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Witness #1 - Dr. John Coor, Detroit General Hospital: Pronounced the death of Henry Henderson at 1:05 A.M., March 9, 1972, Hospital Chart #787845.

Witness #2 - Dr. Walter Hofman, Assistant Wayne County Medical Examiner: Performed an autopsy on the body of Henderson at the Wayne County Morgue on March 9, 1972, and determined the cause of death as a no exit gunshot wound to the left side of the chest, Morgue File #2398-72.

Witness #3 - Latreetha Bobo (sister of Henderson), 16500 Baylis: Identified the body of Henry Henderson at Wayne County Morgue on March 9, 1972.

Witness #4 - Paulette Henderson (wife), 3738 Bassett: Identified the body of Henry Henderson at Wayne County Morgue on March 9, 1972.

Witness #5 - Deputy Henry Duval, Wayne County Sheriff's Office: He stated that he, Deputy Henderson, Deputy David Davis, Deputy Vincent, and another man, identified as Richard Sain, were playing cards at 3210 Rochester, Apartment #14. Deputy James Jenkins arrived at the apartment at approximately midnight and was watching the card game. Deputy Duval observed someone by the door, then saw an arm, holding a gun, through the partially-opened door. Deputy Jenkins drew his gun and fired several times. Deputy Jenkins ran to the doorway and the occupants of the apartment began calling out that they were police officers. Deputy Duval further states that he climbed into a closet and Deputy Vincent came into the closet behind him. Deputy Davis concealed himself behind a dresser. Deputy Duval further relates that they were calling out that they were police officers and a voice replied, "How do we know that?" Deputy Duval threw his badge onto the floor and crawled out of his place of concealment. The occupants of the bedroom were then dragged into the living room and he was then kicked and beaten.

Witness #6 - Deputy David E. Davis, Wayne County Sheriff's Office: He stated that he was playing cards at the involved premises when he heard a voice at the front door call out, "Come on out of there, M----- F-----." He then observed Deputy Jenkins whirl and commence drawing his weapon. At that time, three shots rang out. Deputy Davis stated that he, Deputy Henderson, Deputy Duval, and Richard Sain, retreated to a bedroom. While in the bedroom, Deputy Davis could hear more gunshots from outside the premises, but could not see who was shooting. Deputy Davis further stated that none of the occupants in the bedroom fired any weapons. Deputy Jenkins advanced to the door of the bedroom three times and each time was met by a volley of shots. After the shooting had ceased, he states that he was kicked and pistol whipped by Detroit Police officers.



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Witness #7 - Deputy Aaron Vincent, Wayne County Sheriff's Office: He stated that he was in the involved apartment, talking on the telephone to his girlfriend, Gwendolyn Kreger, while other occupants of the premises were playing cards. He heard someone at the front door call out, "Police Officer," and then immediately heard shooting. The men playing cards retreated to a bedroom, called out that they were police officers and threw their badges out of the bedroom into the front portion of the apartment. After the shooting had ceased, he alleges that he was beaten and struck with a rifle butt on the head.

Witness #8 - Mr. Richard Sain, 3210 Rochester, Apartment #15: He stated that he was playing cards in the involved premises when a Negro male opened the screen door, called out, "Police," and fired a shot. Other shots were fired and the occupants of the apartment fled into a bedroom. The deputies present called out that they were Sheriffs. He observed Deputy Jenkins attempt to leave the bedroom. Another shot was fired and Deputy Jenkins fell. During the aftermath of the shooting, he alleges that he was trod on by Detroit Police officers.

Witness #9 - Gwendolyn Kreger, 195 Tuxedo, Highland Park: She stated that on March 9, 1972, at 12:05 A.M., she was talking on the telephone with Deputy Aaron Vincent. Over the telephone, she heard what sounded like a series of shots and then a voice say, "Hey, wait a minute, man. We're police officers here. We're Wayne County Deputy Sheriffs." She heard another voice state, "Come out of there, M----- F-----. Come out of there." Accompanied by her stepmother, Norma Jones, she then responded to the scene of the shooting.

Witness #10 - Norma Jones, 195 Tuxedo, Highland Park: Accompanied by her stepdaughter, Gwendolyn Kreger, she stated that she responded to the scene of the shooting and alleges that she was struck in the mouth by a Detroit Police officer.

Witness #11 - Sharon Addison, 3210 Rochester, Apartment #13: Miss Addison's apartment adjoins Apartment #14. She stated that she was home in bed, but not asleep. She heard three shots, then voices emanating from Apartment #14 saying, "Don't shoot. We're police officers, too." She heard another voice, emanating from outside the apartment, state, "Come out, M----- F-----."

On Tuesday, March 21, 1972 and on Wednesday, March 22, 1972, showups were conducted for the complaining witnesses in this matter with negative results.