

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/18/2007

To: Criminal Investigative

Attn: Public Corruption/Civil Rights
Section/Civil Rights Unit/Room
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From: New Orleans
Squad 4

Contact: SA

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Case ID #: 282A-NO-C67532 (Pending)

Title: PROCEDURAL AND OPERATIONAL ISSUANCES,
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION;
PUBLIC CORRUPTION/CIVIL RIGHTS/SECTION/
CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT
SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER (SPLC)
CIVIL RIGHTS ERA COLD CASES

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Synopsis: To provide results of investigative assessment conducted to determine the viability of Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) Civil Rights Era Cold Case file regarding victim Carrie Brumfield.

Details: As per an Electronic Communication (EC) dated 03/27/2007, case number 319W-HQ-A1487699-CID serial 432, Squad 4 assigned agents to investigate Civil Rights Era Cold Case murders to assess files and determine the viability of the cases. Writer was assigned to investigate the death of Carrie Brumfield in September of 1967.

On 06/07/2007, [Redacted] of the SPLC was telephonically contacted regarding their file on victim Carrie Brumfield. [Redacted] indicated that the only information in their file on Carrie Brumfield was an EC and a copy of a newspaper article dated 09/12/1967, which they received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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On 06/13/2007, [Redacted] of Carrie Brumfield, was interviewed in Bogalusa, Louisiana. [Redacted] indicated that she never met Carrie Brumfield, but that his older brother Virgil Brumfield lived in Bogalusa. [Redacted]

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[redacted] was married to [redacted]
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Virgil Brumfield was interviewed, during which time he indicated that Carrie Brumfield was robbed then shot and killed by one of Carrie's co-workers. The killer, whose name Virgil could not recall, confessed to killing Carrie Brumfield and several other individuals, both black and white, in Louisiana and Mississippi. Virgil Brumfield indicated that the killer died in prison many years ago. Virgil Brumfield could not recall if Carrie Brumfield's killer was incarcerated in Louisiana or Mississippi.

On 06/29/07, writer made contact with the Washington Parish Sheriff Office (WPSO) Records Department regarding any information they might have in reference to Carrie Brumfield's death. WPSO indicated that they had a file number (#467) on Carrie Brumfield, but there was nothing left in the file.

It is therefore recommended that a Civil Rights case not be opened regarding the death of Carrie Brumfield, because he was not a victim of a hate crime.

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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It is requested that the Civil Rights Unit review this communication and notify the Southern Poverty Law Center of FBI-New Orleans decision to decline initiation of an investigation.