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TO: Deputy Chief of Police
George Bennett, Commanding Officer
Detroit Internal Control Bureau

SUBJECT: Trial (Pingree Street Conspiracy)
Recorder's Court File #73-03636 318-1

On Wednesday May 23, 1973 at approximately 2:50 PM, the Wayne County Citizens Grand Jury indicted 26 persons, ten Detroit Police Officers and sixteen civilians on Misc. File #97148, Recorder's Court for the City of Detroit File #73-03636, charging said subjects with Six Counts of Conspiracy:

- (1) Conspiracy to Sell Narcotics
- (2) Conspiracy to Control Heroin
- (3) Conspiracy to Possess Heroin
- (4) Conspiracy to Control Cocaine
- (5) Conspiracy to Possess Cocaine
- (6) Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice

The following subjects were arrested and arraigned on the above charges.

Arrest of GUIDO IACONELLI, W/M/50,
D.O.B. 6-19-25 of 28054 Wildwood Trail,
Farmington, Michigan, M-3290, DPD IDENT.
#303169.

Arrest of GEORGE CONLEY DUDLEY JR., a/k/a
"TEXAS SLIM" B/M, D.O.B. 1-16-33, of 1410
Atkinson St., Detroit, Michigan, M-3050,
D.P.D. IDENT. #95593.

Arrest of MILTON ERVIN BATTLE a/k/a "HAPPY",
B/M/36, D.O.B. 5-8-39, of 17281 Faust St.,
Detroit, Michigan, M-3288, D.P.D. IDENT. #
156538.

Arrest of HAROLD TURNER a/k/a "BOO TURNER",
B/M/40, D.O.B. 1-1-35 of 4058 Tyler St.,
Detroit, Michigan, M-3289, D.P.D. IDENT.
#111021.

Arrest of WILBERT ROBERT NEELY a/k/a
"BOBBY NEELY" B/M/37, D.O.B. 1-30-38 of
14918 Ardmore St., Detroit, Michigan,
M-3274, DPD IDENT. #163246.

Arrest of HAROLD DAVIS a/k/a "ROOK DAVIS"
B/M/41, D.O.B. 12-24-33, of 3740 Wager St.,
Detroit, Michigan M-3314, DPD IDENT. #99103.

Arrest of GEORGE HALL, B/M/35, D.O.B.
5-9-40 of 17528 Stoepel St., Detroit,
Michigan M-3276, DPD IDENT. #175862.

Arrest of RICHARD KENDRICKS a/k/a "SLIM"
B/M/39, D.O.B. 9-9-36 of 14201 Rosemont
St., Detroit, Michigan. M-3300, DPD
IDENT. #123658.

Arrest of ERSKINE HASLIP B/M/45, D.O.B.
7-15-30 of 2511 Atkinson St., Detroit,
Michigan. M-3292, DPD IDENT. #303300.

Arrest of MORRIS BIVENS a/k/a "MOE BIVENS
a/k/a JOHN DOE #2", B/M/41, D.O.B. 10-5-34
of 273-275 Grand Ave., Highland Park,
Michigan. M-3323, DPD IDENT. #161241.

Arrest of SGT. RUDY DAVIS W/M/47, D.O.B.
5-24-28 of 15143 Greenview St., Detroit,
Michigan. M-3287, DPD IDENT. #303178.

Arrest of SGT. WILLIAM STACKHOUSE W/M/48,
D.O.B. 10-22-27, of 18439 Shaftbury St.,
Detroit, Michigan. M-3285. DPD IDENT.
#303182.

Arrest of SGT. CARLOS GONZALES W/M/46,
D.O.B. 10-4-29, of 20744 Lyndon St.,
Detroit, Michigan. M-3286. DPD IDENT.
#303179.

Arrest of P.O. RICHARD HEROLD B/M/37,
D.O.B. 6-20-38 of 20325 Beaverland St.,
Detroit, Michigan. M-3283, DPD IDENT.
#303177.

Arrest of P.O. DAVID SLATER B/M/32, D.O.B. 10-26-43 of 15744 Birwood St., Detroit, Michigan. M-3277. DPD IDENT. #303181.

Arrest of P.O. WILLIE PEEPLES B/M, D.O.B. 8-31-43 of 8820 Mansfield St., Apt. #102, Detroit, Michigan. M-3279. DPD IDENT #303185.

Arrest of P.O. CHARLES BROWN a/k/a "CHARLEY BROWN", B/M/37, D.O.B. 1-27-38 of 1665 Leslie St., Detroit, Michigan M-3284. DPD IDENT #303176.

Arrest of P.O. ANTHONY LOPEZ a/k/a "TONY LOPEZ" B/M/35, D.O.B. 3-3-40 of 14080 Ohio St., Detroit, Michigan. M-3282, DPD IDENT. #303186.

Arrest of P.O. ROBERT MITCHELL a/k/a "MUSTACHE" W/M/46, D.O.B. 8-25-29 of 13538 Penrod St., Detroit, Michigan. M-3280. DPD IDENT. #303180.

Arrest of Retired Police Officer DANIEL O'MARA a/k/a "O'MALLEY" W/M/50, D.O.B. 1-19-25 of North Ridge Road, Carsonville, Michigan. M-3291, DPD IDENT. #303199.

Arrest of WILSON SANDERS a/k/a "SNITCHING BILL" B/M/46, D.O.B. 12-4-29 who at the time was incarcerated at Federal Correctional Institution, Sandstone, Minn. M-3333. DPD IDENT. #101110.

Arrest of LEONARD FREEMAN A/K/A "BONES" B/M/39, D.O.B. 8-24-36 of 1681 W. Philadelphia St., Detroit, Michigan. M-3275. DPD IDENT. #156870. After his arrest charges against subject FREEMAN (Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice) were dismissed upon the request of the prosecution. Subject FREEMAN was then returned to Detroit House of Corrections.

On June 8, 1973 while out on bond Defendant GEORGE HALL was fatally shot to death with a female companion BERTHA McCLAIN B/F/33 while entering his vehicle a 1973 Cadillac Sedan.

Bearing 1973 Michigan License number 2485-EN which was in the rear of 7551 Puritan St., Detroit, Michigan. Wayne County

Medical Examiners Office File #4173-73, Detroit Homicide Section File #73-290 and 294, still remains unsolved.

On July 9, 1973 at approximately 9:00 AM, preliminary examination commenced for the above named defendants, before the Honorable Judge Robert Evans, Court Room 701, Recorder's Court for the City of Detroit. Testimony was heard during part day sessions throughout July, August, and part of September. At the conclusion motions were heard and the case was taken under advisement until late November 1973.

On Thursday night November 22, 1975 defendant GEORGE DUDLEY was fatally shot to death in his apartment located at 12150 Schaefer Road, apartment #101, Detroit, Michigan, during an argument and robbery WCME Officer File #8579-73, Detroit Homicide Section File #73-668. This shooting was not related to the pending Pingree Street Conspiracy.

On Friday November 23, 1973, the Honorable Judge Robert Evans, dismissed four of the six original counts, and found probable cause to bound the defendants over to counts:

- I Conspiracy to Sell Narcotics
- VI Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice

Charges against defendant WILSON SANDERS a/k/a SNITCHING BILL, were dismissed by Judge Evans, for reasons stated on the Court Record, and ordered his return to F.C.I. Sandstone, Minn.

Bond was continued on the defendants, and the trial was assigned to the Honorable Judge Justin C. Ravitz, by blind draw. Due-dillegence was in order for the remaining un-arrested defendants.

On February 16, 1974 LEROY JAMES a/k/a "BANG BANG JAMES" B/M/39, D.O.B. 9-1-34, DPD IDENT. #118802, was returned to Detroit, from Los Angeles, California, on a outstanding C.C.W. Warrant held by the Detroit Police Department Criminal Investigation Division File #72-04259. Subject JAMES was arrested at the Wayne County Jail and arraigned on the Six Count Grand Jury Indictment.

Defendant JAMES appeared before the Wayne County Citizens Grand Jury on February 25, 26 of 1974, and was released on bond after his second appearance. Preliminary examination was adjourned indefinitely upon request of the prosecution.

On February 23, 1974, Willie B. Foster B/M, D.O.B. 8-3-27 of 8918 Chalfonte St., Detroit, Michigan, DPD IDENT. #85773 was arrested on the Six Count Grand Jury Indictment, which was

later dismissed. Subject FOSTER was subsequently charged with Assault with Intent to Kill and Murder, and successfully prosecuted on facts arising from the Pingree Street Conspiracy.

On September 5, 1974, defendant WILLIE B. FOSTER, was sentenced to life in prisonment, (SPSM) by the Honorable Judge James Del Rio, Recorder's Court File #72-07861.

On Friday, December 6, 1974, jury selection commenced in the Pingree Street Conspiracy with the following defendants, represented by the following defendants, represented by the following defense counsel:

Def. GUIDO IACONELLI - Atty IRVING TUKEL
Def. MILTON BATTLE - Atty JAMES FEINBERG
Def. HAROLD TURNER - Atty LEE DESCHAMPS
Def. WILBERT R. NEELY - Atty SIENNA LaRENE
Def. HAROLD DAVIS - Atty RICHARD RUBY
Def. MORRIS BIVENS - Atty CLARENCE BRADFIELD
Def. RICHARD KENDRICKS - Atty WILFRED RICE
Def. ERSKIN HASLIP - Atty SIDNEY KRAIZMAN
Def. RUDY DAVIS - Atty ROBERT HARRISON
Def. WILLIAM STACKHOUSE - Atty ARMAND BOVE
Def. CARLOS GONZALES - Atty ARMAND BOVE
Def. RICHARD HEROLD - Atty NORMAN LIPPETT
Def. WILLIE PEEPLES - Atty NORMAN LIPPETT
Def. CHARLES BROWN - Atty NORMAN LIPPETT
Def. DAVID SLATER - Atty NORMAN LIPPETT
Def. ANTHONY LOPEZ - Atty ALFRED VARGA
Def. DANIEL O'MARA - Atty ALFRED VARGA
Def. ROBERT MITCHELL - Atty ALFRED VARGA

On Saturday January 18, 1975 at approximately 10:30 AM, while jury Voir Dire was still in process, defendant MILTON ERVIN BATTLE, M-3288, represented by Attorney James Feinberg, entered a plea of guilty to the original charges.

- (1) Conspiracy to Sell Narcotics
- (2) Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice

Said plea was entered before the Honorable Judge Susan Borman, of the Recorder's Court for the City of Detroit. After stating this participation in the Pingree Street Conspiracy for the court record, Judge Borman took the plea under advisement. Sentencing date was adjourned until the completion of the Pingree Street Conspiracy Trial and def. BATTLE was remanded to the Wayne County Jail pending said sentencing.

On Monday January 20, 1975 at approximately 11:45 AM Judge Justin Ravitz advised all defense counsel of the recent

plea by defendant BATTLE.

At approximately 2:15 PM, the perspective jurors were excused for one week by Judge Ravitz, because of the circumstances which had developed. The prosecution was allowed one week to produce statements, as to what defendant BATTLE could testify to if he was endorsed as a Res-Gestae witness.

On Monday January 27, 1975 at 10:00 AM, court was called in session at which time four statements were turned over to defense counsel, in reference to possible testimony of defendant BATTLE. Legal arguments were heard regarding endorsement of defendant BATTLE.

At approximately 2:00 PM, court was called in session, at which time a mis-trial was declared, and the perspective jurors were dismissed. Court was adjourned until April 7, 1975. Defendant BATTLE was endorsed as a prosecution witness, and sequestered.

Attorney IRVING TUKEL, was allowed to withdraw as defense counsel for defendant GUIDO IACONELLI, and was replaced by Attorney Michael F. Sapala.

On Thursday February 6, 1975, CHESTER WHEELER CAMPBELL, B/M/44, D.O.B. 12-4-30 of 5251 Ivanhoe St., Detroit, Michigan, M-4245, DPD IDENT. #79852, was arrested by Orchard Lake P.D., for the CCW, and subsequently held on the Six Count Wayne County Citizens Grand Jury Indictment.

The Six Count Grand Jury Indictment was dismissed against CHESTER CAMPBELL on February 24, 1975, and he was subsequently charged with Assault with Intent to Kill and Murder, Recorder's Court File #75-01650, along with LEROY JAMES.

On Sunday, March 2, 1975 subject CAMPBELL was arrested at the Oakland County Jail, by Officer Alfred James and Sgt. Kenneth Day both assigned to Detroit Police Internal Control Bureau. Subject CAMPBELL was conveyed to the Wayne County Jail, and arraigned before the Honorable Judge James Hathaway in Recorder's Court for the City of Detroit the next morning. Bond was set at \$200,000.00, exam date Tuesday, March 11, 1975.

The charge of Assault with Intent to Kill and Murder against CHESTER CAMPBELL, were dismissed at the conclusion of the Preliminary Examination by Judge Elvin L. Davenport, of the Recorder's Court for the City of Detroit, on Friday March 14, 1975.

On March 22, 1975 LEROY JAMES was arrested by Los Angeles

P.D. on Recorder's Court File #75-01650, charging him as a fugitive from justice and Assault with Intent to Kill and Murder. Bond was set and a extradition hearing was set for April 24, 1975. Extradition proceedings were started.

On May 9, 1975, defendant ANTHONY LOPEZ, became a witness for the prosecution, in exchange for his testimony. Charges were dismissed upon the request of APA Walter Gibbs of the Wayne County Organized Crime Task Force. Prosecution witness ANTHONY LOPEZ and his family were placed in protective custody.

On May 14, 1975 Officer Alred James located Indicted Co-conspirator JIMMIE HEARD a/k/a JAMES EWING a/k/a PAPA. B/M/54, d.o.b. 5-23-21, DPD IDENT. #108847, at the Metropolitan Correctional Center, 808 Union Street, San Diego, California. Upon interviewing subject EWING, and JACK SHUK, case coordinator at Metropolitan Correctional Center, it was learned that subject EWING had been sentenced to 20 years in Federal Correction Institutional (McNEIL Island) for violation of the U.S. Code (Narcotic Laws).

Upon returning to Detroit, Officer James ordered a copy of JAMES EWING'S sentencing in U.S. District Court, San Diego, California, and same was presented to the court by the prosecution for possible dismissal of the Wayne County Citizens Grand Jury Indictment. Reasons being if subject EWING was convicted in the Pingree Street Conspiracy, the sentences would run concurrently.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1975 at approximately 10:00 AM, Jury Selection for the Pingree Street Conspiracy, 73-03636 commenced at the City-County Building Auditorium, #2 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

At approximately 4:00 PM, the perspective jurors were dismissed to be notified when to appear.

On Monday, June 2, 1975, at 9:00 AM, court in session, court room G-2 Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, the Honorable Judge Justin C. Ravitz. Motions were heard in reference to jury selection.

At approximately 10:15 AM, twenty perspective jurors were seated and jury Voir Dire began for the second time.

On Wednesday June 4, 1975 at approximately 9:30 AM, court in session, on a separate record defendant RICHARD KENDRICKS represented by Attorney Wilfred Rice, requested to be tried by the court. The motion was taken under advice by Judge Ravitz, but denied at the present time.

Jury Voir Dire continued until June 30, 1975, when 20 jurors were seated.

On Monday, June 9, 1975 LEROY JAMES was arrested on 14th and LaSalle Garden, in the city of Detroit and held on Recorder's Court File #75-01650 Assault with Intent to Kill and Murder, while fighting extradition from the state of California on the same case. Subject James was arraigned on said charge, examination date was scheduled for June 17, 1975, unable to make bond subject JAMES was conveyed to the Wayne County Jail.

On Tuesday, June 17, 1975, defendant JAMES was ordered to stand trial on charges of Assault with Intent to Kill and Murder, WILEY REED, a star prosecution witness in the upcoming Pingree Street Conspiracy Narcotic Trial. Bond was reduced to \$5,000 2 sureties, and a trial date of Wednesday October 15, 1975 was set, later adjourned until Monday February 16, 1976, before the Honorable Judge Clarence Laster Jr.

On Thursday, July , 1975 opening arguments were heard, APA Roy C. Hayes, Director of the Wayne County Organized Crime Task Force presented the People's Case.

On Monday, July 7, 1975 at approximately 10:00 AM, The Prosecution presented their first witness in what was later said to be the longest trial in Detroit Recorder's Court History.

The testimony was as follows: