday as relatives of dynamite-blast victim Mrs. Mattie Greene made preparations for her funeral.

Services for the attractive mother of six children will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the St. John AME Church with the Rev. O. J. Jordan, J. H. Buckner, and others officiating. Burial will be in the Graysville Cemetery.

Mrs. Greene was asleep in bed with her husband when a tremendous explosion directly beneath the house made a complete shambles of the four-room frame dwelling. Her seventeen-month-old baby, asleep in his bed, was blown into a

MRS. MATTIE GREENE

corner beneath the sills of the floorless room and her husband, Jethro, was tumbled under timbers of the back porch area. Both miraculously suffered only minor injuries. Three other children, asleep in another room, were uninjured, and two others were spending the night with their grandmother.

Catoosa County Sheriff J. D. Stewart denied reports that a suspect had been under questioning for the bombing, but rumors persisted that a suspect was being held. "We haven't come up with a thing pointing to a motive for the explosion," the Sheriff declared. "Greene has a good record in Ringgold and, as far as I know, has not had any trouble with anyone."

MULTIPLE INVESTIGATION

Two agents from the FBI and an agent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation are assisting the sheriff and Ringgold's three policemen in the investigation. Dr. Herman Jones, of the state crime laboratory was examining the debris for clues. As yet it has not been de

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Blast Victim

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termined what explosive was used.

Local police speculated that "an entire case of dynamite, or dynamite mixed with something else, provided the blast. They said the blast occurred during the changing of the police officers' midnight shifts in the town.

Whoever placed the charge had removed a metal ventilator from the concrete block foundation and set the explosive some three feet under the bedroom. Only the bedroom in which three of the children were sleeping on the opposite of the house was not completely demolished.

Twelve-year-old Jethro, Jr., who occupied that room with David, 7, and William 5, heroically pulled his brothers from the tangled timbers and returned to drag his dazed father out before startled neighbors arrived.

Young [illegible] pale [illegible] for his mother beneath the mass of wreckage to pull her out, but found only her head protruding from the sandwiched lumber and plumbing of the bathroom where her body had been blown. He could not extract her, but located the baby before help arrived.

The Greene home is the first Negro house on a circular street that begins with several white homes off Highway 41. The clean, modest line of Negro homes numbers several new dwellings of concrete block construction.

Jethro Greene, known as an industrious man, had laid the foundation for two additional rooms to his home. "I don't know whether I'll stay here or not, now," he said, showing his grief and shock. He works as a mechanic and auto body man for the Abney Motor Company in East Ridge, Tenn. At nights, he serves as janitor for a drug store in the town.

When asked if he had any idea who was responsible for the tragedy, Greene shook his head in the negative. "I don't want any more trouble," he sighed.

TIGHT-LIPPED COMMUNITY MAY 2 2 1949

Negroes as a whole were tight-lipped and non-commital, but displayed more shock than fear. Scores of curious townspeople streamed to the demolished house Saturday, horror and pity showing on their faces as they viewed the rubble. Many white persons were heard expressing their outrage and sympathy. One white woman with a baby in her arms and tears streaming down her cheeks, remarked, "Lord, that is the worst thing I've ever seen. A white man shook his head sadly and commented, "Whoever done this ought to be hung."

At Mr. Greene's mother's home located around the circle near the trim new brick school building, Mrs. Eula Greene told reporters, "It was a blessing my son and all of his children were not killed too." She alluded to the race relations in the town. "These are all good people here, white and colored get along fine; they come to help us anytime we need them and we help them."

But when asked if she knew of anything that might have le the bombing, she would only ment, "Well we all have to here and we don't want to st no trouble for other colored fo She added, however, that she positive something would be about the bombing. "The FBI was here even before they had autopsy on my daughter-in-l was all she would say.

KILLED INSTANTLY

The autopsy showed that Greene was killed instantly in blast at 1:05 a. m. She died of tipla hemorrhages in both fo ruptures of the spleen and and a rupture of a pulmonary. el.

Mrs. Greene is a member o large family of Ringgold. Her fa er and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M Adams, have 20 other child daughters still living in the to They own a modern brick cott directly across the street from Greene's and two other houses the street are the family houses

Meanwhile it was reported l local white citizens were raisin fund of $1,000 to add to a $500 ward that Governor Ernest V diver announced Thursday for formation leading to the appreh sion and conviction of the per or persons responsible.

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION MAY 20 1960

MOTHER OF 4 KILLED AT RINGGOLD

State Offers Reward in Bomb Death

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dynamite were placed under the bedroom of the Green home.

The sheriff said racial hatred may have been a motive, but that investigators have turned up no evidence of such a motive.

Green himself said he was at a loss to explain the dynamiting.

"I was born and reared in Ringgold," Green told The Constitution. "I've lived in the same house for about five years. I've never had any trouble. I thought everybody liked me."

Green said he had never received any kind of warning or threat.

"All I know is that I went to bed last night and then I woke up out in the back yard," he said.

Green was knocked unconscious by the blast. He was dragged from the wreckage by his 13-year-old son.

Green lives at the edge of a small Negro residential area in Ringgold. He has white neighbors on one side of his home and Negro neighbors on the other.

Green said he counted his white neighbors among his friends.

Gordon Mathis, a white neighbor, described Green as "one of the nicest colored men I've ever known—a real Christian who lives right and tries to bring his children up right."

Mathis said he was among the first persons to arrive at the blast scene. The explosion shattered a window on one side of his house.

Green's employer, J. Howard Abney of East Ridge, Tenn., described the mechanic as a peaceable man who "just doesn't make people mad."

Meanwhile, the state crime laboratory was sifting through the debris of the home in hopes of finding some clue to the dynamiters' identity. Officers said it may be several days before they receive a report from the crime lab.

Sheriff Stewart said racial relations in Catoosa County have been good, although there have been a few recent Ku Klux Klan demonstrations. He said the county has a comparatively small Negro population.

"We've never had trouble with Negroes here," the sheriff said. "Oh, one may get a traffic case once in a while, but that's about all."

State Offering Bomb Reward

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION MAY 20 1960

Gov. Vandiver offered a $500 reward Thursday for information leading to the arrest and conviction of dynamiters who blew up a Negro house in Ringgold, killing a woman and injuring her husband and baby son.

The governor condemned the outrage as a "dastardly act."

"The bombing of a home and the resultant murder of a mother of four children is a cowardly and heinous thing, repugnant to all law-abiding and law-respecting citizens," Vandiver said.

The blast ripped apart the five-room frame house of Jethro Green, a 39-year-old Negro mechanic, about 1:05 a.m. Thursday. Green's wife, Mattie, 32, was killed, and Green and a baby were injured. Three other children in the house escaped injury.

Both the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation joined Catoosa County Sheriff J. D. Stewart in investigating the blast.

But Sheriff Stewart said Thursday that no leads have been turned up. He said it appeared that between 25 and 30 pounds of

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Post Office Box 98128
Atlanta, Georgia 30345
February 19, 2003

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Soutern Poverty Law Center
400 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

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Dear [redacted]

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 29, 2003 which was received in the Atlanta office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on February 3, 2003, regarding Mattie Greene.

Documents pertaining to your request have been located; however, before a release can be made, they must be reviewed to ascertain if they warrant classification under current standards. Please be assured that your request will be handled in turn, and we will notify you of the results as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely yours,

THEODORE JACKSON
Special Agent in Charge

Mollie Johnson Halle

By:
MOLLIE JOHNSON HALLE
Chief Division Counsel

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

April 16, 2003

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SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER
400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
MONTGOMERY, AL 36104

Request No.: 0972979- 000
Subject: GREENE, MATTIE

Dear Requester:

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

Information which might relate to your FOIPA request was located by a search of the indices to the Central Records System at FBI Headquarters. However, this material is unavailable and has been placed on "special locate." If and when it is verified that the information is pertinent to your request, you will be notified.

You may file an administrative appeal by writing to the Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530, within sixty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Post Office Box 98128
Atlanta, Georgia 30345
March 10, 2003

[redacted]
Southern Poverty Law Center
400 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

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Dear [redacted]

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requested dated January 29, 2003 and our letter dated February 19, 2003, regarding Mattie Greene.

Enclosed are copies of documents from our files. Excisions have been made from these pages in order to protect information exempt from disclosure pursuant to the following subsections of Title 5, United States Code, Sections 552 and/or 552a: (b)(2), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(D). See Form 4-694a enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.

Pursuant to your request, 31 pages were reviewed and 31 pages are being released.

Notations have been made in the margins of the enclosed pages indicating specific exemptions applied to excised portions of the material.

The enclosed material is from the main investigative file in which the subject of your request was the subject of the investigation.

If you desire, you may submit an appeal from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530, within sixty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the name of the office to which your original request was directed.

Sincerely,

THEODORE JACKSON
Special Agent in Charge

Mollie Johnson Halle

By:
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Chief Division Counsel

Enclosure

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

(b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;

(b) (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(b) (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;

(b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;

(b) (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(b) (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b) (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

(b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

(d) (5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

(j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;

(k) (1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

(k) (2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;

(k) (4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k) (6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

(k) (7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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FBI

Date: 5-19-60

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, KNOXVILLE

FROM SAC, ATLANTA 157-NEW

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF [redacted] RINGGOLD, GEORGIA, ONE A.M., MAY NINETEEN, SIXTY, MATTIE GREEN DASH VICTIM, BOMBING MATTERS. [redacted] GBI AGENT AND FORMER BUREAU AGENT, ADVISED AT APPROX TWO THIRTY A.M., THIS DATE THAT A FRAME RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BY [redacted] NEGRO MALE, AND HIS WIFE AND FIVE MINOR CHILDREN WAS DESTROYED BY A BOMB, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DYNAMITE. MATTIE GREEN, NEGRO FEMALE, AGE THIRTYTWO, WAS KILLED IN THE EXPLOSION AND ONE CHILD RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES TO AN ARM. THE RESIDENCE IS BEING GUARDED BY RINGGOLD POLICE UNTIL DAYLIGHT AND WILL BE EXAMINED FOR EVIDENCE THEN. BUAGENT ON SCENE, OFFERED SERVICES OF LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, AND COVERAGE OF OUT OF STATE LEADS [redacted] SUSPECTS THIS BOMBING CONNECTED WITH TWO PREVIOUS RESIDENTIAL BOMBINGS IN CATOOSA COUNTY, WHERE RINGGOLD IS COUNTY SEAT. BUREAU HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF THESE TWO BOMBINGS. [redacted] FURTHER SUSPECTS BOMBING POSSIBLY INSTIGATED BY A RADICAL SPLINTER GROUP OF THE DIXIE KLAN. ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED ALONG WITH SEARCH OF CRIME SCENE AT DAYLIGHT. AT APPROX. EIGHT A.M., DR. [redacted] OF THE STATE CRIME LAB DUE TO ARRIVE FROM ATLANTA TO PERFORM AUTOPSY AND TO EXAMINE CRIME SCENE. BUREAU

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF
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1:00 AM, MAY 19, 1960
[redacted], GEORGIA

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[redacted] Special Agent, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, advised at approximately 2:30 AM, May 19, 1960, that a frame residence occupied by [redacted] Negro male, his wife and five minor children, was destroyed by a bomb believed to have been dynamite. He stated Mattie Green, Negro female, age thirty-two, was killed in the explosion and one child received minor injuries to an arm. He stated the residence was being guarded by Police Department, Ringgold, Georgia, until daylight, at which time a crime scene search would be made.

Special Agent [redacted] suspects that this bombing is connected with two previous residential bombings in Catoosa County, Georgia, where Ringgold is the county seat. [redacted] further suspects the bombing possibly instigated by a radical splinter group of "The Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc."

He stated Dr [redacted] of the Georgia State Crime Laboratory was to arrive in Ringgold at approximately 8:00 AM, May 19, 1960, to perform an autopsy and to participate in examination of the crime scene.

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Enclosed herewith are original and seven copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination; one copy also enclosed for Knoxville.

Major [redacted], 111th CIC Detachment, Fort McPherson, Ga., was advised of the above incident at 5:00 AM, 5/19/60.

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA (157-

DATE: 5/19/60

FROM: SUPERVISOR [redacted] b7C

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF RESIDENCE,
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RINGGOLD, GEORGIA
5/19/60
BOMBING MATTERS

At approximately 10:00 AM, 5/19/60, U.S. Attorney CHARLES D. READ, JR., telephonically advised me that he had just received a phone call from a representative of the Civil Rights Division of the Department making inquiry concerning captioned matter. Mr. READ advised that he had been advised that the Civil Rights Division considered instant matter as one coming within the purview of Civil Rights Act of 1960, but that the Civil Rights Commission desired to be advised of what steps the State was taking prior to making a formal request for investigation by the FBI. Mr. READ stated that he desired to be kept abreast of any information developed relative to instant matter.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC ATLANTA

FROM SAC KNOXVILLE 157-45

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Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-102) DATE: 5/19/60

FROM : SAC C. E. WEEKS

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF [redacted]
RINGGOLD, GEORGIA, MAY 19, 1960;
MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM;
BOMBING MATTERS.

SAC JAMIESON telephoned from Knoxville this morning that [redacted]at Chattanooga got an anonymous call saying three or four men had stationed themselves in a barber shop at Ringgold, Georgia, for several days to watch a hamburger stand back of the barber shop. These men were armed. The caller said that if FBI agents would go to [redacted] of Ringgold Dry Cleaners he would furnish the identity of the men to Bureau agents if he were approached discreetly.

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Dynamiting at Ringgold Is Affront to Decency

The bombing of a Ringgold home in which a mother of six children was killed, is a shameful and shocking act of violence in its worst form.

The Negro family that occupied the house had lived in it for several years. They were well-liked in the community, according to reports from Ringgold, and as of this writing no motive has been discovered for the dynamiting.

As Gov. Vandiver said yesterday, the bombing is a cowardly and heinous thing which is repugnant to all law-abiding citizens.

The state has offered a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible. We hope the guilty will be brought to justice quickly.

Let it again be said that violence solves nothing. Decent citizens of Georgia must make it clear that atrocities will not be tolerated in this state.

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The Atlanta Constitution
May 20, 1960
Editor:
RE: UNSUB; Bombing of
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Ringgold, Georgia 5/19/60
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State Offering Bomb Reward

Gov. Vandiver offered a $500 reward Thursday for information leading to the arrest and conviction of dynamiters who blew up a Negro house in Ringgold, killing a woman and injuring her husband and baby son.

The governor condemned the outrage as a "dastardly act."

"The bombing of a home and the resultant murder of a mother of four children is a cowardly and heinous thing, repugnant to all law-abiding and law-respecting citizens," Vandiver said.

The blast ripped apart the five-room frame house of Jethro Green, a 39-year-old Negro mechanic, about 1:05 a.m. Thursday. Green's wife, Mattie, 32, was killed, and Green and a baby were injured. Three other children in the house escaped injury.

Both the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation joined Catoosa County Sheriff J. D. Stewart in investigating the blast.

But Sheriff Stewart said Thursday that no leads have been turned up. He said it appeared that between 25 and 30 pounds of

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dynamite were placed under the bedroom of the Green home.

The sheriff said racial hatred may have been a motive, but that investigators have turned up no evidence of such a motive.

Green himself said he was at a loss to explain the dynamiting.

"I was born and reared in Ringgold," Green told The Constitution. "I've lived in the same house for about five years. I've never had any trouble. I thought everybody liked me."

Green said he had never received any kind of warning or threat.

"All I know is that I went to bed last night and then I woke up out in the back yard," he said.

Green was knocked unconscious by the blast. He was dragged from the wreckage by his 13-year-old son.

Green lives at the edge of a small Negro residential area in Ringgold. He has white neighbors on one side of his home and Negro neighbors on the other.

Green said he counted his white neighbors among his friends.

Gordon Mathis, a white neighbor, described Green as "one of the nicest colored men I've ever known—a real Christian who lives right and tries to bring his children up right."

Mathis said he was among the first persons to arrive at the blast scene. The explosion shattered a window on one side of his house.

Green's employer, J. Howard Abney of East Ridge, Tenn., described the mechanic as a peaceable man who "just doesn't make people mad."

Meanwhile, the state crime laboratory was sifting through the debris of the home in hopes of finding some clue to the dynamiters' identity. Officers said it may be several days before they receive a report from the crime lab.

Sheriff Stewart said racial relations in Catoosa County have been good, although there has been a few recent Ku Klux Klan demonstrations. He said the county has a comparatively small Negro population.

"We've never had trouble with Negroes here," the sheriff said. "Oh, one may get a traffic ca once in a while, but that's about all."

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MOTHER OF 6 DIES IN HOME BOMBING

Husband, Child Hurt as Dynamite Blast Destroys House; Personal Grudge Seen

Special to The Atlanta Journal

RINGGOLD, Ga., May 19—A 32-year-old [redacted] of six children was killed, her husband and one [redacted] children slightly injured early Thursday by a dyn[redacted] blast which destroyed the five-room frame hom[redacted] the Negro family here.

Mrs. Jethro Greene was killed, her husband received a bruised shoulder and their 17-month-old son, Larry, suffered a contusion of the head. Mrs. Greene was dead on arrival at the Tri-County Hospital at Ft. Oglethorpe.

Sheriff J. D. Stewart of Catoosa [redacted] said the explosion rocke[redacted] about 1:05 Thursday [redacted] said Mrs. Greene [redacted] killed by fallin[redacted] the [redacted]

three feet deep under the house.

The sheriff said that somewhere between 25 and 30 sticks of dynamite had been placed under the house.

Bill McGraw, acting [redacted] police at Ringgold, sa[redacted] morning no clues as to [redacted] bind the explosion [redacted]

REASO[redacted]R THI[redacted] had not [redacted] battled Thursday [redacted] the GBI a[redacted] vestigation.

Sheriff Stewart said there had been no racial trouble in Ringgold at all and the only theory that he could advance so far was that it was a "personal grudge" rather than any racial strife.

The sheriff said the Greene family was well liked in Ringgold. The house was located on Guyle street in the Negro residential area of this town located 15 miles south of Chattanooga.

Dr. Herman Jones of the State Crime Laboratory in Atlanta was to perform an autopsy on the body of the victim Thursday morning at Tri-County Hospital at Ft. Oglethorpe.

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SHERIFF STEWART said [redacted] had been placed [redacted] rear of the house. The [redacted] the explosion dug a hole ab[redacted]

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No Clues Are Found In Ringgold Blast Case

Police investigating the dynamite blast which killed a young Negro mother at Ringgold early Thursday were still without any good clues in the case despite an autopsy performed by the State Crime Laboratory.

"We still don't know the reason for the explosion," said Bill McGraw, acting chief of police at Ringgold.

The autopsy, by Dr. Herman Jones, showed that the woman, Mrs. Jethro Greene, 32, died from internal injuries that resulted directly from the dynamite explosion.

Acting Chief McGraw said the autopsy had been requested by investigators only for the purpose of determining the exact cause of death. "We wanted to make sure," he said.

The dead woman was the mother of six children. Her husband and their 17-month-old son, Larry, were slightly hurt in the blast.

Doctor Jones said investigators have combed the blast area, searching for clues. "We're conducting tests on several things picked up at the scene," he said.

Catoosa County Sheriff J. D. Stewart estimated that some 25 to 30 sticks of dynamite had been placed under the house. He said a preliminary investigation discounted any racial trouble behind the blast.

The wrecked house was located on Guyle street in the Negro residential area of the town.

The FBI and the GBI have been called in to assist in the investigation.

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SAC, Atlanta (157-102)

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Re Atlanta teletype to Director 5/19/60.

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On 5/20/60 [redacted] SA, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, a former Bureau Agent, advised that on 5/19/60, he submitted a whitish substance found at the explosion site to Dr. [redacted] Examiner for the Georgia Crime Laboratory, for examination, and on 5/20/60 Dr. [redacted] advised that the substance was Ammonium Nitrate.

SA [redacted] advised that investigation reflects that this substance, which contains 33 1/3 Nitrogen, is commonly used as fertilizer; however, it can be used as a component part of a mixture which can be used as a powerful explosion.

[redacted] advised that he contacted the Superintendent of the dynamiting crews who are blasting near Ringgold on U. S. Interstate Highway 75, and determined that the explosive mixture is made as follows:

1 gallon of diesel fuel is mixed with 80 lbs. of Ammonium Nitrate, and allowed to set for at least two hours. After this period, the mixture can be used for blasting. The mixture is detonated by use of a 1-1/2 lb. of dynamite which in turn is detonated by either an electric or fuse-type dynamite cap.

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[redacted] advised that this explosive mixture is used exclusively by the company, identified as Ledbetter and Johnson, Rome, Ga., unless the charge is to be in contact with water, because of the fact the fertilizer, which comes in 80 lb. bags, costs approximately $80.00 a ton, whereas an equal amount of dynamite costs approximately $2500.00.

[redacted] advised that it is believed the container holding the explosive mixture, which had been secreted under the victim's house near the bedroom, was a 'slop jar', this opinion being based upon the report of DR. [redacted] who advised that the metal pieces found at and near the scene of the explosion were enameled similar to the above type container.

This information is being furnished to the Laboratory inasmuch as similar type explosive devices may be reported or inquiries concerning same may be received.

Dynamite Wrecks Ringgold Negro Home; Wife Killed, Husband and Baby Son Hurt

NEGRO MOTHER KILLED—A 32-year-old Negro mother, Mattie Green, was killed early this morning when an explosion wrecked her home in Ringgold, Ga. Her husband, Jethro Green, and her 17-month-old son, Larry, were injured by the explosion. Three more of her six children were at home at the time, but were not injured.—(Staff Photo by Bob Sherrill.)

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Negro Woman Is Killed in Ringgold As Blast Razes Home; FBI in Case

Special to The Chattanooga Times

RINGGOLD, Ga.—An explosion early Thursday blew apart the four-room home of a Negro family on Guyler Street here, killing the mother and injuring the husband and an infant son. Three other children sleeping in the house escaped injury.

The blast brought instant death to Mrs. Mattie Green, 32. Her husband, Jethro Green, and Larry Green, 17-month old son of the couple, suffered minor injuries.

Gov. Ernest Vandiver offered a reward of $500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the responsible person or persons. In a statement issued at his office in Atlanta, the governor called the bombing "a cowardly and heinous thing repugnant to all law-abiding and law-respecting citizens."

Gov. Vandiver [illegible] Georgia Bureau of [illegible] tion to utilize its ev[illegible] in tracking down the guilty.

Catoosa County Sheriff J. D. Stewart said, "In my opinion, it was dynamite." Sgt. E. M. Whitfield, GBI, withheld comment on the nature of the explosion, pending completion of a laboratory inspection of debris by Dr. Herman Jones, state criminologist, who reached the scene several hours after the death of Mrs. Green and collected bits of the splintered and shattered house to take back to his office in Atlanta.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation also joined in the investigation by assigning an agent from the resident agency in Dalton to assist Catoosa County and Georgia state authorities.

Sheriff Stewart and Sgt. Whitfield indicated Thursday [illegible] lacking. Neither the sheriff nor the GBI agent would acknowledge that a motive for the dynamiting had been established.

Green, a lifelong resident of Catoosa County, is a painter and auto body repairman employed by the Abney Motor Co., a used car agency at 4103 Ringgold Rd. J. Howard Abney, president of the company, praised Green, saying he had worked for the Abney family for 15 years. Abney said Green had a good reputation.

A white neighbor, Gordon Mathis, whose home is two doors from the house occupied by the Negro family, described Green as an "excelent" neighbor. "I couldn't ask for one better," he said.

Sgt. Whitfield said [illegible] had not reported receiving threats.

The blast occurred about 1:05 a.m., making a shambles of the well-kept house on a street within the city. Negroes occupy houses along one section of the street and white families live along another.

[illegible] houses in the immediate area and causing minor damage to window panes.

Sgt. Whitfield said the explosive was set off under a bedroom occupied by the victim. One side of the house was blown out. Clothing, chairs and personal belongings were hurled to the roof.

The first persons to arrive at the scene reported detecting the unmistakable odor of cordite, the explosive compound found in dynamite, Whitfield reported.

Mathis, who notified Ringgold police and summoned a Wallis-Bomar ambulance, said he found the body of Mrs. Green in the yard outside what was once the well-built, well-kept house.

Others Unhurt

Also in the house when the explosion occurred, in addition to the father and infant, were Jethro Jr., 12; David, 6, and William, 4. Two other children, Ruth, 10, and Letha, 8, were spending the night with their grandmother.

Mrs. Green was pronounced dead upon arrival at Hutcheson Memorial Hospital in Fort Oglethorpe. Her husband had arm and shoulder injuries and the 17-month-old boy suffered multiple bruises.

An autopsy was performed on the body of Mrs. Green at the hospital Thursday afternoon by Dr. Charles W. Stephenson, county physician and medical examiner, and Dr. A. K. Das, of the hospital staff. The causes of death were found to be multiple hemorrhages in both lungs, ruptures of the spleen and liver and a rupture of a pulmonary vessel.

The house was heated by coal. A coal heater used during the past winter had been disconnected, Sgt. Whitfield stated. Butane gas was formerly used. No gas was anywhere in [illegible] near the house and all connections had been [illegible]

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Ringgold Mother of 6 Dies in Bombed Hom

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Dr. Herman Jones of the State Crime Laboratory in Atlanta was to perform an autopsy on the body of the victim Thursday morning at Tri-County Hospital at Ft. Oglethorpe.

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SHERIFF STEWART said the dynamite had been placed at the right rear of the house. The force of the explosion dug a hole about three feet deep under the house.

The sheriff said that somewhere between 25 and 30 sticks of dynamite had been placed under the house.

Bill McGraw, acting chief of police at Ringgold, said Thursday morning no clues as to the motive ~~behind~~ the explosion had been uncovered.

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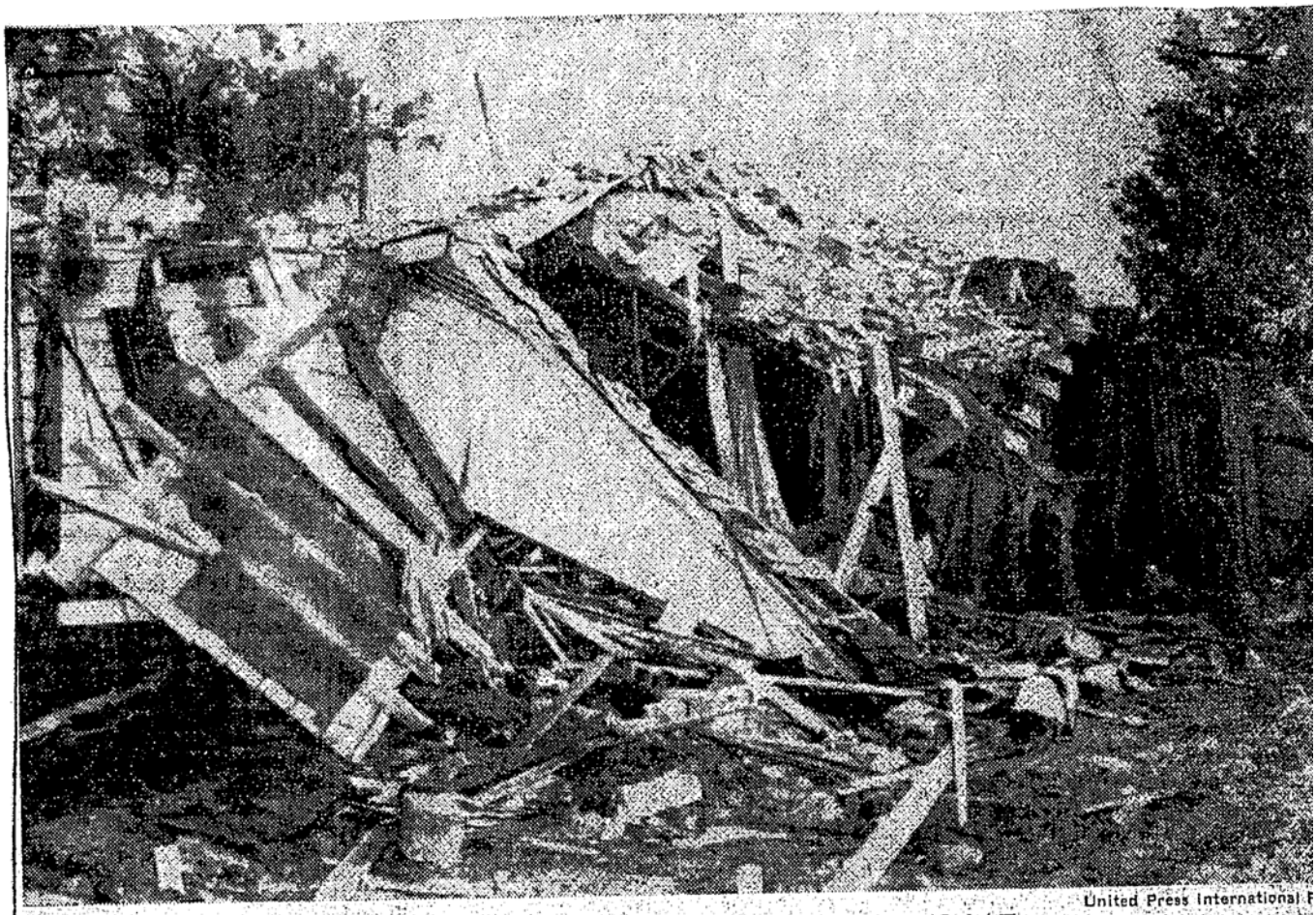

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MOTHER DIES IN BOMBED HOME

RINGGOLD, Ga., May 20—Mattie Green, 32, mother of six children, was killed when this home was dynamited early Thursday morning. Her husband, Jethro, and one child was injured when the dynamite charge wrecked the Negroes' home. Gov. Ernest Vandiver has offered the maximum stat reward of $500 for arrest of the perpetrators. Th Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and local authorities are workin on the case.

HUSBAND AT LOSS ON BLAST MOTIVE

Green, Whose Wife Died in Ringgold Explosion, Talks With Sheriff

Special to The Chattanooga Times

RINGGOLD, Ga. — Jesse Green, 40, Ringgold N... whose wife was killed ... their four-room home ... blasted by nightriders here ... 19, told investigators Mo... he "never has had any tr... with white persons or Negr...

Green, an auto body re... man, was interrogated by ... agents of the Federal Bu... of Investigation, Catoosa C... ty Sheriff J. D. Stewart and Sgt. E. M. Whitfield of the Georgia Bureau of Investiga... tion.

Sheriff Stewart emphasized that Green is not a suspect. "We questioned him at length and took his statements in the search to establish a motive in the case," the officer explained.

The sheriff quoted Green as saying he had not discussed racial issues with anyone "in Ringgold or anywhere else."

No Family Troubles

Asked if there were any family troubles, Green told the officers he knew of none, according to Sheriff Stewart. On the evening before the blast about 1 o'clock the next morning, Green said he arrived home at between 6 and 6:30 and remained there.

Mrs. Mattie Green, 32, was instantly killed when a powerful explosive ... the bedroom in which she slept. Her husband and a ... were ... ing the night with their grandmother, who lives nearby.

The Green house was splintered by the terrific blast, which damaged windows in surrounding homes and awakened Ringgold residents over a wide area. Sheriff Stewart said he estimated it would take 25 pounds of dynamite to cause such destruction. He noted, however, that the type of explosive used had not been determined by Dr. Herman Jones, state criminologist, who is studying debris in the Georgia ... laboratory at Atlanta.

Described as Worker

... was described by Ringfriends as a hard-working ... his neighbors said he attended church regularly and has been in several religious singing groups, the most recent being the Gold Trumpets appearing in programs over Radio Station WMRC in Chattanooga.

... East Ridge, just across the Tennessee line, Jesse A. ..., owner of Abney Motors Inc., and employer of Green, said the Ringgold native had been employed by the Abney family for years.

"So far as I know," Abney stated, "Green has never had any trouble with anyone in East ... or Ringgold. I have never had a single complaint from customers with whom he comes in contact as my auto body repairman.

"I just can't understand this attack on the Green family. It could be that the dynamiters got the wrong house."

Rewards totaling $750 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the blast have been posted, including a $500 offer by Gov. Ernest Vandiver.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC ATLANTA [redacted] b2 b7D

FROM : SA [redacted] b7C

SUBJECT: [redacted]

DATE: 6/6/60

☐ CI ☐ SI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

Dates of Contact 5/20/60; 5/25/60

Titles and File #s on which contacted

UNSUB: Bombing of Residence of [redacted] Ringgold, Ga., 5/19/60, MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM

BOMBING MATTERS 157-102

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative

☒ Positive

PCI advised that he had been in contact with various individuals associated with the Ku Klux Klan in the Ringgold area after bombing of the above residence, and stated that none of these individuals appeared to have any direct knowledge of a Klan participation in this bombing. He stated that he had heard from Negro persons, and also other white persons that this might possibly have been a bombing caused by one or more other Negroes, inasmuch as the male subject, [redacted] had apparently been doing a considerable amount of running around with various Negro women, and also that his wife, the victim, frequently ran around with numerous Negro men. He said also he had heard that [redacted] was possibly a Ringgold organizer for the NAACP.

Informant stated that he had no specific information that he could furnish regarding the identity of the persons involved in the bombing.

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☐ Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

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Rating same

Coverage same

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Informant did also advised that on the date previous to the bombing, a 1956 or 1957 model automobile, believed to be a Ford, brown and cream in color, two door, [redacted], and left numerous flyers, advertising a Dixie Klan meeting to be held on the night of May 28, 1960, at the Odd Fellows' Hall in Dalton, and urged attendance at this meeting [redacted] in the car, and the man was described as being of heavy build, and wearing glasses. PCI made available one copy of this flyer. He stated that he did not feel this was connected with the bombing, but believed the FBI would probably be interested in this information. PCI advised he would remain on the alert for any information concerning the identity of persons causing the bombing. On May 25, 1960, PCI was contacted, but had no further information to furnish.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: SAC, Atlanta

DATE: 6/8/60

FROM: SAC, Knoxville (157-45)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Bombing of Residence of [redacted] Ringgold, Georgia, 1:00 a.m., 5/19/60; MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM
BOMBING MATTERS

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Re Knoxville teletype to Bureau and Atlanta 5/20/60.

The following individuals, who were contacted 5/20/60 regarding possible suspects in instant case, have been recontacted by Agents this division with negative results:

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[redacted] PCI (RAC)
Assistant Inspector [redacted]
Detective Department, Chattanooga PD
Chief of Police, Chattanooga PD,
[redacted]

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EXPLOSION DESTROYS NEGRO HOME IN RINGGOLD, KILLING MOTHER

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Date: 7/12/60

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Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-45)

UNSUBS.; Bombing of Residence of [redacted] Ringgold, Ga., 1:00 AM 5/19/60; MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM
BOMBING MATTERS

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Reurtel 5/19/60.

[redacted] Chattanooga, Tenn., furnished the following information to SA [redacted] on 7/11/60 on a confidential basis:

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[redacted]

He was reported to be a comparatively newcomer to the Ringgold area and a "lonely hearts" husband of a close associate of victim. He is supposed to be insanely jealous of his wife and her activities and to have once threatened to blow up a Masonic Lodge building, probably in Rome, Ga., after his wife attended a meeting there.

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[redacted] reported to [redacted] that [redacted] wife had intended to visit either the victim or someone in the immediate area of the victim's home on the night of the explosion, but [redacted] refused to let her go. Explosives were reported by [redacted] to be available by theft from a current road building project in the Ringgold area.

[redacted] who has not seen [redacted], was unable to describe him. She was likewise unable to furnish the first name of [redacted] or her address in Ringgold, but said [redacted], some of whom have married and moved away from home. She claimed that [redacted] is well known in the Ringgold area. Since [redacted] and the victim were friends, she said the victim's father would probably be able to furnish her full name and address. The only other individual she could identify who is acquainted with [redacted] is a [redacted] (married name unknown), both [redacted]

[redacted] she said, is reported to preach on an itinerant basis at various unknown churches in the Ringgold vicinity, and may be known to area ministers. She claimed [redacted] described him as having no known background, to be from "everywhere" and to be insane as well as drunken. His wife was reported to be considering divorce or separation but fears that if she leaves him, she will dynamite her home.

[redacted] said [redacted] expected to leave Chattanooga the evening of 7/11/60 to return to Ringgold, Ga., and requested that she or her son not be interviewed in Chattanooga, inasmuch as she was certain that any immediate investigation in Chattanooga would expose her as the source of the information. She added that she was under the impression that [redacted] mental status and his reputation for making bombing threats are known to several Ringgold individuals who fear to mention it to authorities.

[redacted] was reported to have been with [redacted] and his wife and other unidentified individuals about two weeks ago [redacted] was questioned in his car by the [redacted] He had struck his wife and was in a drunken condition, but had not been arrested inasmuch as his wife declined to file charges against him. She said all the above-mentioned individuals are Negroes.

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On 7/11/60, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Chattanooga, advised her file on [redacted] listed his mother as [redacted]

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In view of the above, no open inquiry is being made at Chattanooga at this time.

Atlanta, at Ringgold, Ga., locate and interview [redacted] through her and other logical sources attempt to identify [redacted]

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TO : SAC (157-102)

DATE: 7/21/60

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: UNSUB; Bombing of the residence of [redacted] Ringgold, Ga., 5/19/60;
MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM
BOMBING MATTERS.

Re memo to file 5/19/60

AT RINGGOLD, GA.

On 5/19/60 the writer accompanied by SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] in regards to referenced memo.

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[redacted] denied any knowledge of the alledged incident.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (157-102) DATE: 7/22/60

FROM : SA [redacted] b1C

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Bombing of Residence of [redacted]
Ringgold, Ga. , 5/19/60;
MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM
BOMBING MATTERS

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7/21/60
7/25/60
Case closed 7/25/60

Re Atlanta Teletypt to Director, 5/19/60
Memo to file , 5/19/60
Atlanta letter to Director, Att'n. FBI Lab., 5/26/60
Knoxville airtel to AT, 7/12/60

The following is a summary of investigation conducted in this matter on and subsequent to 5/19/60.

AT RINGGOLD, GA.

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On the evening of 5/19/60 while continuing the search at the explosion site Chief of Police [redacted] found a piece of red and orange wire which was identified as being the type used in the manufacture of electric dynamite caps. The wire was found under some debris located near the southwest corner of the Green residence, near the explosion origin.

The writer, [redacted] Sheriff of Catoosa County, and [redacted] SA/GBI, continued the search ; however no other evidence other than that discovered by the investigating officers earlier in the day , and the piece of wire was located.

A description of the type of chemical believed to have been used as the explosive, and the container is set forth in the above-referenced letter from Atlanta to the Director, Att'n., FBI Lab. , 5/26/60.

Sheriff [redacted] advised that from observations made at the scene it appeared that the unsub , after preparing the chemical and arranging the fuse had to approach the rear of the house and place the explosive up under the house in the general locality of the bedroom occupied by [redacted] and his wife. [redacted] advised that if an electric cap had been used the unsub would have to be in the nearby vicinity, depending on the length of the detonating wire, at the time of the explosion.

[redacted] advised that an extensive neighborhood investigation failed to reveal that any person or vehicle was observed on the street immediately following the explosion.

[redacted] advised that he had occassion to investigate another attempted dynamiting a year or so ago and it was determined that the individual or individuals had wrapped several sticks in a bundle with a long length of fuse which in turn was secured with tape and when the fuse was lit it would allow the person lighting same to have at least 25 minutes to leave the area. [redacted] advised that this attempted dynamithig had been unsucessful inasmuch as the fuse failed to function.

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Continuing [redacted] advised that [redacted] had not been involved in any racial disturbances at Ringgold, and on one occassion was the custodian of the county court house.

[redacted] advised however that [redacted] and his wife had reportedly ' stepped out ' on each other and the possibility exists that [redacted] or a person mad at [redacted] may have been responsible for the bombing.

[redacted] advised that during the investigation he heard that [redacted] and a group of negro males were meeting regularly at each others homes and some people thought that perhaps a NAACP organization was being formed. [redacted] advised that he learned that [redacted] and others were members of a singing group and that practised at each other's homes.

On 5/25/60 [redacted] advised that the toll calls made to and from the [redacted] residence Tel. WEbster 5 2820, were reviewed for leads and it was determined that [redacted] wife had been in contact with [redacted] a negro male from Ringgold, Ga.

[redacted] advised that he and SGT [redacted] interviewed [redacted] to determine if he and the victim had been dating and at the outset of the interview [redacted] denied contacting the victim in any manner; however he subsequently admitted that he and the victim had been seeing each other frequently in the past; however they stopped but the victim continued to telephonically contact [redacted], the last being on 4/15/60.

[redacted] advised that a rumor among the negroes was to the effect that [redacted] himself had set off the explosion and were of the opinion this was true because [redacted] was unhurt at the time of the explosion and his wife was killed eventhough they were both occupying the same bed. The rumor was also to the effect that [redacted] was fully dressed at the time the first witnesses arrived which was seconds after the explosion.

[redacted] and the writer discussed this phase of the explosion with Chief [redacted] who reportedly arrived at the scene a few minutes after the explosion and he stated that [redacted], only had on his shorts and was walking barefooted in the rubble. [redacted] advised that he assisted in locating shoes for [redacted] to prevent hin from injuring himself by stepping on a nail of other sharp objects.

[redacted] and [redacted] both agreed however that it seemed almost impossible, after viewing the scene, that [redacted] suffered as little injury as he did when his wife who was occupying the same bed, which appeared to be a 3/4 size suffered crushing injuries by having the ceiling and rafters fall on her.

[redacted] advised that in view of the rumors and insinuations to the effect that [redacted] was responsible for the bombing he requested [redacted] to submit to a polygraph examination at GBI headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. and that [redacted] agreed.

[redacted] on 6/27/60 advised that the test was inconclusive however [redacted] expressed nervousness and deception when queried as to whether or

not he was responsible for the explosion which resulted in the death of his wife.

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[redacted] advised that he has contacted every known source in the county and almost every negro in the county concerning the bombing and he has been unsucessful in an effort to identify the unsub.

On 5/28/60 [redacted] COP, telephonically contacted the writer at DALTON advising that an individual contacted him advising that he heard from a child of [redacted] Ringgold, Ga., that [redacted] also from Ringgold, had been together on the night of the bombing and that [redacted] reportedly talked in his sleep and mentioned dynamite. [redacted] advised that that above information had been furnished to the sheriff.

On 6/27/60 [redacted] advised that he checked on the information furnished by [redacted] and nothing of value was determined.

[redacted] was contacted on the below dates in an effort to determine what progress, if any , has been made in identify the unsub and it was determined that there has been no information of value developed.

5/26,27;6/27;7/7,14/60

SGT [redacted] was contacted for the sme reason on the below -listed dates with negative results:

5/27;6/6;7/18,22/60.

[redacted], a negro, Rt. # 1, Ringgold, Ga., refered to in Knoxville airtel to Atlanta, 7/12/60, was located and interviewed on this date after unsucessful attepts were made on 7/20,21/60, at which time she advised that she did not know the identity of the individual refered to as the [redacted] except that this individual was at a negro get to gether near Cartersville sometime ago, [redacted] advised that she may have repeated some of the stories that are going around concerning the bombing. [redacted] appeared reluctant to discuss the matter and further stated that she is the only negro living in a white community where several previous bombings have taken place and does not want to become a ' victim ' herself.

The information concerning the [redacted] and his alledged activities were furnished SGT. [redacted] this date.

Inasmuch as there appears to be no federal violation over which the FBI has jurisdiction and inasmuch as the sheriff of Catoosa County has requested no assistance in the coverage of out of state leads no further investigation will be conducted UAC and the file is being closed.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on June 11, 2009: b6 b7C

On June 11, 2009, a review of the Catoosa County News obituary archives revealed a June 30, 2004, obituary for BONNIE WATERS, Ringgold, Georgia. The obituary listed that she was preceded in death by her husband, LESTER E. WATERS, and was survived by [redacted] of [redacted] Georgia. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on June 11, 2009, at Dalton, Georgia: b6 b7C

On June 11, 2009, a review of [redacted]

[redacted] b6 b7C b7E

The above mentioned [redacted] is attached hereto and made part of instant matter: b7E

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on June 11, 2009, at Dalton, Georgia: b6 b7C

On June 11, 2009, a review of [redacted]

[redacted] b6 b7C b7E

The above mentioned [redacted] is attached hereto and made part of instant matter: b7E

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on April 16, 2009, at Ringgold, Georgia: b6 b7C

On April 16, 2009, contact was made with [redacted] regarding the March, 1960, murder of [redacted] MATTIE GREEN. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she would be willing to meet with SA [redacted] to [redacted] and any knowledge concerning the subsequent investigation. In addition, [redacted] agreed to contact [redacted] and arrange a group meeting with SA [redacted] b6 b7C

A review of [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 05/29/2009

[redacted], black male, date of birth (DOB) [redacted] residence address [redacted] Georgia, was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that in May, 1960, he received a telephone call and was advised that [redacted] MATTIE GREEN's residence had been blown up. [redacted] advised that he immediately traveled to the residence and observed the house and that one side of the residence had been blown off. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that during the time of the bombing, construction of Interstate 75 (I-75) was underway and it was believed that dynamite, stolen from a construction site, was used to blow up the house. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he had heard that MATTIE GREEN's [redacted], may have had something to do with the bombing, but due to the fact that [redacted] at the time of the bombing, he did not believe [redacted] had any involvement. b6 b7C

[redacted] also heard that members of law enforcement may have had something to do with the bombing, but he had no further information regarding this rumor. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that during the time of the bombing, MATTIE GREEN worked as a domestic housekeeper in the Ringgold area and that [redacted] Tennessee. b6 b7C

[redacted] had no further information regarding the bombing of MATTIE GREEN's residence. b6 b7C

Investigation on 05/07/2009 at Ringgold, Georgia

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by SA [redacted] :clc b6 b7C

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[redacted] black male, date of birth (DOB) [redacted] Social Security Account Number (SSAN) [redacted] residence address [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted], was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that on May 19, 1960, he was approximately [redacted] and was living [redacted] exact address not recalled [redacted] advised that [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] advised that [redacted] rarely discussed the bombing and death of [redacted] MATTIE GREEN. [redacted] advised that he once heard that [redacted], had [redacted] prior to the bombing, and he speculated that whoever bombed [redacted] meant to bomb [redacted] residence. b6 b7C

[redacted] had no further information regarding the events surrounding the bombing death [redacted]. b6 b7C

Investigation on 05/18/2009 at [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]:clc b6 b7C

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[redacted] black female, date of birth (DOB) [redacted] Social Security Account Number (SSAN) [redacted], residence address [redacted] Georgia, was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she [redacted] of MATTIE GREEN, having [redacted], and has lived in Ringgold, Georgia, her entire life. [redacted] advised that on the night of May 19, 1960, she was at her residence located [redacted] GREEN's residence (exact address unknown). [redacted] advised that at approximately 1:00 a.m., a train came through Ringgold, passing close by GREEN's residence. [redacted] advised that she recalled that the train stopped and sounded as if it was having mechanical problems. [redacted] advised that she then heard a loud explosion and went outside to see what had caused the noise. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she could see that GREEN's house had been blown up. [redacted] recalled numerous articles of clothing being strewn around and in trees. [redacted] advised that GREEN was taken to the hospital via ambulance and that it was reported that GREEN was pronounced dead while en route. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] did not talk about the event very much; however, she once had a conversation with then Whitfield County Sheriff J. D. STEWART, who advised that a white male named LESTER WATERS had confessed to the bombing and that the guilt of same had driven him crazy. STEWART advised that he and a deputy had transported WATERS to a mental institution in Milledgeville, Georgia [redacted] advised that WATERS was believed to have been a cab driver in the Ringgold area during the time of the bombing. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that during 1960, the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) was very active in Ringgold and held regular meetings at "Summit Hill." [redacted] advised that on occasion, KKK members would drive in caravan fashion through the black neighborhoods wearing KKK robes and hoods. [redacted] advised that these actions scared most of the residents of the neighborhood. b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted]:clc

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[redacted] had no further information regarding the bombing death of MATTIE GREEN.

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[redacted], black male, date of birth (DOB) [redacted] [redacted] Social Security Account Number (SSAN) [redacted] residence address [redacted], Ringgold, Georgia, 30736, was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that during May, 1960, he [redacted] MATTIE GREEN on [redacted] Ringgold, Georgia, and that he routinely [redacted] in the area. [redacted] advised that he was "a bit wild" as a young man and would routinely [redacted] who lived in "Slab Town," an area of Ringgold near his residence. [redacted] could not recall a specific incident of fighting near the time of the bombing incident, but did recall fights routinely with members of the [redacted] family and an individual known as [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that on the day of the bombing, he recalled hearing a loud explosion between approximately 11:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. [redacted] recalled his mother waking him up and telling him the GREENs' house had been blown up. [redacted] recalled [redacted] and seeing police and ambulances at the residence. b6 b7C

[redacted] had no further information regarding the bombing death of MATTIE GREEN.

Investigation on 05/18/2009 at Ringgold, Georgia

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by SA [redacted]:clc b6 b7C

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[redacted] black female, date of birth (DOB) [redacted] Social Security Account Number (SSAN) [redacted] residence address [redacted], business telephone number [redacted], cellular telephone number [redacted], was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she [redacted] of MATTIE GREEN and [redacted] GREEN's [redacted] advised that [redacted] did not talk about the bombing death of GREEN and that she only heard small tidbits of information throughout the years. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] and MATTIE GREEN were "fairly well off financially," as [redacted] Tennessee, and MATTIE GREEN worked as a domestic housekeeper around Ringgold, Georgia, during the 1960's. [redacted] advised that she had heard that the local white population felt that [redacted] and MATTIE were "uppity" and "didn't know their place." b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she understood that a bomb had been thrown into the house and the explosion killed MATTIE GREEN and injured [redacted] advised that the death of MATTIE GREEN had a lasting impact [redacted] as the children were raised without a mother. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she recalled in the late 1970's, the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) being active in the Ringgold, Georgia, area. [redacted] remembered seeing KKK members in white robes and hoods, riding in cars in her neighborhood. In addition, on one occasion, [redacted] recalled that an orange colored business card had been left on her family's mailbox that read, "Beware, the knights of the Ku Klux Klan are watching you." b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she was very afraid of the KKK, as was [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised she had no further information regarding the bombing death of MATTIE GREEN. b6 b7C

Investigation on 05/18/2009 at Ringgold, Georgia

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by SA [redacted]:clc b6 b7C

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[redacted] black female, date of birth (DOB) [redacted] Social Security Account Number (SSAN) [redacted] residence address [redacted] Georgia, [redacted] residence telephone number [redacted] was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she [redacted] of MATTIE GREEN and that on the night of the bombing, May 19, 1960, [redacted] The [redacted] was located [redacted] from the home of MATTIE GREEN. [redacted] advised that she was awakened in the early morning hours of May 19th by an explosion, and that [redacted] remembered seeing clothing scattered all around the property and in the trees in the yard [redacted] advised that the Sheriff's Deputies found a portion of the bomb that had not exploded and preserved same as evidence. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] did not talk about the bombing and that she had no further information regarding the bombing death of MATTIE GREEN. b6 b7C

Investigation on 05/18/2009 at Ringgold, Georgia

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by SA [redacted] clc

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[redacted], black male, date of birth [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted], residence address [redacted] residence telephone number [redacted] was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he did not have any memory of the bombing [redacted] home in May, 1960. [redacted] advised that he was [redacted] event. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that there has been very little talk about the event [redacted] and that he only knew of rumors surrounding the bombing [redacted] advised that at the time of the bombing, Interstate 75 (I-75) was under construction in the Ringgold, Georgia, area, and it was believed that dynamite stolen from the I-75 construction site was used to blow up [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he had no additional information regarding the events surrounding the bombing death [redacted] b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted] clc

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Date of transcription 09/14/2009

[redacted] black male, date of birth [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted], residence address [redacted] residence telephone number [redacted], was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that on May 19, 1960, he was very young and has no memory of the bombing [redacted] advised that he has no information concerning the bombing or the death [redacted]. b6 b7C

Investigation on 09/05/2009 at Ringgold, Georgia

File # 44A-AT-104509-15 Date dictated 09/08/2009 b6 b7C

by SA [redacted] :clc

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Date of transcription 10/02/2009

[redacted], white female, date of birth (DOB) [redacted], Social Security Account Number (SSAN) [redacted] residence address [redacted] Georgia, [redacted] residence telephone number [redacted], cellular telephone number [redacted], was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] LESTER WATERS. WATERS resided in Ringgold, Georgia, until his death in approximately 1988. WATERS was employed in the carpet industry, as a taxi driver, school bus driver, and for JACKSON FORD automobile dealership in Ringgold, Georgia. [redacted] advised that WATERS was a very heavy drinker and that [redacted] would not further elaborate. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she knew that [redacted] was a member of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK). [redacted] advised that on more than one occasion she observed approximately twenty men involved in a KKK meeting [redacted] advised that during these meetings, the men would be dressed in white robes with white hoods and that a cross would be burned [redacted] advised that the meetings would take place in the [redacted] located in Ringgold, Georgia (exact address could not be recalled). b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she was not allowed to attend these meetings and believed that she was approximately [redacted] when these meetings would occur. b6 b7C

[redacted] did not know if [redacted] was ever sent to CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL, Milledgeville, Georgia, for psychiatric reasons. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she had no knowledge of the May 1960 bombing death of MATTIE GREEN, Ringgold, Georgia, nor had she ever knowingly spoken to [redacted] b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted] :clc b6 b7C

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] had numerous relatives, but that most were deceased. [redacted] advised of [redacted] identified as [redacted] possibly living in [redacted] Georgia. [redacted] advised that [redacted] may have more information concerning LESTER WATERS. In addition, [redacted] advised that [redacted] may also have additional information concerning LESTER WATERS.

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[redacted] advised that she knew that former Whitfield County Sheriff J. D. STEWART (deceased) and LESTER WATERS were very close.

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Date of transcription 10/20/2009

[redacted], white male, date of birth (DOB) [redacted], Social Security Account Number (SSAN) [redacted] residence address [redacted] Georgia, was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he had known [redacted] Georgia, but was not aware of a bombing of the GREEN residence and subsequent death of MATTIE GREEN in 1960. [redacted] advised that he recalled [redacted] at the GREEN residence in approximately 1958. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was not aware of anyone being injured in the fire. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that during 1960, [redacted] advised that USPF constructed road culverts for the Interstate 75 (I-75) highway project. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] WILLIAM EDGAR WATERS, Sr. (deceased). [redacted] advised [redacted] was a member of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and [redacted] attended KKK meetings at the [redacted] LESTER WATERS, in Ringgold, Georgia. [redacted] advised that [redacted] did not like "all the hate." [redacted] advised that the meetings centered around "hate of blacks and Jews." [redacted] opined that [redacted] true intention was to have an excuse to leave the house and get away from his wife. [redacted] advised that the meetings were attended by between three and five individuals. [redacted] identified LESTER WATERS (deceased) and LEONARD WILLIAMS (deceased) as attendees of these meetings [redacted] advised that he stayed at the residence of LESTER WATERS on numerous occasions during his childhood. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that in approximately 1966, [redacted] to the CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL (CSH), Milledgeville, Georgia. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was diagnosed with arterial sclerosis that "was causing him to go crazy." [redacted] b6 b7C

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advised that [redacted] was transported to CSH by Catoosa County Sheriff's Deputies [redacted] and First Name Unknown (FNU) [redacted] in a CATOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (WCSO) vehicle. [redacted] advised that [redacted] the deputies and [redacted] the hospital. [redacted] advised that [redacted] treating physicians in Ringgold, Georgia, were Doctors (Drs.) FNU COCHRAN (deceased) and FNU [redacted] [redacted] advised that he believed Dr. [redacted] currently resides in [redacted] Georgia. [redacted] advised that the treating physician at CSH was Dr. FNU [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] checked into CSH on Friday, and on Sunday [redacted] suffered a massive stroke and passed away the following Wednesday.

[redacted] advised that he had no knowledge of the bombing death of MATTIE GREEN, to include any possible involvement of [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by Analyst [redacted] on October 14, 2009, at Dalton, Georgia: b6 b7C

On October 14, 2009, a review of [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 10/28/2009

To: Atlanta

From: Atlanta
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Contact: VS [redacted] b6 b7C

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] PBT b6 b7C

Case ID #: 188B-AT-84737-C
44A-AT-104509

Title: VICTIM NOTIFICATION FORM

Synopsis: Unsub; Mattie Green - Victim(Deceased)/Cold Case Initiative.

Reference: 44A-AT-104509 Serial 1

Details:

VnsCase#: 44A-AT-104509
CAgtName: [redacted] b6 b7C
PContact: Next-of-Kin
BusName :
BusEIN :
BusAcct :
VicFirN : Mattie
VicMidN :
VicLastN: Green
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VicDate : 19600301
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November 6, 2009

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Re: Case Number: 44A-AT-104509 b6 b7C

Dear [redacted]

You have requested to receive notifications for Mattie Green.

Your name was referred to the FBI's Victim Assistance Program as being a possible victim of a federal crime. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation while we are investigating this case. We would like to make you aware of the victim services that may be available to you and to answer any questions you may have regarding the criminal justice process throughout the investigation. Our program is part of the FBI's effort to ensure the victims are treated with respect and are provided information about their rights under federal law. These rights include notification of the status of the case. The enclosed brochures provide information about the FBI's Victim Assistance Program, resources and instructions for accessing the Victim Notification System (VNS). VNS is designed to provide you with information regarding the status of your case.

This case is currently under investigation. This can be a lengthy process and we request your continued patience while we conduct a thorough investigation.

As a crime victim, you have the following rights under 18 United States Code § 3771: **(1)** The right to be reasonably protected from the accused; **(2)** The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding, or any parole proceeding, involving the crime or of any release or escape of the accused; **(3)** The right not to be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that proceeding; **(4)** The right to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding in the district court involving release, plea, sentencing, or any parole proceeding; **(5)** The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case; **(6)** The right to full and timely restitution as provided in law; **(7)** The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; **(8)** The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy.

We will make our best efforts to ensure you are accorded the rights described. Most of these rights pertain to events occurring after the arrest or indictment of an individual for the crime, and it will become the responsibility of the prosecuting United States Attorney's Office to ensure you are accorded those rights. You may also seek the advice of a private attorney with respect to these rights.

The Victim Notification System (VNS) is designed to provide you with direct information regarding the case as it proceeds through the criminal justice system. You may obtain current information about this matter on the Internet at WWW.Notify.USDOJ.GOV or from the VNS Call Center at 1-866-DOJ-4YOU (1-866-365-4968) (TDD/TTY: 1-866-228-4619) (International: 1-502-213-2767). In addition, you may use the Call Center or Internet to update your contact information and/or change your decision about participation in the notification program. If you update your information to include a current email address, VNS will send information to that address. You will need the following Victim Identification Number (VIN) [redacted] and Personal Identification Number (PIN) [redacted] anytime you contact the Call Center and the first time you log on to VNS on the Internet. In addition, the first time you access the VNS Internet site, you will be prompted to enter your last name (or business name) as currently contained in VNS. The name you should enter is [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

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If you have additional questions which involve this matter, please contact the office listed above. When you call, please provide the file number located at the top of this letter. Please remember, your participation in the notification part of this program is voluntary. In order to continue to receive notifications, it is your responsibility to keep your contact information current.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Victim Specialist

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/05/2009

[redacted] white female, date of birth (DOB) [redacted] Social Security Account Number (SSAN) [redacted] residence address [redacted] Georgia, [redacted] residence telephone number [redacted] was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she is employed at [redacted] Georgia, telephone number [redacted] and has been so employed by [redacted] for more than [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was LEONARD WILLIAMS and that she grew up in [redacted] with her family. [redacted] advised that [redacted] worked at SWEETWATER CARPETS for more than thirty years and was also a school bus driver in Catoosa County, Georgia, before his death at age 73 in 1984. [redacted] advised that through the years she had heard rumors [redacted] possible involvement in the Ku Klux Klan (KKK). [redacted] could not elaborate, only to say she had "heard rumors." b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she does not know [redacted] but had heard about the 1960 bombing death of MATTIE GREEN. [redacted] advised that she recently read an Internet news report about the 1960 bombing. [redacted] advised that prior to reading the news story, she had no knowledge of the event. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was friends with ED WATERS, LESTER WATERS, and BURT WARD, but that all of these individuals were deceased. [redacted] advised that the only taxi driver she ever knew in [redacted] when [redacted] TAXI COMPANY in [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she had no knowledge of [redacted] ever receiving psychiatric care or being admitted to a psychiatric facility. [redacted] advised that she never [redacted] and had a conversation about the 1960 bombing. b6 b7C

Investigation on 10/20/2009 at [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]:clc

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[redacted] advised that she has no information concerning the May 19, 1960, bombing death of MATTIE GREEN.

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Date of transcription 10/08/2009

[redacted] white female, date of birth (DOB) [redacted], Social Security Account Number (SSAN) [redacted], residence address [redacted], cellular telephone number [redacted] was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she grew up in [redacted] and was [redacted] MARTHA WATERS. [redacted] advised that her parents were very busy and did not have time to spend with her as a child. [redacted] advised that [redacted] LESTER WATERS and that MARTHA WATERS was LESTER WATERS' mother. [redacted] advised that LESTER WATERS was very kind to her and helped her with many things in her life, even as an adult. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that in 1960, she was approximately [redacted] years old and lived in Ringgold, Georgia. [redacted] advised that she never heard of the bombing death of MATTIE GREEN or had any information concerning same. [redacted] advised that she had no knowledge of Ku Klux Klan (KKK) activity in the Ringgold area. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that over the years she has heard that [redacted] BUCK JARRET, were involved in the KKK. [redacted] advised that [redacted] BUCK JARRET lived in Ringgold, Georgia, on [redacted] advised that JARRET was a taxi driver in Ringgold, but is now deceased. [redacted] advised that [redacted] BUCK JARRET [redacted] as listed below: b6 b7C

[redacted] - Resides unknown

ROSE JARRET - Deceased

[redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] could possibly provide additional information regarding KKK activity in Ringgold, Georgia, in the 1960's and may have additional information regarding BUCK JARRET. [redacted] advised that b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted] clc b6 b7C

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[redacted] could be reached at telephone number [redacted] and may reside at [redacted] Georgia.

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On October 8, 2009, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] was telephonically contacted by [redacted] who advised that subsequent to the interview of [redacted] by SA [redacted] on October 7, 2009, additional information had been recalled. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was also an attender of the Ringgold Ku Klux Klan (KKK) meetings in and around 1960. b6 b7C

In addition, [redacted] advised that [redacted] identified as [redacted] and a third he could not recall. [redacted] advised that [redacted] residence telephone number was [redacted] b6 b7C

Investigation on 10/08/2009 at [redacted] (telephonically)

File # 44A-AT-104509-24 Date dictated 10/09/2009

by SA [redacted] :clc [redacted] Tel.302 b6 b7C

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[redacted], white female, date of birth [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted], residence address [redacted] Georgia, residence telephone number [redacted] was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] WILLIAM EDGAR WATERS, Sr., and that in 1960, she was approximately [redacted] years old. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she had no knowledge of Ku Klux Klan (KKK) activity in Ringgold, Georgia, during the 1960's, nor did she have any knowledge of the bombing death of MATTIE GREEN on May 19, 1960. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she had no knowledge of [redacted] involvement with the KKK or any possible involvement in the bombing death of MATTIE GREEN. b6 b7C

Investigation on 10/09/2009 at Ringgold, Georgia

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by SA [redacted]:clc [redacted].302 b6 b7C

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Date of transcription 10/26/2009

[redacted], white male, date of birth [redacted], Social Security Account Number [redacted], residence address [redacted] Georgia, residence telephone number [redacted] was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] WILLIAM EDGAR WATERS, Sr., and that in 1960, he was approximately [redacted] years old. [redacted] advised that he has no knowledge of [redacted] involvement in the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) during the 1960's. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that in approximately 1966, [redacted] two Catoosa County sheriff's deputies, identified as [redacted] and First Name Unknown (FNU) [redacted] transported [redacted] to CENTRAL STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL (CENTRAL STATE) in Milledgeville, Georgia. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was having severe psychiatric issues, to include hallucinations. [redacted] advised he believed it was common practice for psychiatric patients to be transported to CENTRAL STATE via law enforcement vehicles. [redacted] advised that during the trip, [redacted] did not talk about the bombing death of MATTIE GREEN. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he was aware of the bombing of the residence of [redacted] and MATTIE GREEN, Ringgold, Georgia. [redacted] advised he understood that [redacted] for the bombing and that the case had been solved. [redacted] advised that he had no knowledge of [redacted] involvement in the bombing. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he had known LEONARD WILLIAMS when he was young. [redacted] advised that WILLIAMS was a friend [redacted] [redacted] advised that WILLIAMS has [redacted] and that [redacted] currently works for [redacted] [redacted] advised that LEONARD WILLIAMS is deacesec. [redacted] had no further information regarding the bombing death of MATTIE GREEN. b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted]:clc [redacted] 302 b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/26/2009

[redacted] white male, date of birth [redacted] [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted], residence address [redacted] Georgia, residence telephone number [redacted] was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] WILLIAM EDGAR WATERS, Sr., and that in 1960, he was approximately [redacted] years old and living in Ringgold, Georgia. [redacted] advised that he has no knowledge of [redacted] involvement in the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) in Ringgold, Georgia, during the 1960's. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised he had no knowledge of the bombing death of MATTIE GREEN on May 19, 1960. b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted]:clc [redacted] 302

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[redacted] white female, date of birth [redacted], Social Security Account Number [redacted], residence address [redacted] Georgia, residence telephone number [redacted], was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] WILLIAM EDGAR WATERS and that she grew up in Ringgold, Georgia, moving to [redacted] in approximately [redacted] advised that she had no knowledge of the bombing death of MATTIE GREEN in May, 1960. [redacted] advised that she and her husband lived [redacted] until [redacted] when they moved back to Ringgold, Georgia. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she and her husband purchased property [redacted] in approximately [redacted] advised that she had no knowledge of [redacted] being involved in the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), but did recall a cross burning on the property of [redacted] in approximately 1967. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] listed below:

- GLADYS WATERS (deceased)
- [redacted] Tennessee
- [redacted] Georgia
- [redacted] Georgia
- [redacted] Georgia
- [redacted], Ringgold, Georgia

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by SA [redacted] clc [redacted] 302

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[redacted] advised that she worked with [redacted] for several years at [redacted] Georgia. [redacted] advised that she has never spoken to [redacted] concerning the death of [redacted] MATTIE GREEN. [redacted] advised that she had no knowledge regarding the bombing death of MATTIE GREEN or [redacted] possible involvement with the KKK.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia 30345
January 22, 2010

CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE;
MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM (DECEASED);
CIVIL RIGHTS - BOMBING

Captioned investigation was initiated as part of a Department of Justice (DOJ) and Civil Rights Unit, FBIHQ, led initiated to re-assess unsolved civil rights era hate crimes in the southeastern United States.

By way of background, on May 19, 1960, an explosion ripped through the Ringgold, Georgia, residence of [redacted] and Mattie Green, killing Mattie Green, a mother of six. The blast also injured [redacted] The bombing was investigated by the Catoosa County Sheriff's Office, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; however, no subjects were ever identified. b6 b7C

As part of the above-mentioned initiative, the investigation was re-opened by the Atlanta Division on April 8, 2009, and assigned to Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Current investigation focused on interviews of family members in an attempt to identify any known subjects. These interviews led to the identification of several individuals believed to have been members of a Ku Klux Klan (KKK) klavern active during the spring of 1960. These identified members are now deceased. In addition, contacts with the Catoosa County Sheriff's Office revealed that due to a flood of the Catoosa County courthouse in approximately 1970, no forensic evidence collected at the crime scene remains available. b6 b7C

Due to the lack of additional leads, subjects, and/or forensic evidence, the Atlanta Division will close captioned investigation.

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Any questions regarding captioned matter should be directed to SA [redacted], Atlanta Division, Dalton Resident Agency, telephone number [redacted]. b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 01/22/2010

To: Criminal Investigative **Attn:** Civil Rights Unit,
SSA [redacted]

Atlanta **Attn:** Squad C-6,
SSA [redacted]

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From: Atlanta
Dalton RA
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] clc

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Case ID #: 44A-AT-104509 (Closed)

Title: CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE;
MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM (DECEASED);
CIVIL RIGHTS - BOMBING

Synopsis: To provide closing LHM.

Enclosure(s): One Letterhead Memorandum; One copy each of nineteen (19) separate FD-302s reflecting interviews of witnesses reference captioned matter.

Details: Captioned investigation was initiated as part of a Department of Justice (DOJ) and Civil Rights Unit, FBIHQ, led initiative to re-assess unsolved civil rights era hate crimes in the southeastern United States.

By way of background, on 05/19/1960, an explosion ripped through the Ringgold, Georgia, residence of [redacted] and Mattie Green, killing Mattie Green, a mother of six. The blast also injured [redacted]
The bombing was investigated by the Catoosa County Sheriff's Office, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; however, no subjects were ever identified.

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Closingec

Unable to close case until pending lead at CID is cleared. bl 1/25/2010

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44A-AT-104509-30

01/25/2010

To: Criminal Investigative From: Atlanta
Re: 44A-AT-104509, 01/22/2010

As part of the above-mentioned initiative, the investigation was re-opened by the Atlanta Division on 04/08/2009, and assigned to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]. Current investigation focused on interviews of family members in an attempt to identify any known subjects. These interviews led to the identification of several individuals believed to have been members of a Ku Klux Klan (KKK) klavern active during the spring of 1960. These identified members are now deceased. In addition, contacts with the Catoosa County Sheriff's Office revealed that due to a flood of the Catoosa County courthouse in approximately 1970, no forensic evidence collected at the crime scene remains available.

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Due to the lack of additional leads, subjects, and/or forensic evidence, the Atlanta Division will close captioned investigation.

Any questions regarding captioned matter should be directed to SA [redacted], Atlanta, Division, Dalton Resident Agency, telephone number [redacted].

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To: Criminal Investigative From: Atlanta
Re: 44A-AT-104509, 01/22/2010

LEAD(s):

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AT	10	ORIGINAL NOTES RE INTERVIEW OF [redacted]
AT	11	ORIGINAL INTERVIEW NOTES OF [redacted] ON 10/20/2009
AT	12	ORIGINAL NOTES RE INTERVIEW OF [redacted]

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By SA [redacted] b6 b7C

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e)
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☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)
☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: Civil Rights
Cold Case Initiative
Mattie Green - Victim
Bombing

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

[redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

cc [redacted]

Adel [redacted]

Tel [redacted]

[redacted]

Pub- [redacted]

Heard all kinds of stories
Construction by dune
Water Waves

J. D. Stewart arrived

— No Names

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Date Received 5/18/09

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By SA [redacted]

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☑ No

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Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure
☐ Yes ☑ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)
☐ Yes ☑ No

Title:
Unsubs;
Mattie Green - Victim
Civil Rights - Bombing

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of [redacted]

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[redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] office
cell

Family didn't talk about
Tidbits of conversation

Conversation centers on

[redacted] b6 b7C

Family doesn't talk for an African American Family
Built own Home, can discuss work
Considered to be wealthy, didn't receive
Free Land.

Boys Thrown into home and
Second hand - ones in home

[redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] card
difficult request on
other family members.

Parents white grandma "picutt"

"When child approx 28-30 orange land
because RISK is worthy you"

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(City and State)

By SA [redacted]

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e) Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure ☐ Yes ☑ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI) ☐ Yes ☑ No

Title:

Amanda
Mattie Green - Victim
Civil Rights - Bombing

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

[redacted]

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— Set Magazine ambiden... during Time

[redacted] b6 b7C

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— Go long ago went to Have

[redacted] when . b6 b7C

Evidence left behind

not made Table, packed Trade

in vans

— Enclosed Support —

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By SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☑ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

☐ Yes ☑ No

Title: Lucious Mattie Green - Victim Civil Rights - Bombing

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☑ Original notes re interview of

[redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

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- [redacted] yrs old drug Event
- Interview 11 - 1
- Been out of Friends
- Mother woke up. Put house Clean up
- [redacted]

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b7C

- Prior to Sunday
  - Altercation w/ white Cops
  - Words w/ guys Slaztown (Heroes on Sale)
  - Threw rocks at

[redacted] Family

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By SA [redacted]

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: Lunsford
Mattie Coreen - Victim
Civil Rights - Bombing

Reference: _____

(Communication Enclosing Material)

_____

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

[redacted]

b6
b7C

_____

_____

5/18/09

(1)

[redacted]

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b7C

[redacted]

Left around 11-12 night before

[redacted]

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b7C

Train came through at 1:00 am
only time I saw
any noise

Got up started up the road
Seen the house

My Time already to Hospital
your lady at Time

J.D. Stewart advised
that Lester Waters
had to have a straight Jacket

KKK were active along the Time
of the event

Rich w/ J.D. Stewart
- Told that Lester Waters
was placed in Milledgville

believed was a Lee driver

hands under house

KKK would meet at Summit Hill
Saturday occasion with hoods
on drive through Neighborhoods

believe Aid in evidence

during time KKK activity

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By SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure
☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)
☐ Yes ☒ No

Title:
Lunsford
Mattie Green – Victim
Civil Rights – Bombing

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

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Remarks [redacted]

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[redacted]

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Theories of Guilt

[redacted]

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By SA [redacted]

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e)
Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: Consul
Mattie Green - Victim
Civil Rights

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

[redacted]

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b7C

[redacted]

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b7C 5/7/09

Someone called and told Medtronic Home Health up and she was in Hospital at Hutchinson

Was assisted walker by Medtronic Hypothesis

Interstate Key Limit, Someone using on Fraud, possibly involved Agencies (see Rosa Report (Grimes)

[redacted]

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Medtronic worked as domestic

[redacted]

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Possible Law enforcement

[redacted]

possible relationship w/ Mattis b6 b7C

[redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

- Meeting at Above Time
- Down to Creek

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[redacted] "Nobody cared Hell about it"

JD Stewart Knives

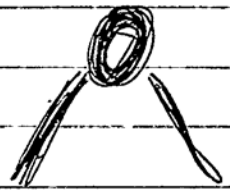
No Attorney
No P.I.

- Gas Lights in house
Light in same room

[redacted] advised guy to buy house
[redacted] signed if he moved

b6
b7C

[redacted]



[redacted]

Local Klan

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[redacted]

Driver Lucky

[redacted]

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By SA [redacted]

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☑ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

☐ Yes ☑ No

Title: Lunsford;
Mattie Green - Victim
Civil Rights

Reference: _____

(Communication Enclosing Material)

_____

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

[redacted]

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b7C

_____

_____

(Mar 18) [redacted]

May 19, 1960 [redacted] yes del

[redacted]

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Heard possible

[redacted]

clothes

[redacted]

Light Early in March

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b7C

[redacted]

[redacted] Martin A. Conner

[redacted]

[redacted]

AT Shepriguts in 12/95

(White Lady says " I'm sorry about what happened

[redacted]

b6
b7C

JD Stewart - Guild Sciences Control
over at the Cobble ranch

Obituary of another

[redacted] something to do with it

[redacted] - Local Supply

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b7C

[redacted]

Cattle Place

[redacted]

[redacted] said something to b6 b7C
do with it

[redacted]
during arrest

[redacted] Black Neighbor
Dynamite From Fracking Project

Martin Greens [redacted]

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- No Law Enforcement investigation
- People put it behind
- Wilson — Black School
- 1966 Schools integrated
  1967

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Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)
☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: Civil Rights Initiative
Mattie Green - Victim
Bombing Matter

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of [redacted] b6 b7C

10/9

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[redacted]

Dob - [redacted]

46 - [redacted]

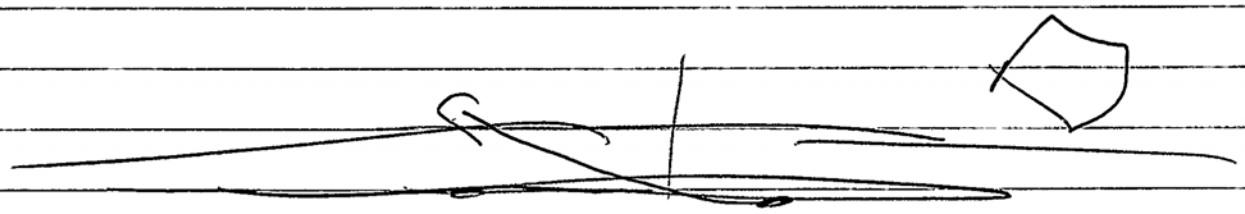
60a

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Contra Costa County



1960

46

[redacted]

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moved there in [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

buried in Bicycle, Ga.

[redacted]

Gladys (passed) [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] - [redacted] In

[redacted] (unknown) b6 b7C

Daughters

[redacted]

- Nancy (passed) [redacted]

Catoosa, Co

FT O possible

- works for [redacted]

[redacted]

Buck Jarrett

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[redacted]

1960 - [redacted] yrs old

[redacted]

[redacted]

SS -

- Tel

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[redacted]

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[redacted]

Dob -

SS -

[redacted]

[redacted]

DoB - [redacted]

SS - [redacted]

Tel [redacted]

[redacted]

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: Civil Rights Initiative
Mattie Green - Victim
Civil Rights - Bombing

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

[redacted]

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[redacted]

DOB
SSN
Address -

[redacted]

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[redacted] Home

Work Hours

[redacted]

Lived with Sons

William Edgar, Sr
Central State Hospital
1966

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[redacted]

Squad Car

Friday / Sunday (had a stroke died last.

Dr. Cochran (Dec'd)

Dr. [redacted]

[redacted] involved in KKK

Buck Jarrett 2 funeral

- Mother passed June 1946

-

KKK Meetings

- Little Building at Cedar House

- possibly in Adamsville
Hate
Black

- One Two meetings

-

75 Key Mint

- US Pipe + Foundry

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other

- [redacted] - KKK

-

Dr. [redacted] 1966

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By SA [redacted]

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: Civil Rights Initiative
Maddie Green - Victim
Civil Rights bombing

Reference: _____

(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

[redacted]

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[redacted] b6 b7C

Lemuel Williams — 1934
Sweat Water Carpet [redacted]
— No knowledge —

Lived in Ruggold

Full Name:

[redacted]

Lester Waters
Ed Waters
Burt Ward — In politics
when younger

[redacted] b6 b7C

Buck Jarrett — unknown

[redacted] — Texi driver

[redacted]

[redacted]

No Journal
No psychiatric facility

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By SA [redacted]

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: Civil Rights Initiative
Mattie Green - Victim
Civil Rights - Bombing

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

[redacted]

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(1) 1:55p
10/4/07

[redacted] b6 b7C

Lecher → [redacted] b6 b7C
Waters

Taxi Driver

No knowledge of Klan Activity

Buck Jarratt — Married to [redacted] b6 b7C
Teenage kids [redacted]

Family Involved b6 b7C
Divorced Buck lived on [redacted]

[redacted]

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(2)

Bucks — [redacted]

Race ' (passed)

[redacted]

[redacted] — [redacted] (Leber's [redacted]

Ringside [redacted]

[redacted]

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very Quiet [redacted] year old

[redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] Cell

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Date: 5-19-60

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, KNOXVILLE

FROM SAC, ATLANTA 157-NEW

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF [redacted] RINGGOLD, GEORGIA, ONE A.M., MAY NINETEEN, SIXTY, MATTIE GREEN DASH VICTIM, BOMBING MATTERS. [redacted] GBI AGENT AND FORMER BUREAU AGENT, ADVISED AT APPROX TWO THIRTY A.M., THIS DATE THAT A FRAME RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BY [redacted] NEGRO MALE, AND HIS WIFE AND FIVE MINOR CHILDREN WAS DESTROYED BY A BOMB, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DYNAMITE. MATTIE GREEN, NEGRO FEMALE, AGE THIRTYTWO, WAS KILLED IN THE EXPLOSION AND ONE CHILD RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES TO AN ARM. THE RESIDENCE IS BEING GUARDED BY RINGGOLD POLICE UNTIL DAYLIGHT AND WILL BE EXAMINED FOR EVIDENCE THEN. BUAGENT ON SCENE, OFFERED SERVICES OF LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, AND COVERAGE OF OUT OF STATE LEADS. [redacted] SUSPECTS THIS BOMBING CONNECTED WITH TWO PREVIOUS RESIDENTIAL BOMBINGS IN CATOOSA COUNTY, WHERE RINGGOLD IS COUNTY SEAT. BUREAU HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF THESE TWO BOMBINGS. [redacted] FURTHER SUSPECTS BOMBING POSSIBLY INSTIGATED BY A RADICAL SPLINTER GROUP OF THE DIXIE KLAN. ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED ALONG WITH SEARCH OF CRIME SCENE AT DAYLIGHT. AT APPROX. EIGHT A.M., DR. [redacted] OF THE STATE CRIME LAB DUE TO ARRIVE FROM ATLANTA TO PERFORM AUTOPSY AND TO EXAMINE CRIME SCENE. BUREAU

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ADM:jsp
Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 6:54 A.M. Per _____

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WILL BE ADVISED OF ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS. LOACL MILITARY XXXXXXXXXXXX

INTELLIGENCE ADVISED. KNOXVILLE AT CHATTANOOGA CONTACT

~~END~~ ~~ANY~~ SOURCES ~~AGAIN~~ FOR SUSPECTS. RECOMMEND NO

DIRECT INVESTIGATION, HOWEVER WILL HANDLE OUT OF STATE

LEADS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

Atlanta, Georgia
May 19, 1960

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF
[redacted] 1:00 AM, MAY 19, 1960
RINGGOLD, GEORGIA

[redacted] Special Agent, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, advised at approximately 2:30 AM, May 19, 1960, that a frame residence occupied by [redacted] Negro male, his wife and five minor children, was destroyed by a bomb believed to have been dynamite. He stated Mattie Green, Negro female, age thirty-two, was killed in the explosion and one child received minor injuries to an arm. He stated the residence was being guarded by Police Department, Ringgold, Georgia, until daylight, at which time a crime scene search would be made.

Special Agent [redacted] suspects that this bombing is connected with two previous residential bombings in Catoosa County, Georgia, where Ringgold is the county seat. [redacted] further suspects the bombing possibly instigated by a radical splinter group of "The Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc."

He stated Dr. [redacted] of the Georgia State Crime Laboratory was to arrive in Ringgold at approximately 8:00 AM, May 19, 1960, to perform an autopsy and to participate in examination of the crime scene.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

8 - Bureau
1 - Knoxville (Info.)
2 - Atlanta (1 157-
1 105-773)

HGR:hs
(11)

Gallagher

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TO Director, FBI

FROM SAC, Atlanta (157-

RE UNSUB;
BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF
[redacted] 1:00 AM, 5/19/60,
RINGGOLD, GA., MATTIE GREEN, VICTIM
BOMBING MATTERS

Remytel 5/19/60.

Enclosed herewith are original and seven copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination; one copy also enclosed for Knoxville.

Major [redacted] 111th CIC Detachment, Fort McPherson, Ga., was advised of the above incident at 5:50 AM, 5/19/60.

3 - Bureau (Encl. 8) AM
1 - Knoxville (Encl. 1) AM (Info.) 105-3301
2 - Atlanta (1 105-773)

HGR:hs
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Upon 157-
To Gallagher
ATOO
HQR
157-1132-3

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (157-

DATE: 5/19/60

FROM : SUPERVISOR [redacted]

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF RESIDENCE,
[redacted]
RINGGOLD, GEORGIA
5/19/60
BOMBING MATTERS

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At approximately 10:00 AM, 5/19/60, U. S. Attorney CHARLES D. READ, JR., telephonically advised me that he had just received a phone call from a representative of the Civil Rights Division of the Department making inquiry concerning captioned matter. Mr. READ advised that he had been advised that the Civil Rights Division considered instant matter as one coming within the purview of Civil Rights Act of 1960, but that the Civil Rights Commission desired to be advised of what steps the State was taking prior to making a formal request for investigation by the FBI. Mr. READ stated that he desired to be kept abreast of any information developed relative to instant matter.

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FROM SAC KNOXVILLE 157-45

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF [redacted] RINGGOLD, GA., ONE A. M., MAY NINETEEN, SIXTY, MATTIE GREEN DASH VICTIM, BOMBING MATTERS. RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU AND KNOXVILLE MAY NINETEEN LAST. SOURCES AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN., CONTACTED MAY NINETEEN LAST FOR SUSPECTS INSTANT CASE, NEGATIVE RESULTS. END AND ACK

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DATE: 5/19/60

FROM : SAC C. E. WEEKS

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
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MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM;
BOMBING MATTERS.

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SA DAVID R. GALLAGHER telephoned [redacted] banker at Ringgold, Georgia, and ascertained [redacted] and his family were lifetime residents of Ringgold, and their home was in an established colored section. [redacted] had worked for [redacted] Tennessee, as [redacted] He worked [redacted] The victim, MATTIE GREEN, was a domestic for a retired railroad man, [redacted] and GREEN's mother also worked as a domestic. [redacted] had not been in any trouble around there and he was always gainfully employed. There is a white family across the street and one about a block and a half from him.

[redacted] UPI, in a telephone conversation said the Governor had offered a $500 reward and ordered an all-out investigation by GBI.

Mr. COURTNEY EVANS had phoned earlier asking for some information about [redacted] and this was telephoned to the Bureau and given to Mr. MALLEY.

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FROM : SAC C. E. WEEKS

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
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MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM;
BOMBING MATTERS.

SAC JAMIESON telephoned from Knoxville this morning that [redacted] at Chattanooga got an anonymous call saying three or four men had stationed themselves in a barber shop at Ringgold, Georgia, for several days to watch a hamburger stand back of the barber shop. These men were armed. The caller said that if FBI agents would go to [redacted] of Ringgold Dry Cleaners he would furnish the identity of the men to Bureau agents if he were approached discreetly. b6 b7C

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Dynamiting at Ringgold Is Affront to Decency

The bombing of a Ringgold home, in which a mother of six children was killed, is a shameful and shocking act of violence in its worst form.

The Negro family that occupied the house had lived in it for several years. They were well-liked in the community, according to reports from Ringgold, and as of this writing no motive has been discovered for the dynamiting.

As Gov. Vandiver said yesterday, the bombing is a cowardly and heinous thing which is repugnant to all law-abiding citizens.

The state has offered a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible. We hope the guilty will be brought to justice quickly.

Let it again be said that violence solves nothing. Decent citizens of Georgia must make it clear that atrocities will not be tolerated in this state.

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The Atlanta Constitution
May 20, 1960
Editor: RALPH MC GILL
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Residence of [redacted]
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State Offering Bomb Reward

Gov. Vandiver offered a $500 reward Thursday for information leading to the arrest and conviction of dynamiters who blew up a Negro house in Ringgold, killing a woman and injuring her husband and baby son.

The governor condemned the outrage as a "dastardly act."

"The bombing of a home and the resultant murder of a mother of four children is a cowardly and heinous thing, repugnant to all law-abiding and law-respecting citizens," Vandiver said.

The blast ripped apart the five-room frame house of Jethro Green, a 39-year-old Negro mechanic, about 1:05 a.m. Thursday. Green's wife, Mattie, 32, was killed, and Green and a baby were injured. Three other children in the house escaped injury.

Both the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation joined Catoosa County Sheriff J. D. Stewart in investigating the blast.

But Sheriff Stewart said Thursday that no leads have been turned up. He said it appeared that between 25 and 30 pounds of

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dynamite were placed under the bedroom of the Green home.

The sheriff said racial hatred may have been a motive, but that investigators have turned up no evidence of such a motive.

Green himself said he was at a loss to explain the dynamiting.

"I was born and reared in Ringgold," Green told The Constitution. "I've lived in the same house for about five years. I've never had any trouble. I thought everybody liked me."

Green said he had never received any kind of warning or threat.

"All I know is that I went to bed last night and then I woke up out in the back yard," he said.

Green was knocked unconscious by the blast. He was dragged from the wreckage by his 13-year-old son.

Green lives at the edge of a small Negro residential area in Ringgold. He has white neighbors on one side of his home and Negro neighbors on the other.

Green said he counted his white neighbors among his friends.

Gordon Mathis, a white neighbor, described Green as "one of the nicest colored men I've ever known—a real Christian who lives right and tries to bring his children up right."

Mathis said he was among the first persons to arrive at the blast scene. The explosion shattered a window on one side of his house.

Green's employer, J. Howard Abney of East Ridge, Tenn., described the mechanic as a peaceable man who "just doesn't make people mad."

Meanwhile, the state crime laboratory was sifting through the debris of the home in hopes of finding some clue to the dynamiters' identity. Officers said it may be several days before they receive a report from the crime lab.

Sheriff Stewart said racial relations in Catoosa County have been good, although there have been a few recent Ku Klux Klan demonstrations. He said the county has a comparatively small Negro population.

"We've never had trouble with Negroes here," the sheriff said. "Oh, one may get a traffic case once in a while, but that's about all."

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[illegible] Ga., May 19—A 3[illegible]-year-old [illegible] of six children was killed, her husband and [illegible] children slightly injured early Thursday by a [illegible] blast which destroyed the five-room frame [illegible] the Negro family here.

Mrs. Ethre Greene was killed, her husband received a bruised shoulder and their 17-month-old son, Larry, suffered a concussion of the brain. Mrs. Greene was dead on arrival at the Tri-County Hospital at Ft. Oglethorpe.

Sheriff [illegible] Stewart of Catoosa [illegible] the explosion [illegible] 25 [illegible] deep under the [illegible].

The sheriff said that someone [illegible] between 25 and 30 sticks of [illegible] mite had been placed under the house.

Bill McG[illegible], [illegible] police at Ringgold, [illegible] morning to [illegible] the explosion.

[illegible] the GBI [illegible] investigation.

Sheriff Stewart said there had been no racial trouble in Ringgold at all and the only theory that he could advance so far was that it was a "personal grudge" rather than any racial strife.

The sheriff said the Greene family was well liked in Ringgold. The house was located on Guyle street in the Negro residential area of this town located 15 miles south of Chattanooga.

Dr. Herman Jones of the State Crime Laboratory in Atlanta was to perform an autopsy on the body of the victim Thursday morning at Tri-County Hospital at Ft. Oglethorpe.

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SHERIFF STEWART [illegible] explosive had been placed [illegible] the rear of the house. The [illegible] of the explosion dug a hole [illegible]

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No Clues Are Found In Ringgold Blast Case

Police investigating the dynamite blast which killed a young Negro mother at Ringgold early Thursday were still without any good clues in the case despite an autopsy performed by the State Crime Laboratory.

"We still don't know the reason for the explosion," said Bill McGraw, acting chief of police at Ringgold.

The autopsy, by Dr. Herman Jones, showed that the woman, Mrs. Jethro Greene, 32, died from internal injuries that resulted directly from the dynamite explosion.

Acting Chief McGraw said the autopsy had been requested by investigators only for the purpose of determining the exact cause of death. "We wanted to make sure," he said.

The dead woman was the mother of six children. Her husband and their 17-month-old son, Larry, were slightly hurt in the blast.

Doctor Jones said investigators have combed the blast area, searching for clues. "We're conducting tests on several things picked up at the scene," he said.

Catoosa County Sheriff J. D. Stewart estimated that some 25 to 30 sticks of dynamite had been placed under the house. He said a preliminary investigation discounted any racial trouble behind the blast.

The wrecked house was located on Guyle street in the Negro residential area of the town.

The FBI and the GBI have been called in to assist in the investigation.

The Atlanta Journal
May 20, 1960
Editor: JACK SPALDING
RE: UNSUB; BOMBING OF RESIDENCE
of [redacted] Ringgold, Ga.,
5/19/60, MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM,
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Director, FBI
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SAC, Atlanta (157-102)

UNSUB; BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF [redacted]
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Re Atlanta teletype to Director 5/19/60.

On 5/20/60 [redacted] SA, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, a former Bureau Agent, advised that on 5/19/60, he submitted a whitish substance found at the explosion site to Dr. [redacted] Examiner for the Georgia Crime Laboratory, for examination, and on 5/20/60 Dr. [redacted] advised that the substance was Ammonium Nitrate.

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SA [redacted] advised that investigation reflects that this substance, which contains 33 1/3 Nitrogen, is commonly used as fertilizer; however, it can be used as a component part of a mixture which can be used as a powerful explosion.

[redacted] advised that he contacted the Superintendent of the dynamiting crews who are blasting near Ringgold on U. S. Interstate Highway 75, and determined that the explosive mixture is made as follows:

1 gallon of diesel fuel is mixed with 80 lbs. of Ammonium Nitrate, and allowed to set for at least two hours. After this period, the mixture can be used for blasting. The mixture is detonated by use of a 1-1/2 lb. of dynamite which in turn is detonated by either an electric or fuse-type dynamite cap.

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[redacted] advised that this explosive mixture is used exclusively by the company, identified as Ledbetter and Johnson, Rome, Ga., unless the charge is to be in contact with water, because of the fact the fertilizer, which comes in 80 lb. bags, costs approximately $80.00 a ton, whereas an equal amount of dynamite costs approximately $2500.00.

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[redacted] advised that it is believed the container holding the explosive mixture, which had been secreted under the victim's house near the bedroom, was a 'slop jar', this opinion being based upon the report of DR. [redacted] who advised that the metal pieces found at and near the scene of the explosion were enameled similar to the above type container.

This information is being furnished to the Laboratory inasmuch as similar type explosive devices may be reported or inquiries concerning same may be received.

Dynamite Wrecks Ringgold Negro Home; Wife Killed, Husband and Baby Son Hurt

NEGRO MOTHER KILLED—A 32-year-old Negro mother, Mattie Green, was killed early this morning when an explosion wrecked her home in Ringgold, Ga. Her husband, Jethro Green, and her 17-month-old son, Larry, were injured by the explosion. Three more of her six children were at home at the time, but were not injured.—(Staff Photo by Bob Sherrill.)

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Negro Woman Is Killed in Ringgold As Blast Razes Home; FBI in Case

Special to The Chattanooga Times

RINGGOLD, Ga.—An explosion early Thursday blew apart the four-room home of a Negro family on Guyler Street here, killing the mother and injuring the husband and an infant son. Three other children sleeping in the house escaped injury.

The blast brought instant death to Mrs. Mattie Green, 32. Her husband, Jethro Green, and Larry Green, 17-month old son of the couple, suffered minor injuries.

Gov. Ernest Vandiver offered a reward of $500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the responsible person or persons. In a statement issued at his office in Atlanta, the governor called the bombing "a cowardly and heinous thing repugnant to all law-abiding and law-respecting citizens."

Gov. Vandiver ordered the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to utilize its every resource in tracking down the guilty.

Catoosa County Sheriff J. D. Stewart said, "In my opinion, it was dynamite." Sgt. E. M. Whitfield, GBI, withheld comment on the nature of the explosion, pending completion of a laboratory inspection of debris by Dr. Herman Jones, state criminologist, who reached the scene several hours after the death of Mrs. Green and collected bits of the splintered and shattered house to take back to his office in Atlanta.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation also joined in the investigation by assigning an agent from the resident agency in Dalton to assist Catoosa County and Georgia state authorities.

Sheriff Stewart and Sgt. Whitfield indicated Thursday evening that clues to the identity of the person or persons responsible for the slaying were lacking. Neither the sheriff nor the GBI agent would acknowledge that a motive for the dynamiting had been established.

Green, a lifelong resident of Catoosa County, is a painter and auto body repairman employed by the Abney Motor Co., a used car agency at 4103 Ringgold Rd. J. Howard Abney, president of the company, praised Green, saying he had worked for the Abney family for 15 years. Abney said Green had a good reputation.

A white neighbor, Gordon Mathis, whose home is two doors from the house occupied by the Negro family, described Green as an "excelent" neighbor. "I couldn't ask for anyone better," he said.

Sgt. Whitfield said Green had not reported receiving threats.

The blast occurred about 1:05 a.m., making a shambles of the well-kept house on a street within the city. Negroes occupy houses along one section of the street and white families live along another.

Felt All Over Town

The explosion was heard and felt throughout Ringgold, shaking houses in the immediate area and causing minor damage to window panes.

Sgt. Whitfield said the explosive was set off under a bedroom occupied by the victim. One side of the house was blown out. Clothing, chairs and personal belongings were hurled to the roof.

The first persons to arrive at the scene reported detecting the unmistakable odor of cordite, the explosive compound found in dynamite, Whitfield reported.

Mathis, who notified Ringgold police and summoned a Wallis-Bomar ambulance, said he found the body of Mrs. Green in the yard outside what was once the well-built, well-kept house.

Others Unhurt

Also in the house when the explosion occurred, in addition to the father and infant, were Jethro Jr., 12; David, 6, and William, 4. Two other children, Ruth, 10, and Letha, 8, were spending the night with their grandmother.

Mrs. Green was pronounced dead upon arrival at Hutcheson Memorial Hospital in Fort Oglethorpe. Her husband had arm and shoulder injuries and the 17-month-old boy suffered multiple bruises.

An autopsy was performed on the body of Mrs. Green at the hospital Thursday afternoon by Dr. Charles W. Stephenson, county physician and medical examiner, and Dr. A. K. Das, of the hospital staff. The causes of death were found to be multiple hemorrhages in both lungs, ruptures of the spleen and liver and a rupture of a pulmonary vessel.

The house was heated by coal. A coal heater used during the past winter had been disconnected, Sgt. Whitfield stated. Butane gas was formerly used. No gas was anywhere in or near the house and all connections had been removed.

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EXPLOSION DESTROYS NEGRO HOME IN RINGGOLD, KILLING MOTHER

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Ringgold Mother of 6 Dies in Bombed Home

Husband, Child Hurt; Personal Grudge Seen

Special to The Atlanta Journal

RINGGOLD, Ga., May 19—A 32-year-old mother of six children was killed, her husband and one of the children slightly injured early Thursday by a dynamite blast which destroyed the five-room frame house of the Negro family here.

Mrs. Jethro Greene was killed, her husband received a bruised shoulder and their 17-month-old son, Larry, suffered a contusion of the hand. Mrs. Greene was dead on arrival at the Tri-County Hospital at Ft. Oglethorpe.

Sheriff J. D. Stewart of Catoosa County said the explosion rocked the town about 1:05 Thursday morning. He said Mrs. Greene apparently was killed by falling debris. Four of the Greenes' six children were in the house at the time. The other two were spending the night with Mrs. Greene's mother.

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REASON FOR THE dynamite blast had investigating officers baffled Thursday. The FBI and the GBI are aiding in the investigation.

Sheriff Stewart said there had been no racial trouble in Ringgold at all and the only theory that he could advance so far was that it was a "personal grudge" rather than any racial strife.

The sheriff said the Greene family was well liked in Ringgold. The house was located on Guyle street in the Negro residential area of this town located 15 miles south of Chattanooga.

Dr. Herman Jones of the State Crime Laboratory in Atlanta was to perform an autopsy on the body of the victim Thursday morning at Tri-County Hospital at Ft. Oglethorpe.

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SHERIFF STEWART said the dynamite had been placed at the right rear of the house. The force of the explosion dug a hole about three feet deep under the house.

The sheriff said that somewhere between 25 and 30 sticks of dynamite had been placed under the house.

Bill McGraw, acting chief of police at Ringgold, said Thursday morning no clues as to the motive ~~behind~~ the explosion had been uncovered.

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MOTHER DIES IN BOMBED HOME

RINGGOLD, Ga., May 20—Mattie Green, 32, mother of six children, was killed when this home was dynamited early Thursday morning. Her husband, Jethro, and one child was injured when the dynamite charge wrecked the Negroes' home. Gov. Ernest Vandiver has offered the maximum state reward of $500 for arrest of the perpetrators. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and local authorities are working on the case.

HUSBAND AT LOSS ON BLAST MOTIVE

Green, Whose Wife Died in Ringgold Explosion, Talks With Sheriff

Special to The Chattanooga Times

RINGGOLD, Ga. — Jethro Green, 40, Ringgold Negro whose wife was killed when their four-room home was blasted by nightriders here May 19, told investigators Monday he "never has had any trouble with white persons or Negroes."

Green, an auto body repairman, was interrogated by two agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Catoosa County Sheriff J. D. Stewart and Sgt. E. M. Whitfield of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Sheriff Stewart emphasized that Green is not a suspect. "We questioned him at length and took his statements in our search to establish a motive in the case," the officer explained.

The sheriff quoted Green as saying he had not discussed racial issues with anyone "in Ringgold or anywhere else."

No Family Troubles

Asked if there were any family troubles, Green told the officers he knew of none, according to Sheriff Stewart. On the evening before the blast about 1 o'clock the next morning, Green said he arrived home at between 6 and 6:30 and remained there.

Mrs. Mattie Green, 32, was instantly killed when a powerful explosive was set off under a bedroom in which she slept. Her husband and a child suffered minor injuries. Three other children were sleeping in the house and two were spending the night with their grandmother, who lives nearby.

The Green house was splintered by the terrific blast, which damaged windows in surrounding homes and awakened Ringgold residents over a wide area. Sheriff Stewart said he estimated it would take 25 pounds of dynamite to cause such destruction. He noted, however, that the type of explosive used had not been determined by Dr. Herman Jones, state criminologist, who is studying debris in the Georgia crime laboratory at Atlanta.

Described as Worker

Green was described by Ringgold friends as a hard-working man. His neighbors said he attends church regularly and has headed several religious singing groups, the most recent being the Gold Trumpets appearing in programs over Radio Station WMFS in Chattanooga.

At East Ridge, just across the Tennessee line, Jesse A. Abney, owner of Abney Motors Inc. and employer of Green, said the Ringgold native had been employed by the Abney family for years.

"So far as I know," Abney stated, "Green has never had any trouble with anyone in East Ridge or Ringgold. I have never had a single complaint from customers with whom he comes in contact as my auto body repairman.

"I just can't understand this attack on the Green family. It could be that the dynamiters got the wrong house."

Rewards totaling $750 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the blast have been posted, including a $500 offer by Gov. Ernest Vandiver.

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TO : SAC ATLANTA [redacted]

DATE: 6/6/60

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact 5/20/60; 5/25/60

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UNSUB: Bombing of Residence of [redacted] Ringgold, Ga., 5/19/60, MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM
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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
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PCI advised that he had been in contact with various individuals associated with the Ku Klux Klan in the Ringgold area after bombing of the above residence, and stated that none of these individuals appeared to have any direct knowledge of a Klan participation in this bombing. He stated that he had heard from Negro persons, and also other white persons that this might possibly have been a bombing caused by one or more other Negroes, inasmuch as the male subject, [redacted] had apparently been doing a considerable amount of running around with various Negro women, and also that his wife, the victim, frequently ran around with numerous Negro men. He said also he had heard that [redacted] was possibly a Ringgold organizer for the NAACP.

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Informant stated that he had no specific information that he could furnish regarding the identity of the persons involved in the bombing.

[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Informant did also advised that on the date previous to the bombing, a 1956 or 1957 model automobile, believed to be a Ford, brown and cream in color, two door, came by [redacted] and left numerous flyers, advertising a Dixie Klan meeting to be held on the night of May 28, 1960, at the Odd Fellows' Hall in Dalton, and urged attendance at this meeting. He said that he had found this out through persons who were [redacted] when this person came by, and stated there were two women and a man in the car, and the man was described as being of heavy build, and wearing glasses. PCI made available one copy of this flyer. He stated that he did not feel this was connected with the bombing, but believed the FBI would probably be interested in this information. PCI advised he would remain on the alert for any information concerning the identity of persons causing the bombing. On May 25, 1960, PCI was contacted, but had no further information to furnish.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Atlanta

DATE: 6/8/60

FROM : SAC, Knoxville (157-45)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Bombing of Residence of [redacted] Ringgold, Georgia, 1:00 a.m., 5/19/60; MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM
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Re Knoxville teletype to Bureau and Atlanta 5/20/60.

The following individuals, who were contacted 5/20/60 regarding possible suspects in instant case, have been recontacted by Agents this division with negative results:

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[redacted] PCI (RAC)
Assistant Inspector [redacted]
Detective Department, Chattanooga PD
Chief of Police, Chattanooga PD,
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Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-45)

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[redacted] Chattanooga, [redacted] furnished the following information to SA [redacted] on 7/11/60 on a confidential basis:

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[redacted] From a conversation with her [redacted] determined that [redacted] suspected a Ringgold, Ga., Negro man as having bombed the [redacted] residence. She was unable to furnish his name, but said he is commonly known in the Ringgold area as [redacted]

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He was reported to be a comparatively newcomer to the Ringgold area and a "lonely hearts" husband of a close associate of victim. He is supposed to be insanely jealous of his wife and her activities and to have once threatened to blow up a Masonic Lodge building, probably in Rome, Ga., after his wife attended a meeting there.

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[redacted] reported to [redacted] that [redacted] wife had intended to visit either the victim or someone in the immediate area of the victim's home on the night of the explosion, but [redacted] refused to let her go. Explosives were reported by [redacted] to be available by theft from a current road building project in the Ringgold area. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] has not seen [redacted] was unable to describe him. She was likewise unable to furnish the first name of [redacted] or her address in Ringgold, but said [redacted], some of whom have married and moved away from home. She claimed that [redacted] is well known in the Ringgold area. Since [redacted] and the victim were friends, she said the victim's father would probably be able to furnish her full name and address. The only other individual she could identify who is acquainted with [redacted] is a [redacted] (married name unknown), both [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] she said, is reported to preach on an itinerant basis at various unknown churches in the Ringgold vicinity, and may be known to area ministers. She claimed [redacted] described him as having no known background, to be from "everywhere" and to be insane as well as drunken. His wife was reported to be considering divorce or separation but fears that if she leaves him, he will dynamite her home. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said [redacted] expected to leave Chattanooga the evening of 7/11/60 to return to Ringgold, Ga., and requested that [redacted] not be interviewed in Chattanooga, inasmuch as she was certain that any immediate investigation in Chattanooga would expose her as the source of the information. She added that she was under the impression that [redacted] mental status and his reputation for making bombing threats are known to several Ringgold individuals who fear to mention it to authorities. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] was reported to have been with [redacted] and his wife and other unidentified individuals about two weeks ago [redacted] was questioned in his car by the [redacted] He had struck his wife and was in a drunken condition, but had not been arrested inasmuch as his wife declined to file charges against him. She said all the above-mentioned individuals are Negroes. b6 b7C b7D

On 7/11/60 [redacted] Credit Bureau of Chattanooga, advised her file on [redacted] listed his mother as [redacted] b6 b7C

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In view of the above, no open inquiry is being made at Chattanooga at this time.

Atlanta, at Ringgold, Ga., locate and interview [redacted] and through her and other logical sources attempt to identify [redacted]

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TO : SAC (157-102) DATE: 7/21/60

FROM : SA DAVID R. GALLAGHER

SUBJECT: UNSUB: Bombing of the residence of [redacted] Ringgold, Ga., 5/19/60; MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM BOMBING MATTERS. b6 b7C

Re memo to file 5/19/60

AT RINGGOLD, GA.

On 5/19/60 the writer accompanied by SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] in regards to referenced memo. b6 b7C

[redacted] denied any knowledge of the alledged incident.

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TO : SAC (157-102) DATE: 7/22/60

FROM : SA DAVID R. GALLAGHER

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7/25/60
Case closed 7/25/60

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Bombing of Residence of [redacted]
Ringgold, Ga. , 5/19/60;
MATTIE GREEN - VICTIM
BOMBING MATTERS

Re Atlanta Teletypt to Director, 5/19/60
Memo to file , 5/19/60
Atlanta letter to Director, Att'n. FBI Lab., 5/26/60
Knoxville airtel to AT, 7/12/60

The following is a summary of investigation conducted in this matter on and subsequent to 5/19/60.

AT RINGGOLD, GA.

On the evening of 5/19/60 while continuing the search at the explosion site Chief of Police JAMES ALTON found a piece of red and orange wire which was identified as being the type used in the manufacture of electric dynamite caps. The wire was found under some debris located near the southwest corner of the Green residence, near the explosion origin.

The writer, JOHN D. STEWART, Sheriff of Catoosa County, and [redacted] SA/GBI, continued the search ; however no other evidence other than that discovered by the investigating officers earlier in the day , and the piece of wire was located. b6 b7C

A description of the type of chemical believed to have been used as the explosive, and the container is set forth in the above-referenced letter from Atlanta to the Director, Att'n., FBI Lab. , 5/26/60.

Sheriff STEWART advised that from observations made at the scene it appeared that the unsub , after preparing the chemical and arranging the fuse had to approach the rear of the house and place the explosive up under the house in the general locality of the bedroom occupied by [redacted] STEWART advised that if an electric cap had been used the unsub would have to be in the nearby vicinity, depending on the length of the detonating wire, at the time of the explosion. b6 b7C

STEWART advised that an extensive neighborhood investigation failed to reveal that any person or vehicle was observed on the street immedietly following the explosion.

STEWART advised that he had occasion to investigate another attempted dynamiting a year or so ago and it was determined that the individual or individuals had wrapped several sticks in a bundle with a long length of fuse which in turn was secured with tape and when the fuse was lit it would allow the person lighting same to have at least 25 minutes to leave the area. STEWART advised that this attempted dynamithig had been unsucessful inasmuch as the fuse failed to function.

Continuing STEWART advised that [redacted] had not been involved in any racial disturbances at Ringgold, and on one occassion was the custodian of the county court house.

STEWART advised however that [redacted] and his wife had reportedly ' stepped out ' on each other and the possibility exists that [redacted] or a person mad at [redacted] may have been responsible for the bombing.

STEWART advised that during the investigation he heard that [redacted] b6 b7C and a group of negro males were meeting regularly at each others homes and some people thought that perhaps a NAACP organization was being formed. STEWART advised that he learned that [redacted] and others were members of a singing group and that practised at each other's homes.

On 5/25/60 STEWART advised that the toll calls made to and from the [redacted] residence Tel. WEbster 5 2820, were reviewed for leads and it was determined that [redacted] wife had been in contact with [redacted] a negro male from Ringgold, Ga.

STEWART advised that he and SGT. [redacted] interviewed [redacted] to determine if he and the victim had been dating and at the outset of the interview [redacted] denied contacting the victim in any manner; however he subsequently admitted that he and the victim had been seeing each other frequently in the past; however they stopped but the victim continued to telephonically contact [redacted] the last being on 4/15/60. b6 b7C

STEWART advised that a rumor among the negroes was to the effect that [redacted] himself had set off the explosion and were of the opinion this was true because [redacted] was unhurt at the time of the explosion and his wife was killed eventhough they were both occupying the same bed. The rumor was also to the effect that [redacted] was fully dressed at the time the first witnesses arrived which was seconds after the explosion.

STEWART and the writer discussed this phase of the explosion with Chief ALTON, who reportedly arrived at the scene a few minutes after the explosion and he stated that [redacted] only had on his shorts and was walking barefooted in the rubble. ALTON advised that he assisted in locating shoes for [redacted] to prevent him from injuring himself by stepping on a nail of other sharp objects.

STEWART and ALTON both agreed however that it seemed almost impossible, after viewing the scene, that [redacted] suffered as little injury as he did when his wife who was occupying the same bed, which appeared to be a 3/4 size suffered crushing injuries by having the ceiling and rafters fall on her. b6 b7C

STEWART advised that in view of the rumors and insinuations to the effect that [redacted] was responsible for the bombing he requested [redacted] to submit to a polygraph examination at GBI headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. and that [redacted] agreed.

STEWART and [redacted] on 6/27/60 advised that the test [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

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STEWART advised that he has contacted every known source in the county and almost every negro in the county concerning the bombing and he has been unsucessful in an effort to identify the unsub.

On 5/28/60 JAMES ALTON, COP, telephonically contacted the writer at DALTON advising that an individual contacted him advising that he heard from a child of [redacted] Ringgold, Ga., that [redacted] also from Ringgold, had been together on the night of the bombing and that [redacted] reportedly talked in his sleep and mentioned dynamite. ALTON advised that that above information had been furnished to the sheriff. b6 b7C

On 6/27/60 STEWART advised that he checked on the information furnished by ALTON and nothing of value was determined.

STEWART was contacted on the below dates in an effort to determine what progress, if any , has been made in identify the unsub and it was determined that there has been no information of value developed.
5/26,27;6/27;7/7,14/60

SGT. [redacted] was contacted for the sme reason on the below -listed dates with negative results: b6 b7C
5/27;6/6;7/18,22/60.

[redacted], a negro, Rt. # 1, Ringgold, Ga., refered to in Knoxville airtel to Atlanta, 7/12/60, was located and interviewed on this date after unsucessful attepts were made on 7/20,21/60, at which time she advised that she did not know the identity of the individual refered to as the [redacted] except that this individual was at a negro get to gether near Cartersville sometime a go, [redacted] advised that she may have repeated some of the stories that are going around concerning the bombing, [redacted] appeared reluctant to discuss the matter and further stated that she is the only negro living in a white community where several previous bombings have taken place and does not want to become a ' victim ' herself. b6 b7C b7D

The information concerning [redacted] and his alledged activities were furnished SGT. [redacted] this date. b6 b7C b7D

Inasmuch as there appears to be no federal violation over which the FBI has jurisdiction and inasmuch as the sheriff of Catoosa County has requested no assistance in the coverage of out of state leads no further investigation will be conducted UAC and the file is being closed.

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