

Thursday, June 19, 1969

Elkhart Man Killed In Sniping Spree

J. C. Fite

J. C. Fite, longtime grocer and more recently operating Jay's Restaurant in Elkhart, was shot and killed on Interstate 45 near Fairfield Tuesday morning by State Police and sheriff's deputies who said he had been sniping at cars on the highway.

Motorists, driving north on the highway, reported that a man in a pickup truck going south was shooting at cars as it passed them.

Officers set up a road block and Fite was shot apparently when he refused to surrender. All details were not known but no motorists had been reported injured.

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