

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date July 10, 1963

To: **Commanding Officer, Homicide Bureau**

Subject: **FATAL SHOOTING OF CYNTHIA SCOTT BROADY, 24/N, OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I.B. #215218, HOMICIDE FILE #6360**

On July 5, 1963, Patrolman Robert Marshall, Badge #2959, and Theodore Spicher, Badge #1729, assigned to the 1st Precinct, were working on Scout 1-3, on the first platoon.

At 3:00 a.m., the officers were traveling south on John R at which time they had a prisoner, Frances Jones, 29/N, of [REDACTED] in the back seat, whom they were conveying to Police Headquarters. Patrolman Spicher was driving the vehicle and Patrolman Marshall was in the passenger seat.

As the officers approached John R and Edmund Place, they observed CYNTHIA BROADY, a known prostitute, walking south on the east side of the street with a man later identified as Charles Marshall, 21/N, of [REDACTED] Antoine. The officers could see she had paper currency in her hand. Patrolman Spicher parked the car, left wheel to the curb, and got out to talk to the two persons. Charles Marshall became belligerent and told the officer he had no right to stop them and that CYNTHIA BROADY was his girlfriend and they were walking home. Patrolman Spicher searched Charles Marshall and took from his person a brown handled pocket knife that was pegged so the blade could not be completely closed.

Patrolman Marshall then got out of the scout car and began talking to Charles Marshall to one side, and Patrolman Spicher informed CYNTHIA BROADY she was under arrest for investigation of Larceny from a Person and asked her to get into the scout car. As CYNTHIA BROADY was about to enter the scout car, she suddenly turned around with a knife in her right hand and slashed at Patrolman Spicher, cutting him on the left index finger.

CYNTHIA BROADY then ran around the scout car and west across John R. Patrolman Spicher pursued her and attempted to stop her from fleeing and she slashed at him again with the knife. At this time, he fired two shots from his service revolver. She continued running; and as Patrolman Spicher was nearing her, she turned around and made another slashing movement at him, and the officer fired again. CYNTHIA BROADY then fell to the sidewalk face down.

Patrolman Marshall stated that while he was standing with Charles Marshall, he observed CYNTHIA BROADY suddenly back away from the scout car and swing at Patrolman Spicher. He saw her run past Patrolman Spicher and cross the street. Patrolman Spicher attempted to head her off and she again swung at the officer at which time Patrolman Marshall saw a knife in her hand. Patrolman Spicher fired two shots at her as she continued running; and as she reached the west side of the street, with Patrolman Spicher nearing her, she turned around and again slashed at the officer, who then fired a third shot.

Patrolman Marshall walked across the street and attempted to disarm CYNTHIA BROADY and she slashed at him with the knife, cutting the left sleeve of his shirt. He finally had to put his foot on her hand and take the knife away from her. He stated he also called for assistance on the police radio.

On July 5, 1963, Detectives Charles Schlachter and Harry Hill, of the Homicide Bureau, were assigned to the investigation of this case. The officers went to the scene, and it was determined that Patrolman Marshall and Spicher had parked the scout car in front of apartment building at 2852 John R and that CYNTHIA BROADY collapsed approximately 70 feet south of Edmund Place on the west side of John R.

The investigating officers questioned the following witnesses from whom formal statements were later taken by Assistant Prosecutor Max M. Silverman and Stenographer Thelma Lilley:

FRANCES MAE JONES, 29/N, of [REDACTED]

The above witness was conveyed to the Homicide Bureau immediately following the shooting. She stated that she had been arrested by the officers in front of 210 Erskine; and while they were driving her downtown, they stopped to talk to a man and woman on the street. The officer wanted the woman to get into the car, and she stated she was not going to get in the car. The girl started running away from the police officer and she heard 2 or 3 shots. The officer returned to the car and said that the woman had cut him. The witness was unable to state what was said between the officer and the woman, and she stated she did not actually see what had happened. She stated she had been drinking but she was not actually drunk.

BERNICE GARLAND, 22/N, of [REDACTED]

The above woman was questioned by Detectives Schlachter and Hill on July 6, 1963 at 9:45 a.m. The formal statement was taken from her by Mr. Silverman on July 8, 1963 at 10:50 a.m.

She stated she was in her apartment and heard loud voices and arguing on the street and looked out her window. She saw a man and a woman talking to the police officers who were out of the scout car. She stated she knew the woman to be CYNTHIA BROADY, and the shorter of the two officers was attempting to get her into the car. She stated that CYNTHIA refused to get in the car and pulled away from the officer and started across John R. The officer followed her and took her by the wrist. She pulled away from him making a sweeping motion at him. She stated when they both reached the sidewalk, the woman was walking directly away from the police officer. He fired 3 rapid shots at her and she fell to the sidewalk. She stated the taller of the two officers never left the east side of John R, and that the man he was standing with was known to her as "Tims." She stated CYNTHIA BROADY used profane language and had refused to accompany the officer to the car. She denied seeing anything in CYNTHIA'S hand.

Later, Bernice Garland changed her statement, stating the man accompanying the deceased was Charles Marshall. She also claimed that the shorter of the two officers was the one who fired the shots.