

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1975

WITNESS: WILEY REED

CROSS-EXAMINATION (LIPPETT):

Reed has been present at killings. He never killed anyone himself but has shot at people. For example: he shot at WASH on Pingree, intending to hit him but missing. Believes L. McNEIL was present; used a .44 magnum with blunt end bullets because they cause more damage. He never knew in advance of shootings and killings that such things would occur (WASH owed money to REED for narcotics).

MINNESOTA SHOOTINGS:

Knew MOODY was a "hit man" and that they were going to collect money. Saw MOODY shoot one person after he was "down"; emptied remaining rounds from the two 9m.m.'s. Left the apartment by walking - not running - and walked until they hailed a cab. Returned to Detroit. It is possible that victims were dead.

Immunity was not discussed before it was actually offered by prosecution. REED did not request it. He feels he is protected by this immunity from liability for Minn. shootings.

MILTON BATTLE ROBBERY:

BATTLE was robbed and wounded. He came to Roselawn with a gun. He was angry and told REED he wanted the robbers killed. REED told BATTLE he would "find" the alleged robbers: MARSHAL BRADLEY, SCOOTY, O. SMITH, "PONY".

"PONY" KILLING:

REED told JAMES MOODY of the BATTLE robbery and that BATTLE wanted the people killed. REED helped to locate "PONY". MOODY later said he killed "PONY" and REED has not seen "PONY" since. Prosecutor gave REED no advice as to his liability in this area; he feels protected by immunity and not responsible for the murder.

HENRY WILLIS KILLING:

BATTLE wanted him killed for non-payment of narcotics debt. Reed didn't help find the killer but did send a ticket to BANG BANG JAMES to fly to Detroit. WILEY went with BANG BANG to HENRY WILLIS's house but he wasn't home. Later BANG BANG said he talked to WILLIS. WILLIS was an old friend and JAMES refused to kill him. BATTLE usually had people killed for "non-payment".

CHARLES BIRNEY KILLING:

Killing because he owed BATTLE money. BATTLE gave \$7,000.00 to REED to give to MOODY to kill BIRNEY. REED did not drive the car to scene of murder.

October 31, Statement to BENNETT: told of details of BIRNEY killing at La Player's Lounge and stated he was driving the car. Must be a "misstatement."

Prosecution did not tell him of possible liability and he feels protected by immunity.

BATTLE KIDNAPPING:

MOODY and REED kidnapped BATTLE and requested money from him. REED informed the Task Force of this and he feels protected by immunity.

REED owned his own dope houses in 1971 (12th and Pingree; MILFORD ST.) Acquired dope from BATTLE who knew REED had his own houses. REED made varying amounts of money (\$500-\$5,000 per week "maybe") and could gauge the amount by the quantity of narcotics he delivered. Usually three "1/4's" per delivery. Doesn't know how many "hits" this is. Money was held until REED picked it up. Others ran the Houses: "HENRY" on Pingree; "ARCHIE" on Milford. Last saw them in 1972. Had to trust his "operators".

CROSS - (VARGA):

BATTLE owed REED back-pay (in the thousands) for work as a bodyguard. BATTLE didn't pay because he thought REED and MOODY shot up his place on Atkinson.

DANIEL O'MARA:

REEDS first police contact; met on Blair St. in 1968 ("warm out"). Saw him after that almost every day and had "seen" him before that. O'MARA gave Reed narcotics at the Blair St. encounter even though REED furnished no information. REED identified the wrong person at the preliminary exam as O'MARA.

Preliminary exam testimony indicates that REED's first contact with police was with "MILLER". REED thought "MOUSTACHE'S" real name was either MILLER or MITCHELL and, therefore, either reference meant the same person "MOUSTACHE". Described him as 6'1" or 6'2". (Pgs. 20 and 34 of Preliminary Exam transcript.)

REED not involved in Hazlewood massacre although he knew some of the people killed. Never talked to HOWARD COHEN about setting up "trap" dope houses using Free Press money, for the purpose

REED doesn't recall how he "felt" about the Minnesota shootings.

CROSS - (BRADFIELD):

ALLEN MORRIS: REED worked for him delivering dope and collecting money (general bodyguard) in 1967-8. MAXINE also worked for MORRIS. REED also was robbing dope houses at the time.

Dope house robberies: 1964 to 1970. REED, J. GRAVE, BRENDA TERRY and MELVIN REYNOLDS participated. Sometimes people resisted; sometimes they were armed. REED and the others never shot anyone and usually those present ran away. Robbed maybe 100-200 houses. REED was shot during a robbery in 1968 with M. REYNOLDS. Shot in Chest; don't know by whom; not a woman; told police he was there to talk about dope. Both he and REYNOLDS armed; his gun was on floor. Hospitalized 7 days.

JAMES MOODY: REED met him in 1950's; REED still in school; MOODY was a few years older. MOODY shot persons in Minnesota. Saw MOODY leave the apartment when Servant WALLACE was shot in 1959; REED was not involved. REED learned of MOODY'S death in 1971 shortly after the BATTLE kidnapping. Found out REEVES was present at MOODY'S Killing; REED was not. ALABAMA RED lying if he say REED was present or drove body to airport. MOODY was a dangerous man.

After BATTLE employment he got money from IRENE BOWMAN. Owned nor robbed no dope houses. Had \$20-\$30 per day habit. Occasionally used Methodone.

Protective custody of Task Force since 10-'72. REED gets money from Task Force in varying amounts; \$100.00 per week or what he "needs". Task Force pays his rent to landlords. Support to continue until he leaves Michigan.

CROSS - (KRAIZMAN):

REED never witnessed or heard of BATTLE threatening to kill E. HASLIP. REED never threatened, raped or sodomized KAY TAYLOR at the Towne Motel. He never cut her fact but she did sell dope for him. Doesn't know if others raped or sodomized her there on December 11, 1972.

RE-DIRECT - (HAYES):

REED initiated and pursued prosecution of WILLIE FOSTER and BANG BANG JAMES for assault with intent to murder.

REED is now sure of O'MARA's identity. He pointed out O'MARA and KENDRICKS in the courtroom.