Disappearance remains an FBI cold-case file

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Investigators of a man who vanished after winning a historic legal battle to become the first black student at the University of Missouri's law school had hoped an FBI cold case could provide some answers. But federal records obtained by The Associated Press show that the FBI did not explain why it decided not to investigate the case.

The Morrisville, North Carolina, man — Louis Young — vanished in 1952 while teaching at the University of Michigan. He had become the first black student at the law school in 1950. His disappearance remains an open cold-case, but federal records show that it was closed in 1970.

The FBI declined to comment on why it decided not to investigate the case.

Meanwhile, Young's family is searching for answers to the mystery of how he vanished. His daughter, Robin Young, said she has been told by federal authorities that the case is closed, but that it cannot be reopened.

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