

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
Detective Division

Date July 13, 1970

To: Commissioner Patrick Murphy (Through Channels)

Subject: INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE FATAL SHOOTING OF BURTON I. GORDIN.

On March 20, 1970 the body of Burton I. Gordin was found fatally shot in a private parking garage located at 524 E. Lafayette. Detective Lieutenant Kenneth Scott and Detective Sergeant Joseph Zisler of the Homicide Bureau were assigned to coordinate the investigation.

During the course of the investigation numerous persons were interviewed regarding their activities and as to personal involvement or knowledge of the fatal shooting. A total of fifteen (15) individual polygraph tests were administered and their results analyzed by skilled personnel of the Scientific Bureau.


A total of eleven (11) persons were taken into custody and questioned regarding this incident, and the background and possible involvement of these persons is still under investigation.

Numerous communications and inquiries regarding persons possibly involved, and evidence acquired, have been dispatched and received on a state, national and international level.

Any information, which may come into the possession of the Civil Rights Commission, will be gratefully received and fully investigated.

Any information which we have in our possession, which may be used in any subsequent court action, must remain confidential until the presentation of this evidence in court.

The investigation is continuing.


Joseph Zisler - Badge DS-479
Detective Sergeant - Homicide

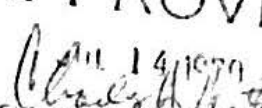
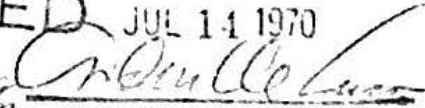

Kenneth Scott - Badge DL-78
Detective Lieutenant - Homicide

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TO: Chief of Detectives (Through Channels), 4/3/70:

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PATRICK V. MURPHY
Commissioner

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Mr. Julian A. Cook, Jr.
President
Michigan Civil Rights Commission
1000 Cadillac Square Building
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mr. Cook:

In reply to your recent letter concerning the investigation into the murder of Mr. Burton I. Gordin, I have enclosed a progress report prepared by our Homicide Bureau. Please be assured that the investigation is still being actively pursued and that we will do everything we can to bring this case to a successful closure in court.

Thank you for your thoughtful comments about the new educational requirements for promotion to the higher ranks within the Department. I appreciate knowing of your support.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick V. Murphy
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Commissioner

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Enclosure