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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/17/2010

To: Criminal Investigative

Attn: Civil Rights Unit

From: New Orleans

Alexandria RA

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

pjm 137pjm01.610

Case ID #: 44A-NO-74306 (Pending)

Title: JOSEPH EDWARDS - VICTIM

VIDALIA, LA

JULY 12, 1964

CIVIL RIGHTS ERA COLD CASE INITIATIVE

Synopsis: Opening Communication.

Reference: [redacted]

Serial 735

Details:

Full Investigation Initiated: 5/17/2010

1. SOURCE OF COMPLAINT

Media: DOJ; Retired [redacted]

Date of Complaint: 05/02/2010

2. INCIDENT: Hate Crimes - Racial Discrimination - Force and/or Violence (44A)

Date of Incident: 07/12/1964

- A. Threats: No
- B. Intimidation: No
- C. Property Damage: No
- D. Violence: Yes
  - Death: Yes
  - Injury: Yes
- E. Bias/Motivation: Race
- F. Victim's Race: Black
- G. Victim's Religion: Unknown

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- H. Subject's Race: Unknown
- I. Subject's Religion: Unknown
- J. Noose Involved: No
- K. Incident Location: Vidalia, Louisiana
- L. Incident Details:

FBI Civil Rights Unit (CRU) and the Department of Justice's Cold Case Unit (DOJ) received a referral from a group of journalists and academicians to include captioned matter on the FBI's Cold Case Initiative list. The referral and accompanying open source materials were reviewed by CRU and DOJ to determine if there was sufficient and credible allegation that Edwards may have been kidnaped and killed as a result of a racially-motivated act.

The following summary was provided:

On July 12, 1964, Joseph "JoEd" Edwards left the Shamrock Motel in Vidalia, Louisiana after his shift as a porter had ended. Witnesses reported seeing Edwards' vehicle on the Vidalia-Ferriday Highway surrounded by law enforcement officers and a group of men. One former FBI agent who worked on this case recently reported to the media that the FBI had information that members of the KuKlux Klan took Edwards to a remote barn "hung him up and skinned him alive," "before they disposed of his body." Edwards' body has never been found.

3. OTHER AGENCY INVESTIGATING

None

4. CASE AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: SA [REDACTED]  
Telephone: [REDACTED]  
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Street Address: 300 Jackson St  
Suite Number: 400  
City: Alexandria  
State: Louisiana  
Zip: 71301

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For the Civil Rights Unit to review and forward the information to the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

Set Lead 2: (Info)

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For the Public Corruption/Civil Rights Intelligence Unit. For information only.

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[redacted] (NO) (FBI)

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From: [redacted] (NO) (FBI)  
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 4:32 PM  
To: [redacted] (NO) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: File number

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Yes,

Source code - 07

CPI Code - None

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SSRA [redacted]  
New Orleans Division  
Alexandria & Monroe RAs  
(O) [redacted]  
(BB) [redacted]

From: [redacted] (NO) (FBI)  
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 4:10 PM  
To: [redacted] (NO) (FBI)  
Cc: [redacted] (NO) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: File number

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[redacted]  
Have you approved this 610? If so, please provide the CPI code/source code and I will get the case opened in ACS and get the file number to [redacted] as soon as that is done.

Thanks,

From: [redacted] (NO) (FBI)  
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 4:08 PM  
To: [redacted] (NO) (FBI)  
Subject: File number

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[redacted]  
I have been advised by Tech Support that my computer is in need of a patch in order to use, send, or receive any Infopath docs. Therefore, I am not able to use the electronic FD-610 to open this Civil Rights case and have to do things the old fashioned way (an EC in the format of an FD-610). If you could open the case and get me a file number, I would be very appreciative. Thanks in advance.

[redacted]

<< File: 137pjm01.610 >>

SA [redacted]  
New Orleans, Alexandria RA

[redacted] desk  
[redacted] cell

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Date of transcription 06/01/2010

                     Louisiana State University, Forensic Anthropology & Computer Enhancement Services (FACES) Laboratory, 227 Howe-Russell Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, telephone number                      facsimile (225) 578-4794, was telephonically contacted. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry,                      provided the following information:

                     the FACES Laboratory, received a partial skull which was located in Clayton, Louisiana in approximately 2002. A sample taken from the partial skull as well as reference samples taken from Joseph Edwards'                                           and                      were submitted for comparison to two laboratories for DNA analysis. A copy of the resulting reports from the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory and St. Tammany Parish Coroner Forensic Science Center were forwarded to the undersigned agent via facsimile. The aforementioned reports are attached and made part of this communication.

                     further advised that in September, 2009, the same samples were sent to the University of North Texas, Center for Human Identification for Mitochondrial DNA analysis.                      advised the backlog for analysis is approximately one to two years.

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Investigation on 05/28/2010 at Alexandria, LA (via facsimile)

File # 44A-NO-74306-2 Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

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**FACES LABORATORY**  
*Forensic Anthropology & Computer Enhancement Services*

Telephone:

[Redacted telephone number]

FAX 225/578.4794

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Date: 5/31/10

To: Special Agent [Redacted]

Company: FBI

FAX No: [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

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Special Agent [Redacted]

[Redacted] asked that I fax you copies of the DNA reports for the skull found in Vidalia, LA. I have included a DNA report on the skull only and a report on the skull compared to the reference samples. I have included both skull reports because the profiles were slightly different. The use of [Redacted] and [Redacted] may explain the low probability which is why the samples were sent for mito testing. If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you.

[Redacted signature]

Date: 05/27/2009

# CERTIFIED REPORT

Lab Case #: NW-1903-2004  
Related Case(s): NW-4607-2008

RS. 15:499-501

## North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory

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Forensic Anthropology and Computer Enhancement Servi-  
227 Howe-Russell Bldg.  
Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

LSU0224

Parish: Concordia  
Date Submitted: 05/04/2004  
Agency Case #: LSU0224

Analyzed By: [Redacted]

### REQUEST FOR ANALYSIS: Homicide

#### EVIDENCE LIST:

On 05/04/2004 at 11:35 AM, [Redacted] received the following evidence from [Redacted]

- 1. One sealed paper bag containing
  - A. One sealed paper bag containing sample from left mastoid (NW-1903-04).
  - B. One sealed paper bag containing sample from right cranial vault (NW-1903-04).

On 10/09/2007 at 1:59 PM, [Redacted] received the following evidence from [Redacted]

- 2. One sealed vial containing bone powder from Item # 1A (NW-1903-04).

On 08/25/2008 at 4:00 PM, [Redacted] received the following evidence via Federal Express:

- 1. One sealed plastic bag containing reference sample from family of missing person Joseph Edwards:
  - A. One sealed envelope containing reference from [Redacted] missing person (NW-4607-2008).
- 2. One sealed plastic bag containing one reference sample from family of missing person, Joseph Edwards:
  - A. One sealed envelope containing reference sample from [Redacted] missing person (NW-4607-2008).

#### RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Dates Analyzed -

9/22/04, 11/7/04, 11/11/04, 10/9/07, 2/4/09, 2/5/09, 2/6/09, 2/9/09, 2/10/09, 2/11/09, 2/15/09, 2/16/09, 2/17/09, 2/20/09, 4/20/09, 4/30/09, 5/5/09, 5/26/09

Items 1A and 2 (NW-1903-04) were analyzed by the reporting scientist in the DNA section of the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory (NLCL). Item 1B was not examined; however, analysis on these items may be performed upon a written request to the NLCL. In order to ensure the quality of analysis, the NLCL requests a minimum of 90 days to complete additional DNA testing.

DNA extraction was performed on the following items using NLCL protocols:

- Bone powder from item 1A (item 2; NW-1903-2004)
- Reference from [Redacted] item 1A; NW-4607-2008)
- Reference from [Redacted] item 2A; NW-4607-2008)

The extracted DNA was amplified using the AmpFISTR SGM Plus, and AmpFISTR Profiler PCR amplification kits. DNA typing was conducted according to NLCL protocols.

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Related Case(s): NW-4607-2008

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DNA profiles were obtained from the following items:

- Reference from [redacted] (item 1A; NW-4607-2008)
- Reference from [redacted] (item 2A; NW-4607-2008)

A partial DNA profile was obtained from the bone powder from item 1A (item 2; NW-1903-2004).

The DNA profile obtained from the bone powder (NW-1903-2004) shares common alleles with [redacted] (item 1A; NW-4607-2008) at 3 loci. The DNA profile obtained from the bone powder (NW-1903-2004) shares common alleles with [redacted] (item 2A; NW-4607-2008) at 2 loci. Due to the limited quantity of DNA in the sample, no additional conclusions can be made.

The DNA profiles generated from items 1A and 2A (NW-4607-08) have been entered into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

All items in the EVIDENCE LIST of this report were returned according to the NLCL evidence handling procedures 3/12/09.

All items in the EVIDENCE LIST of this report are kept according to the NLCL evidence handling procedures.

All pre-amplification work-product samples generated in conjunction with this case will be retained at the NLCL for a period of 180 days from the date of this report. After 180 days, the pre-amplification work-product samples associated with this case will be destroyed unless arrangements are made with the NLCL to return the samples to an appropriate agency.

One (1) DNA chart is appended to this report.

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Lab Case #: NW-1903-200

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Item Locus	2 <i>Bone powder from 1A</i>
D3S1358	14, 16
vWA	15,18,19
FGA	ND
AMEL	X
D8S1179	ND
D21S11	28
D18S51	ND
D5S818	ND
D13S317	ND
D7S820	ND
D16S539	ND
THO1	6
TPOX	ND
CSF1PO	ND
D2S1338	ND
D19S433	14

ND: Alleles Not Detected.



**Coroner Forensic Science Center,  
St. Tammany Parish  
Scientific Analysis Report**

Lab Case #: OP-0003-09

Agency Case #: LSU 02-24

Case Officer: [redacted]

Parish of Offense: Concordia

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**References:**

Deceased      Unknown

Louisiana State University  
FACES Laboratory / Attn: [redacted]  
227 Howe-Russell Building  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

**ANALYSIS REQUESTED**

DNA Ident. This examination was completed on 2/17/2010 and the report was released on 2/18/2010.

**EVIDENCE SUBMITTED**

On 4/8/2009 at 10:55 AM, LIMS Administrator [redacted] received the following evidence from the Louisiana State University via [redacted]

- Evidence Submission 01: One (1) sealed brown paper bag containing:
- Exhibit #01-01: One sealed plastic bag containing one sealed plastic bottle containing bone powder from "left mastoid"
- Exhibit #01-01A: Bone powder from "left mastoid"
- Exhibit #01-02: One sealed brown paper bag containing "right parietal" bone
- Exhibit #01-02A: Bone powder from "right parietal"

**RESULTS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

1. The following items were analyzed according to Coroner's Forensic Science Center, St. Tammany Parish (CFSC) protocols: Exhibits 1-2.
2. DNA extraction was performed on the following items using CFSC protocols:
  - Bone powder from left mastoid (Exhibit 1A)
  - Bone powder from right parietal (Exhibit 2A).
3. The extracted DNA was amplified using the PCR-based AmpFISTR Identifier and MiniFiler kits. DNA typing was conducted according to CFSC protocols.
4. An incomplete profile was obtained from the bone powder from left mastoid (Exhibit 1A), therefore data from Exhibit 1A will not be reported. Most allele calls obtained from Exhibit 1A were consistent with the profile obtained from Exhibit 2A.

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- 5. A DNA profile was obtained from bone powder from right parietal (Exhibit 2A); see attached chart (one page).
- 6. The bone powder from right parietal (Exhibit 2A) produced a profile consistent with a single male DNA donor.
- 7. Due to lack of allele calls at overlapping loci, the profile obtained from the bone powder from right parietal (Exhibit 2A) was not combined with the profile obtained from bone powder from left mastoid (Exhibit 1A NW-1903-2004 previously reported 5/27/09) for comparison purposes.
- 8. A kinship analysis was performed comparing the profile obtained from the bone powder from right parietal (Exhibit 2A) with reference samples submitted with NW-4607-2008. These reference samples were collected from [redacted] (Exhibit 1A NW-4607-2008 previously reported 6/4/09) and [redacted] (Exhibit 2A NW-4607-2008 previously reported 6/4/09). The results of the kinship analysis can be found in the following conclusion.
- 9. The DNA profile obtained from the bone powder from right parietal (Exhibit 2A) shares a common allele at four loci with the DNA profile obtained from the reference sample from [redacted] (NW-4607-2008 Exhibit 1A previously reported 6/4/09). The DNA profile obtained from the bone powder from right parietal (Exhibit 2A) shares a common allele at one locus with the DNA profile obtained from the reference sample from [redacted] (NW-4607-2008 Exhibit 2A previously reported 6/4/09). A kinship analysis performed on these samples indicated that the DNA profile obtained from the bone powder from right parietal (Exhibit 2A) was 0.0744 times more likely to be the biological relative of [redacted] (NW-4607-2008 Exhibit 1A previously reported 6/4/09) and [redacted] (NW-4607-2008 Exhibit 2A previously reported 6/4/09) than a randomly selected, unrelated Caucasian individual. A kinship analysis performed on these samples indicated that the DNA profile obtained from the bone powder from right parietal (Exhibit 2A) was 0.0384 times more likely to be the biological relative of [redacted] (NW-4607-2008 Exhibit 1A previously reported 6/4/09) and [redacted] (NW-4607-2008 Exhibit 2A previously reported 6/4/09) than a randomly selected, unrelated Hispanic individual. A kinship analysis performed on these samples indicated that the DNA profile obtained from the bone powder from right parietal (Exhibit 2A) was 0.0414 times more likely to be the biological relative of [redacted] (NW-4607-2008 Exhibit 1A previously reported 6/4/09) and [redacted] (NW-4607-2008 Exhibit 2A previously reported 6/4/09) than a randomly selected, unrelated African American individual.
- 10. The kinship likelihood ratios calculated for the relationship between the bone powder from right parietal (Exhibit 2A) [redacted] (NW-4607-2008 Exhibit 1A previously reported 6/4/09) and [redacted] (NW-4607-2008 Exhibit 2A previously reported 6/4/09) did not show a strong relationship. Mitochondrial DNA testing is recommended to determine a possible common [redacted] lineage of the bone powder from right parietal [redacted] and [redacted]. Reference samples must be submitted to the laboratory for additional analysis and comparison.
- 11. One page is appended to this report.
- 12. The DNA profile obtained from Exhibit 2A was not eligible for entry into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).
- 13. Exhibits 1-2 have been returned to the submitting agency.

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The positive, negative, and reagent blank controls produced the expected result, indicating that the experiments were performed successfully. Laboratory records document the secure custody of evidence samples from receipt throughout sample testing. Should you have any questions concerning this work please contact me.

Analysis Performed By:

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Title]  
Forensic Scientist

Report Certified By:

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Title]  
Laboratory Services



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St. Tammany Parish

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**STR RESULTS**  
**OP-0003-09**

Locus	Chromosome Location	Exhibit 2A* Bone powder from right parietal Molar swab	Lab Case #: MW-4607-2008 previously reported 6/4/09	Lab Case #: MW-4607-2008 previously reported 6/4/09
			Exhibit 1A Reference swab collected from [redacted]	Exhibit 2A Reference swab collected from [redacted]
D8S1179	8	NT	14,15	14,15
D21S11	21	NR	27,28	27,30
D7S820	7q11.21-22	11	9,11	8,10
CSF1PO	5q33.3-34	7,11	5,10	10,12
D3S1358	3p	NT	17,18	16
TH01	11p15.5	NT	7,8	8
D13S317	13q22-31	11,12	11,12	11,14
D16S539	16q24-qter	10	10,11	9,13
D2S1338	2q35-37.1	18,23	16,22	16,25
D19S433	19q12-13.1	NT	13,14	13,14.2
vWA	12p12-pter	NT	15,16	15
TPOX	2p23-2per	NT	6	11
D18S51	18q21.3	12,15	15,16	14,16
Amelogenin	X: p22.1-22.3 Y: p11.2	X,Y	X	X
D5S818	5q21-31	NT	11,13	13
FGA	4q28	21,22	23	19,23

\* = Possible additional peaks below threshold NR = No Result NT = Not Tested

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Upon contacting Archivist [redacted] National Archives and Records Administration, telephone number [redacted] the investigative case file pertaining to the disappearance of Joseph Edwards was obtained. The file, HQ 44-26064, was received and reviewed by the writer and will be maintained within 1A envelopes. A summary of the documents contained within the file was created on an excel spreadsheet and a hard copy of the summary will also be maintained in a 1A envelope.

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b7cInvestigation on 11/22/2010 at Alexandria, LAFile # 44A-NO-74306-3

Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

by SA [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/22/2010

To: New Orleans

Criminal Investigative

Attn: Civil Rights Unit  
SSA [redacted]

From: New Orleans

Alexandria RA

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *BP*

Drafted By: [redacted] *bpj* 326pjm02.ec

Case ID #: 44A-NO-74306 (Closed) - *4*

Title: JOSEPH EDWARDS- VICTIM  
VIDALIA, LA  
JULY 12, 1964  
CIVIL RIGHTS ERA COLD CASE INITIATIVE

Synopsis: Summary of investigation and notification of case closing.

Details: At the direction of the FBI Civil Rights Unit (CRU) and DOJ's Cold Case Unit (DOJ), the captioned Civil Rights Era Cold Case investigation was opened on May 17, 2010 by writer. The case involves the disappearance of Joseph Edwards, who was last seen on July 12, 1964 in Vidalia, Louisiana. CRU and DOJ received a referral from a group of journalists and academicians to include the Joseph Edwards matter on the FBI's Cold Case Initiative list. The case was not initially referred for re-investigation; however, "new" information provided by [redacted]

[redacted] fueled the reopening of this matter. The following summary was provided to me:

On July 12, 1964, Joseph "JoEd" Edwards left the Shamrock Motel in Vidalia, Louisiana after his shift as a porter had ended. Witnesses reported seeing Edwards' vehicle on the Vidalia-Ferriday Highway surrounded by law enforcement officers and a group of men. One [redacted]

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recently reported to the media that the FBI had information that members of the KKK took Edwards to a remote barn, "hung him up and skinned him alive... before they disposed of his body." Edwards' body has never been found.

A review of media reports reflect former United States Attorney Donald Washington stating the FBI does not possess a file of Edwards' disappearance. His statements were found to be inaccurate as I obtained FBI closed file HQ 44-26064 (NO 44-2293) from the National Archives, titled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; JOSEPH EDWARDS, aka Joe Edwards - VICTIM." A review of the closed file revealed the "new" information from [redacted]

[redacted] was similarly documented in an FD-302, summarizing the 10/19/67 interview of Natchez Police Chief J.T. Robinson who heard a rumor shortly after Edwards' disappearance that an unknown girl at the Bonanza Club claimed [redacted] skinned a negro alive and threw him in the river. [redacted]

[redacted] was assigned to the [redacted] however, the FBI investigation pertaining to the disappearance of Edwards was handled by the New Orleans office. According to a letter from [redacted] to former USA Washington, dated [redacted] has aligned himself with a newspaper reporter from Concordia Parish and offered his knowledge of the general atmosphere of terror which existed in Concordia Parish in [redacted] offers no specific information in his letter and is known to have interfered with other cold case investigations.

FBI teletype, dated 7/23/64, indicates Joseph Edwards was reported missing [redacted] on 7/21/64, as documented in Natchez PD missing persons report [redacted] Edwards was reportedly a resident of Natchez and was last seen on 7/12/64. [redacted] claims to have reported Edwards' disappearance to the Vidalia PD; however, Vidalia PD Officer [redacted] only recalled a negro couple appearing at the station in July or August of 1964 to make a missing persons report. The couple could provide no identifying information or photograph of Edwards; subsequently, there was no report made by Vidalia PD regarding the disappearance of Edwards.

The FBI initiated a civil rights investigation in August, 1967 concerning Edwards' disappearance. There were several rumors regarding possible reasons for Edwards' disappearance, to include the following:

1. Edwards was engaged in sexual activity with a white woman staying at the Shamrock Motel, while [redacted].

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2. Edwards was caught entering the room of a white female guest at the Shamrock Motel.
3. Edwards was involved in prostitution activities at the Shamrock and arranging dates for white men and black prostitutes.
4. Edwards was dating white women.
5. Edwards was incarcerated in a local jail.
6. Edwards left town, headed to Chicago or California, due to monies owed to bill collectors.
7. Edwards kissed or insulted a female employee at the Shamrock Motel.

In review of the closed file, I believe it is reasonable to conclude Edwards was engaged in arranging prostitution activities at the Shamrock and that he either was involved with or was interested in dating white women. Further, Edwards did attempt to kiss [redacted] the Shamrock Motel. Edwards was not involved with the [redacted] of the Shamrock Motel. Although Edwards may have accidentally entered the room of a female guest at the Shamrock Motel, this did not play a role in his disappearance. Edwards was not incarcerated in a local jail, nor is it likely he skipped town due to unpaid bills.

The investigation conducted in 1967 and 1968 was thorough; however, the victim was not located and no subjects were identified. In my opinion there were no outstanding leads to be addressed at the time and all logical investigation had been conducted. Investigation included scuba efforts in the Old Mississippi River near Deer Park, Louisiana, where [redacted] alleged to have recovered human flesh after snagging and opening a sealed metal object in October, 1964.

The disappearance of Joseph Edwards likely stemmed from his unwanted advance toward [redacted] told [redacted] James Goss, a Louisiana Probation Officer, who in turn reported the incident to Vidalia Police Chief Bud Spinks. When [redacted] declined to file a complaint against Edwards, matters were handled outside the law. Several names surfaced as suspects either involved or having knowledge of who killed Joseph Edwards, to include:

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James B. Goss, DOB: 6/24/20, DOD: 6/2009

Homer Thomas "Buck" Horton, DOB: 8/30/35, DOD: 9/2/1995

Raleigh Jackson "Red" Glover, DOB: 1/10/22, DOD: 4/1984

Frank DeLaughter, DOB: 7/4/27, DOD: 10/30/96

Johnnie Lee "Bud" Spinks, DOB: 6/7/19, DOD: 11/1970

Bill Ogden, DOB: 10/18/13, DOD: 9/15/04

Kenneth Norman Head, DOB: 7/26/28, DOD: 4/4/2004

There was no evidence or information presented in 1967 or 1968 which could have been corroborated to further develop any of the above described individuals as subjects responsible for the murder of Joseph Edwards. Further, all of the above described suspects are now deceased. New Orleans source, [redacted] [redacted] who provided information regarding this matter was recently identified by writer. There are [redacted] available volumes for this source in New Orleans; however, the source died on [redacted]

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DOJ attorney [redacted] was provided with a copy of the FBI file obtained from the National Archives as well as a summary of the contents. [redacted] concurs with the closing of this matter.

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Based on the above summarized information, writer respectfully requests captioned case be closed.

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LEAD(s) :

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For the Civil Rights Unit to review and forward the information to the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division.

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Field Office Acquiring Evidence

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National Archives & Records

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Administration

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To Be Returned  Yes

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