

Letter to the FBI

This is a copy of an anonymous letter sent earlier this year to the FBI about the killing of Seattle federal prosecutor Thomas Wales in 2001. It was mailed Jan. 23 from Las Vegas to the FBI office in Seattle. The FBI removed one line and placed x's over a monetary sum mentioned twice by the writer, citing investigative reasons. The omitted line and sum could be used to verify the true writer during questioning by the FBI. FBI officials doubt the author's claim, but believe the letter was written by someone who has knowledge about the case.

Re: Thomas C Wales

OK, so I was broke and between jobs I got an anonymous call offering \$xxxx to shoot the guy, so I drove to Seattle to do the job. I did not even know his name. Just got laid off from a job. Nice talking lady, I didn't know her name, she called me, talked to me by name, and asked if I needed some money. I agreed to pursue the matter, hell, I was going bankrupt.

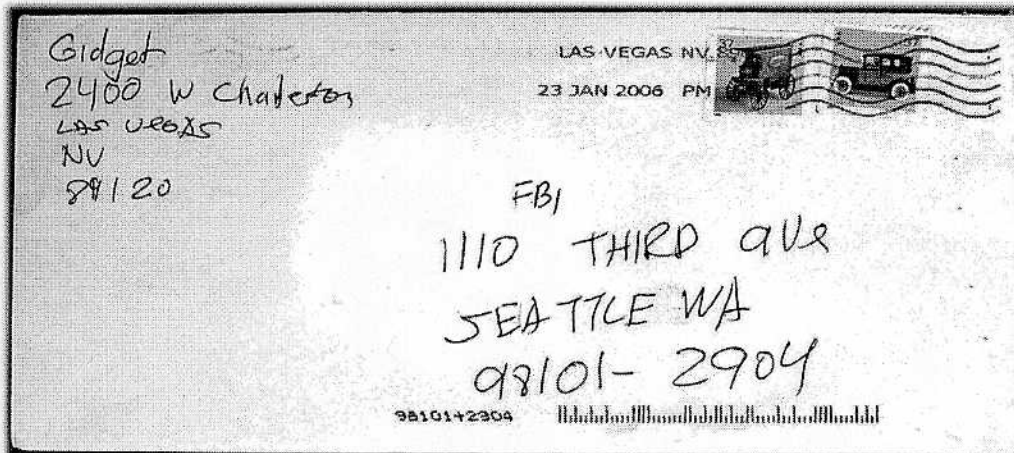
Go to Seattle, heck I lived there once, no big deal. Hang out in this guy's backyard, she even gave me the address. Stop off at a place, pick up our gun, and drop it off at a specified location when you are done. THEN, you will be directed to where your money is.

The wife was out of town, I had no witnesses here. I was curious about who knew me so well. I used cash to pay for all my expenses to avoid an audit trail. No cell phone. I was directed to a place to pick up the gun, they wanted me to use, and an address. The gun was there.

I drove to the address, and then parked some distance away, north of downtown. I kind of camped out in the backyard of this house, and waited for the guy to settle in at his computer. Once he was there, I took careful aim. I shot two or possibly more times, and watched him collapse. I absurdly waited a few minutes and then left. I was sure he was dead.

Retracing my steps, I dropped off the gun, found my money, and returned to Vegas. I feel bad about it, but I needed the money, and there were no witnesses. I really don't know who fronted the money, but the \$xxxx was there, and I sure needed it.

The letter arrived in this envelope.



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