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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

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Approved By: _____

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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

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 th^fc 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, _____ of Carrie Brumfield, was interviewed An 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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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) :

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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.

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Virgil Brumfield, black male, date of birth, September 30, 1925, Social Security Account Number, 439-32-5625, residence address, 923 Mercedes Street, Bogalusa, Louisiana, home telephone number, 985-735-8385, was interviewed at his residence. After being advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, Brumfield provided the following information:

Brumfield indicated that his brother Carrie Brumfield was murdered by one of his (Carrie's) co-workers near Franklinton, Louisiana in 1967. Carrie Brumfield, who worked at a shipyard in Mississippi, finished work one day and gave the co-worker a ride home from work. The co-worker supposedly robbed Carrie Brumfield then shot him in the chest. The co-worker was later arrested in Louisiana for killing a white man, during which time he confessed to the murder of Carrie Brumfield. Brumfield advised that the coworker later confessed to killing more people in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Brumfield indicated that he followed the investigation of Carrie Brumfield's murder very closely. The sheriff of Washington Parish, Louisiana at the time was Sheriff Dorman Crowe. Sheriff Crowe later told Brumfield that he (Crowe) thought that Carrie Brumfield had committed suicide, but due to the fact that Carrie Brumfield's hand were positioned under the steering wheel made Sheriff Crowe believe that Carrie Brumfield was murdered.

Brumfield could not remember the name of Carrie Brumfield's co-worker, but Brumfield indicated that the co-worker died in a Louisiana prison some years ago. Brumfield could not recall the prison. Brumfield advised that he did not recall the co-worker having any ties to the Ku Klux Klan or any other hate groups. Brumfield described the co-worker as a white male who was more of a serial killer than someone who killed people because of an individual's .

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investigation on 06/13/2007 at Bogalusa, Louisiana

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