

ARREST OF JAMEY WALKER KIDNAPPER SEEN CLOSE

Metro police feel that the arrest of Jamey Walker's kidnapper is close. They report that things are finally happening in the investigation of the May 10 kidnap-murder of the 18-year-old victim.

"Things are happening" says Deputy District Attorney Booker Evans, a close friend of the Walker family. He observed that "publicity" about the unnamed could blow a possible arrest.



Drawing of suspect

A witness told police he saw Walker in Overton with a man the day before her death.

The witness gave the police a description of

the suspect and police made a composite drawing of the suspect: a black man, about 28 years old, 6 feet tall and weighing about 175 pounds. He also had a growth of hair between his chin and lower lip.

Metro police got its first break in the case, but still has not developed it enough to make an arrest.

Walker disappeared from her mother's home at 1325 Mezpah the afternoon of May 9.

Local NAACP Chapter Plans 3-Day Confab

The Southern Area Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will hold a 3-day conference at the Marina Hotel, Feb. 19-21.

Lovell Gaines, president of the Las Vegas chapter, says the conference will deal with economics, jobs and issues involving Reaganomics. There will also be workshops for adults and youth.

Ministers Alliance Files \$500 Million Fed Lawsuit

As they vowed they would, the West Las Vegas Ministerial Alliance spearheaded the filing of a \$500 million lawsuit against the federal government, the state of Nevada, Las Vegas and North Las Vegas last Friday.

The suit was filed in federal court against the Economic Development Administration. It claims that, by withholding \$528,000 of a proposed \$965,000 grant to the West Las Vegas based Southern Nevada Economic Development Council, the federal agency denied business and employment opportunities to westside residents, thereby violating the civil rights of those residents. It further charges that a conspiracy by the four governments against SNEDC cost the area more than \$100 million in investments and 5,000 jobs.

The federal agency withheld the funds after conducting an audit of SNEDC books and then alleging that the local agency had misused the funds. However, the

members of the ministerial alliance claim that the government auditors have failed to prove their allegations and have harassed the local agency.

Rev. I.W. Wilson, president of the local ministerial alliance, said that if the group is successful in obtaining damages from the government, the money will be used to develop the Westside area. "We want to show that we can develop something here," he stated.

The ministers and a group of concerned citizens held a rally at the True Love Baptist Church last Saturday, which led to Fremont Street and culminated in a march to the strip and Flamingo Road. Approximately three dozen participated. The purpose of the march was to force an investigation into the reason why the federal grant was withheld.

The group is planning to stage a march on the Strip on January 13, which will hopefully include supporters from across the nation.

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