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Cold Case Homicide Arrest Made

On December 22 2009 Officers of the Springfield Police Department were dispatched to 2302 South Main St in reference to a death. On arrival Officers found Richard F. McCreary, 54 years of age, who lived at the address deceased. During the investigation it was determined that Mr. McCreary was the victim of a single gunshot wound and had died of that wound.

During the early stages of the investigation several suspects were developed to include 26 year old Quinton Emmanuel Leavell, of 102 19th Ave West, his brother 27 year old Raphael Jerome Leavell of the same address.

There were several factors that pointed to the two brothers as the persons responsible for the death of Mr. McCreary but Springfield Police did not believe it was enough for a conviction.

In October 2010 the ATF developed information pertaining to this case and contacted the Springfield Police Department with the information. Information was obtained from further interviews conducted in a joint investigation that further identified the Leavell brothers as the persons who killed Richard McCreary during a botched robbery.

In December 2014 the case was presented to a Federal Grand Jury for the Middle Tennessee District and indictments were returned against the two Leavell brothers. Springfield Police took Quinton Leavell into custody without incident on January 9th 2015. He has since been turned over to the ATF and is being held on Federal charges. Raphael J Leavell is being sought on Federal Charges in connection to this case. It is believed that he is in hiding in Nashville or Clarksville Tennessee at this time. ATF and Springfield Police are asking for help in locating Mr. Raphael Leavell so he can be brought before the U.S. District Court to answer the charges against him.

Raphael Jerome Leavell

5-9

165 lbs

