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Statement of R O B E R T C. M A R S H A L L,
Patrolman, Badge #2959, Detroit Police Department, assigned
to the First Precinct [9184 Harvard Avenue, Detroit,
Michigan], taken in the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney
for the County of Wayne, at 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit
26, Michigan, commencing at 6:25 O'clock A. M., July 5,
1963, by Max M. Silverman, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

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IN RE: Fatal shooting of Cynthia Scott, 24/c/f, of [redacted]
[redacted] Detroit, at 3:05 A. M., July 5, 1963,
at John R. & Edmund Streets, Detroit.

Questioned by Mr. Silverman as follows:

Q You name is Robert C. Marshall?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you are a Patrolman, assigned to the First Precinct,
Detroit Police Department?

A Yes, I am.

Q My name is Max M. Silverman. I am an Assistant Prosecuting

Attorney, acting under the direction of Samuel H. Olsen, Prosecuting Attorney for Wayne County. I want to ask you some questions about something that happened early this morning. Do you want to answer my questions?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, what was the duty you were on last night?

A We were on our regular scout --

Q [Interposing] Not "we" -- you?

A Myself -- I was on regular -- my regular assignment -- Scout 1-3.

Q Who was your partner?

A Patrolman Theodore Spicher.

Q Did you, sometime around 3 o'clock this morning, make an arrest?

A Yes, sir, we did.

Q Whom did you arrest?

A Frances Jones.

Q What did you arrest her for?

A Disorderly person, investigation.

Q And after you placed her under arrest did you put her in the scout car?

A Yes, we did.

Q Were you on the way to headquarters with her?

A Yes.

Q On the way did something happen?

A Yes, sir.

Q What happened?

A I observed a known colored prostitute, to myself, walking on John R. towards Headquarters, in the direction we were going, and I asked Ted to pull over and we would question them. She was walking with another man.

Q Did you see anything in her hand?

A As we approached, I noticed she had some paper money clutched in her hand, so -- I was sitting on the passenger side at the time. So, Patrolman Spicher stopped at the curb; I got out of the car and went over -- rather, Ted got out of the car and went over and began questioning the couple -- the man and the girl, and I observed through the left window that the man became very indignant, stating in effect that we couldn't take the girl; that the girl was his girlfriend and so forth and so on, and at that time I got out of the car and walked around, and I took the man and put him up against the buildings and started talking to him while Patrolman Spicher took the girl toward the car to effect this arrest.

Q Did you search this man?

A No, sir, Patrolman Spicher had searched the man prior to my getting out of the car.

Q What did you observe or hear as Patrolman Spicher was taking her to the car?

A Well, as I was talking to the man, I heard Patrolman Spicher cry out -- what he said in effect I couldn't say -- I just heard him holler as if he was hurt, and I turned and I saw the girl run past him -- he backed off and then he ran after her. As they reached across the street -- he had the girl more or less headed off -- the girl had gotten past him again and she was swinging back and forth at him with the knife in her hand.

Q Now, I will show you this jack knife, to which is attached evidence property tag #417878, and ask you if you saw that before?

A Yes, sir, that's the knife.

Q Where did you see it?

A In the girl's hand.

Q Was the blade open?

A Yes, sir, it was.

Q Did you see her swinging --

A [Interposing] At Patrolman Spicher with it, yes, sir.

Q All right. Did you later get a chance to see whether Patrolman Spicher -- did you see whether he had been cut?

A Yes, sir, he had a cut on his left hand.

Q Now, as she ran away from there, did anybody fire any shots?

A As she passed Patrolman Spicher -- she had gotten no more than five feet past, he fired two shots -- the girl kept

going and all of a sudden she slowed down and turned --- he fired a third shot and she fell.

Q As she started to turn, did she still have the knife in her hand?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was she coming towards Patrolman Spicher at that time?

A She half turned -- what her intentions were I couldn't tell, but she had half turned.

Q She still had the knife?

A With the knife in front of her -- I ran up to her and as I got to her, I reached down, attempting to take the knife from her and she swung the knife at me and cut through my shirt, so I stepped back.

Q Were you wearing the same shirt you are now wearing?

A Yes, sir.

Q Which arm -- which sleeve was cut?

A Left sleeve [indicating].

Q I notice a cut on your left sleeve -- is that the result of her cutting at you with the knife?

A Yes, sir.

Q I will show you this Detroit Police Department photograph #215218 and ask you if you recognize that girl?

A Yes, sir, that's the girl.

Q Is that the girl Patrolman Spicher was placing under arrest?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is that the girl that out him?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is that the girl he shot?

A Yes, sir, it is.

MR. SILVERMAN: Thank you; that's all.

[Witness excused and statement concluded at
6:33 O'clock A. M.]

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COUNTY OF WAYNE
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I, David F. Dahline, Court Reporter, hereby certify that I have recorded stenographically in shorthand the testimony contained in the foregoing statement consisting of six [6] typewritten pages or parts of pages and further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of my said shorthand notes.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of July, 1963.


DAVID F. DAHLINE, Court Reporter