

CITY OF ATLANTA POLICE DEPT.  
CITY OF ATLANTA, FULTON CO., GA.  
DATE: 2-24-73  
TIME: 0040

STATEMENT OF: MRS. SARAH SMITH  
2129 Bellhaven Lane, S.E.  
627-0693

EMPLOYED BY: Grady Memorial Hospital

On 2-23-73, at approximately 10:15 p.m., while at work, I work at Grady Hospital, and I am the head nurse on 6000, I received information from a lady who called me on the phone, but I don't know who it was. She asked me if I was Owen Winfield's aunt and I told her yes. Then she told me that she believed he had been shot and killed. Then I checked downstairs at the clinic to see if he had been admitted and they told me to check the coroner's office. I then went to the Fulton County Morgue and viewed the body and identified the body as that of Owen Winfield, my nephew. Also, while at the morgue, I viewed another body of a light-skinned BM, because I was told by the man at the morgue that they both came in together and one was unidentified. This body looked like, to me, to be John ~~Ed~~ Boyd, Winfield's brother, although I am not sure because his face looked too thin and his eyes were sunk in and I have not seen John Boyd since some time in November of 1972.

The FBI came to my house twice in December and asked me questions to the whereabouts of John Boyd, and showed me a pictures and a police bulletin. I told them the last time I saw John Boyd was in November of 1972. That was when I visited his mother's house in Detroit, and he came over to his mother's house while I was there.

I have read the above statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mrs. Sarah Smith  
MRS. SARAH SMITH

WITNESSES:

H. B. NEIKIRK

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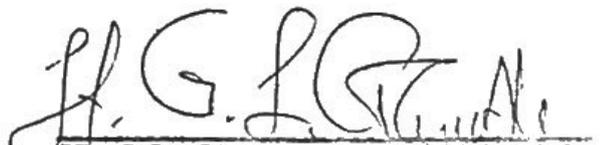
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City of Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga.  
2/23/73 2200 Hrs.

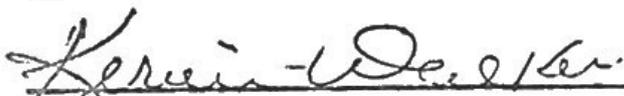
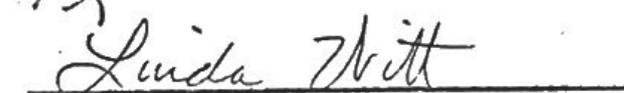
Statement Of: Lt. G.L. Gamble  
1587 Van Epps St., S.E.  
627-1119

On 2/23/73 at approx. 7:50 p.m. we monitored a sig. 63-50 Q4. to Simpson and Lanier St. We proceeded immediately to that location and while in route the radio advised that a sig. 50 & 4 had come up at 422 Lanier St. Not locating any activity at Simpson and Lanier St., N.W. We rushed to 422 Lanier St. where we observed what appeared to be a W/M lying in a pool of blood his head pointing in a southeasterly direction. We also observed the officers hat lying between the victim's head and the bumper ~~area~~ of an abandoned automobile. I started walking north searching for the officer and in the process observed a '67 or '68 dark-colored Mustang with a white convertible top. The Mustang had the park lights on and was headed South on Lanier approximately 150'-200' feet from the scene of the shooting. I could not determine if the motor was running or not. The car was however parked but not completely out of the street. We then located officer and determined that he was okay and cancelled the signal 63. At this time, we observed a second black male lying in an East-West direction, his head pointed East and Feet pointed West, lying on his back, with what appeared to be a .38 Cal. revolver on the North side of the body. At this time, we called Homicide and ID. Lt. King and other units arrived and we (Sgt. H.B. Goldhagen and Lt. G.L. Gamble) turned the Investigation over to them. The correct address was later determined to be 431 Lanier St., N.W., where both bodies were located.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE STATEMENT AND SWEAR THAT ITS CONTENTS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY MEMORY AND KNOWLEDGE.

WITNESSES:

  
LT. G.L. GAMBLE, STAKE OUT DIVISION  
40-938/940-71

Fulton County  
Atlanta, Georgia  
February 23, 1973  
2120 Hrs., Friday  
9:20PM

STATEMENT OF: Sgt. H.B. Goldhagen, Atlanta Police Department, 175 Decatur St., SE

Shortly before 8PM on 2-23-73 we received a Sig 63/50/4 at Simpson and Lanier Sts., NE, and as we proceeded to that location Radio advised the location to be 422 Lanier St., NE. Lt. Gamble and I were the first ones to arrive on Lanier St. At that time we observed an unoccupied Uniform Patrol Car parked at the curb and two BMs laying on the ground apparently suffering from gunshot wounds. At this time Officer D.B. Davis ran up to us carrying a carbine with a sawed-off stock where he stated that he was all right. He also stated there were no other officers in the area. At this time I cancelled the Sig 63 and put a Sig 73 on the ambulance as one of the two subjects was still moving. We waited there until other units arrived and took charge of the situation.

I also observed what appeared to be a 38 Cal. Revolver laying on the ground next to one of the subjects.

I have read the above statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

Sgt. H.B. Goldhagen  
Sgt. H.B. Goldhagen

WITNESSED

Kerwin Walker  
Paul Batchelor

City of Atlanta Police Dept.  
City of Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga.  
2/23/73 2130 Hrs.

Statement Of: B.W. Davis, Age 23  
Patrolman, City of Atlanta Police Dept.  
244 Silver Springs Circle, S.W.

At 1828 Hrs. I received a call on a Signal 45 to 390 Westlake Ave., N.W., apt. C-5. Upon arrival I talked to the victim, and I took the report which was on a stolen bike. The victim advised that the subject who had stolen her son's bike on a prior occasion lived at 345 Lanier St., N.W., I turned onto Lanier St. from Carlisle St., and I proceeded south on Lanier St. While proceeding down Lanier St. I had noticed a light skinned subject who was sitting under a tree in front of some apartments at 388 Lanier St., and this subject had his head down in his hands. I thought that this subject was a white male when I first saw him. I also observed another black male who was standing in a driveway on the east side of Lanier St. I turned around in the driveway of 372 Lanier St., and proceeded back north on Lanier St. to check the two subjects who I had observed. I stopped at the intersection of Lanier St., and Carlisle St., and although I noted that the subject that I believed to be a white male had gone, the other subject walked around to the driver's side of my car. I asked this subject if he had seen a purple and white bike. The subject said no, that he had not seen the bike. I thanked the subject, and I drove off, and followed the subject whom I believed to be a white male who was walking north on Lanier St., this subject was walking on the east side of Lanier St. I came up behind the subject in front of 431 Lanier St., and I blew my horn, and the subject stopped, and I got out of my patrol car, and the subject, and I met the subject in front of my car, near the left front fender. I told the subject, "don't let me run you off," and he said no, "I grew up in Cleveland, and when I see the police I know that it is time to leave." Then I said, "you know I thought you were white." He laughed, and I asked him if he lived around here. He told me that he lived on Gordon Rd., in some apartments. I went to calling off addresses on Gordon Rd., and tried to get him to tell me what his street address was. Then I asked him what his name was, and he said it was Cleveland Jones, and you used to live in Cleveland, I said. He said, yes, ain't that a coincidence. I then asked him if he had any identification. He said, No, I don't have any identification. That's when he shoved his hands back into his pants pockets, and showed his coat back. When he did I saw something gray, which looked like a wallet in his left pants pocket. When I saw what looked like a wallet, I remembered that he had told me that he didn't have any I.D., and I thought that he might not want me to know who he was. I then asked him what that was in his back pocket. He pulled his coat together, and said, Nothing. Just as he said that, the guy in the levi suit walked up behind me. The guy in the levi suit said, Take my word for it, he's clean. The light skinned subject was moving around then, and he just couldn't be still. I told him that I would have to search him if he didn't show me what he had in his back pocket. He told me that he didn't want me putting my hands all on him, because he went through that in the service. Then he told me that I just wanted to feel his ass. I told him that I had a job to do, and part of my job was being nosey. The guy in the levi suit walked around behind the light skinned subject, and pulled the right side of the light skinned subject's coat back. He then pulled the left side of the light skinned subject's coat back, and at this time I saw a clip, which I knew to be to some type of weapon. I was afraid that if I tried to get back to the radio the subject might run or shoot me with what ever that clip went to. I told him that if he didn't want me to search him then he would have to take his coat off. The subject then took his coat off of his left shoulder, and left it hanging over his right shoulder. The subject then said, See, I ain't got nothing. I then reached into his left rear pants pocket, and pulled the weapons clip out of the pocket. I asked him where the other end of the clip was. When I said that the subject started to turn his back to me, and he was turning left to right. He then said, Damn man, he's done found my shit. As he made the circle I saw his left arm drop under the coat, and that's when I saw the barrel of the gun as he started to bring it up from under the coat. I grabbed the barrel of the gun as he started to bring it

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Continuing Statement of: B.W. Davis, B/M, Age 23  
244 Silver Springs Cirale, S.W.

with my left hand and as I pulled my pistol with my right hand I heard a burp as his gun fired at that point I fired my pistol 3 times. I fired two fast shots and the subject spun around and said, Oh. And that's all he said. As he spun around I fired one more shot and pulled his gun away from him at the same time. I then turned and I saw the subject in the levi suit pulling a pistol and he was running sideways and was facing me. He was headed towards the beige 1964 Chevrolet which was parked in the driveway at 431 Lanier St. Just as he got to the corner of the Chevrolet, he shot either 2 or 3 times. I got behind a tree and shot my gun until it clicked. I believe that I fired at least 2 times. I then saw him drop behind the Chevrolet and then I turned my back and ran north on Lanier St. While I was running I thought that I heard at least 2 or 3 shots. I saw a woman look out of a window and I told her to call me some help. I was kneeling down in the driveway when I heard someone walking and then I saw a man and I told him to get down, someone was shooting. I then heard the sirens coming and I saw someone jump out of a detective car with a shotgun. I ran over to the detective car and drop the carbine in front of my police car.

I have read the above statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Billy B. Davis

B.W. DAVIS

WITNESSES:

Walter E. Allen

Kevin Walker

Linda Witt