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REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 4/27/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/4/70 - 4/7/70
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED JOSEPH ROBERT PROVENZANO (TN), aka Joseph Provenzano, Jr., Junior Provenzano; ELDON JUNIOR LEGAN, aka Eldon Legan; UNSUB #2; (TITLE CONTINUED COVER PAGE B)		REPORT MADE BY SA THOMAS L. COLARELLI	TYPED BY nmb
		CHARACTER OF CASE POSSIBLE ITSP	

Title marked "CHANGED" to reflect identity of Unsub #3, who posed as the jeweler, as GEORGE ALBERT MC GANN, as developed through investigation.

REFERENCE: New Orleans report of SA THOMAS L. COLARELLI, 2/19/70

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INFORMANTS:

On 2/13/70 NO 1793-PC advised that he had just received a call from TINY BARNES, operator of the Royal Oaks Motel, Marrero, La., who told him that three unknown white males

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CONTINUATION OF TITLE FROM COVER PAGE A:

GEORGE ALBERT MC GANN, aka
Joe Goldberg;
DR. SALVATORE CARUSO, aka
Sal Caruso - VICTIM;
CLYDE VALSIN BOURGEOIS, JR., aka
Clyde Bourgeois - VICTIM;
DR. RUSSELL T. RIBANDO, aka
R. T. Ribando - VICTIM

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INFORMANTS (continued):

from out of town had stopped by the motel looking for JUNIOR, not realizing that he no longer operated same. They told BARNES that they did not want to meet JUNIOR in public, and wanted to know where he was "sleeping." PC did not know the significance of this information.

On 1/17/70 former SA WILLIAM F. DUKES, Gulfport, Miss., attorney, furnished the following information to SA DAVID P. HURLEY:

On the day that DONALD LESTER JAMES was buried, he was telephonically contacted by former JN 14-C. During the conversation, this former source advised that prior to the date that JAMES was shot, she was visited by a former acquaintance, LNU KRAMER or CRAEMER. KRAMER informed the source that JAMES and two other men had pulled a "score" on MIKE MAROON (phonetic), a Gulfport attorney and close personal friend of CARLOS MARCELLO. It appears that the two men were in the room with MAROON and JAMES was in an adjoining room. After MAROON found that he had been taken, he was able to identify one of the men involved in the "score," and after this man received a severe beating, he allegedly identified JAMES as being the third man.

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DUKES advised that it is the former source's opinion that possibly this was the motive for the shooting of JAMES.

It is to be noted that the MIKE MAROON mentioned above is probably identical with the MIKE MAROON who is an attorney for CARLOS MARCELLO and who lives and works in Shreveport, Louisiana. No additional information has been obtained from other sources regarding the above mentioned incident.

JN 424-C advised SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES on 1/15/70, he had no suspects as to who might have shot DONALD LESTER JAMES on 1/11/70; however, he had heard that someone had given JAMES a beating a few weeks prior to the time that he was shot. Informant did not have any additional information regarding this beating.

PCI HARLEY D. TILLIS furnished the following information to SA GRAVES on 1/27/70:

DONALD LESTER JAMES came into Gus Stevens Restaurant in Biloxi, Mississippi, about ten days before he was killed. JAMES asked the informant to call him a taxi and then stated he had left his automobile at Caesar's Palace, which is located on U.S. Highway 90 in Biloxi, Mississippi. Informant stated that JAMES appeared to have been walking or running, and he appeared frightened, and he made the comment, "I'm going to have to make up my mind to kill those two S.O.B.'s, or they are going to kill me." Informant stated that JAMES made no explanation regarding this comment, and he has no additional information regarding JAMES' action on that night. He stated he had no idea as to who might have killed JAMES.

JN 10-C-TE furnished the following information to SA GRAVES on 1/16/70:

A majority of the friends of DONALD LESTER JAMES who were at the wake and funeral service are of the opinion that JAMES was killed by CALVIN KENDALL MORRIS, also known

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as "Frits" and "Big John Tech" (phonetic), who is an associate of MORRIS. He stated that the story is on the street that JAMES supposedly told MORRIS and TECH about DIANE WHITEMIRE, an associate of DUEY D'ANGELO, who is employed at the Sinbad Club in Biloxi, Miss., who had some jewelry at her Southern Ave. residence in Biloxi. MORRIS and TECH supposedly would burglarize WHITEMIRE's residence and then JAMES would fence the items taken. Supposedly something happened in connection with this deal and the shooting resulted.

On the night of 1/6/70 or the morning of 1/7/70, DIANE WHITEMIRE's residence was burglarized and she lost between \$8,000 and \$9,000 worth of various items.

On 3/17/70 AT 2025-C advised SA ROYAL A. MC GRAW that he had heard about an associate of GERALD GUTHRIE being killed at Biloxi, Miss. RONNIE JENKINS, Cairo, Ga., is employed as a truck driver and hauls produce out of South Florida. JENKINS told informant that he was recently at the service station operated by HOLLIS LAFAYETTE GUTHRIE, U.S. Hwy. 84 East, Thomasville, Ga. HOLLIS LAFAYETTE GUTHRIE, aka "SHORTY," received a telephone call from JIMMY ALBRITTON, Jackson County, Fla. ALBRITTON told GUTHRIE about someone getting shot. GERALD GUTHRIE was present when his father received the above telephone call. GERALD GUTHRIE immediately wanted to leave to go to the place where this person had been shot. His father, HOLLIS LAFAYETTE GUTHRIE, told him that he could not go.

AT 2025-C had also heard through RONNIE JENKINS that someone had taken an automobile belonging to GERALD GUTHRIE at Fort Walton Beach, Fla. This automobile had been wrecked and was subsequently recovered by GERALD GUTHRIE.

AT 2025-C advised that he recently learned that GERALD GUTHRIE and HILTON BENNETT PAYNE had been to a

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poker game operated by THILBERT ROGERS in the vicinity of Pavo, Ga. GUTHRIE and PAYNE allegedly had a large number of \$50 bills. Between them, they lost approximately \$600 at this poker game. THILBERT ROGERS operates a grocery store on the Ione Road approximately two miles out of Pavo, Ga. He occasionally holds poker games in a wooded area in the vicinity of Pavo.

Prior investigation by the Atlanta Office has shown GERALD GUTHRIE to be the son of HOLLIS LAFAYETTE GUTHRIE, aka "SHORTY" GUTHRIE. Prior to the fall of 1963, HOLLIS LAFAYETTE GUTHRIE operated a numbers racket in the vicinity of Thomasville, Ga. This numbers racket was broken up and HOLLIS LAFAYETTE GUTHRIE was subsequently sent to prison. He now operates a service station on U.S. Hwy. 84 East, Thomasville, Ga. Prior investigation has shown his son GERALD GUTHRIE to be a gambler. GERALD GUTHRIE is primarily a poker player. He has been an associate of JIMMY ALBRITTON, Jackson County, Fla.

AT 2025-C has previously advised that GERALD GUTHRIE is a crooked poker player and is not too clever in concealing his manipulation of the cards. Informant feels that GERALD GUTHRIE will someday get into serious trouble because of his crooked card playing.

On 3/17/70 NO 1283-PC advised SA HAROLD V. HUGHES that he had learned that as of yesterday ELDON LEGAN is currently living in a trailer somewhere in the West Bank area of suburban New Orleans. Although he did not know the name of the specific trailer park, it was his opinion that a surveillance of PROVENZANO could readily determine this information.

LEADS:

DALLAS AND PITTSBURGH (INFORMATION)

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