

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE

A. Time Line:

b6 Saturday -- August 20-21, 1955: Emmett Till and [redacted] residents of
b7C Chicago, Illinois, travel to Mississippi with Mose Wright.

Wednesday -- August 24, 1955 - Evening: Till entered Bryant's Grocery & Meat Market in Money, Mississippi. Carolyn Bryant-Donham alleged Till accosted her and exited the store. Bryant-Donham followed Till out so she could retrieve a pistol from a car and upon Bryant-Donham's exit, Till whistled at her.

b6 Saturday -- August 27, 1955 -- Evening: [redacted] a black teenager, entered
b7C Bryant's Grocery & Meat Market in Money, Mississippi. [redacted] was verbally confronted by Roy Bryant about being from Chicago. [redacted] related that a similar incident (likely the same instance) occurred on this night and she told Roy Bryant that the boy [redacted] wasn't the right person and the confrontation ended.

b6 Sometime between Wednesday -- August 24, 1955 and Saturday -- August 27, 1955 --
b7C Dusk: [redacted] a black teenager, was walking north from Money, Mississippi, when J.W. Milam, Roy Bryant, J.W. Washington and [redacted] came up behind him in a pickup truck. Washington, at Roy Bryant's direction, took [redacted] and threw him in the truck. [redacted] told Roy Bryant that [redacted] wasn't the right person and [redacted] was released.

Sunday -- August 28, 1955 -- 2:30 a.m.: Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam came to Mose Wright's home, east of Money, Mississippi, looking for the boy that "did the talking" in Money, Mississippi. Till was taken from the home and someone with a "lighter voice than a man's" identified Till as the right person as they left.

b6 Sunday -- August 28, 1955 -- Time Unknown, Early Morning: Roy Bryant, J.W.
b7C Milam and a man named Kimbrell brought Till to [redacted] at Bryant's Grocery & Meat Market in Money, Mississippi.

b6 Sunday -- August 28, 1955 -- Time Unknown, Early Morning: [redacted] and
b7C Leslie Milam were awakened by either J.W. Milam or Roy Bryant. [redacted] overheard Leslie Milam telling whomever to take the boy back where they got him.

Sunday -- August 28, 1955 -- 6:00 -- 7:00 a.m.: Willie Reed observed four white men and three black men in a truck with Till entering Leslie Milam's farm on the Clint Shurden Plantation outside of Drew, Mississippi. Reed then heard the sounds of someone being beaten inside a barn.

Sunday -- August 28, 1955 -- 6:30 -- 7:00 a.m.: Willie Reed came to Mandy Bradley's home. Bradley observed four white men and a truck by a barn at Leslie Milam's farm. One of the men was tall and bald.

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Sunday - August 28, 1955 - 8:00 a.m.: Add Reed walked past a shed and an oat bin on Leslie Milam's farm and observed Leslie Milam and another man there.

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Sunday - August 28, 1955 - Early Morning: [redacted] and [redacted] observed a fire in a barrel outside of J.W. Milam's home in Glendora, Mississippi.

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Sunday - August 28, 1955 - Morning: [redacted] [redacted] observed Otha Johnson Jr., Levi "Too Tight" Collins, and J.W. Milam with Milam's truck at Milam's gas station/store in Glendora. [redacted] saw that something was under a tarpaulin in the bed of the truck and blood was dripping from the bed of the truck. When [redacted] asked about the blood, J.W. Milam threatened him. Milam called for a man [redacted] knew as [redacted] to join the group, they drove to the Glendora Cotton Gin and then departed town.

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Sunday - August 28, 1955 - 10:00 a.m.: Levy "Too Tight" Collins paid [redacted] [redacted] 25 cents to clean blood out of the back of J.W. Milam's truck while it was parked by Milam's gas station/store in Glendora.

Sunday - August 28, 1955 - 2:00 p.m.: Leflore County Sheriff George Smith questioned Roy Bryant about Till's disappearance. Bryant admitted to taking Till from Mose Wright's home and bringing him to Carolyn Bryant-Donham at the store in Money. He further claimed that Till was then released. Bryant was placed under arrest.

Monday - August 29, 1955 - Time Unknown: J.W. Milam appeared at the Leflore County Jail. Milam talked with Deputy John Ed Cothran and admitted to taking Till from Mose Wright's home, taking him to Money, Mississippi and letting him go. Milam was placed under arrest.

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Wednesday - August 31, 1955 - 6:30 - 7:00 a.m.: [redacted] "Robert" Hodges discovered a body floating in the Tallahatchie River north of Phillip, Mississippi. The body was later identified as being Emmett Till.

Wednesday - August 31, 1955: Till's body was recovered from the Tallahatchie River and transported to the Century Burial and Funeral Home in Greenwood, Mississippi. It was later transported to Chicago for viewing, a funeral and burial.