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At about sometime between 11:30 Pm and 12 Midnight I was on my way to a grocery store at Park and Charlotte to make a purchase. As I was walking I was stopped by three negro males who asked me if I could give them a quarter to buy a bottle of wine. I told them, I only had 16¢, and I couldn't help them. I went into the store and purchased five cents worth of penny candy, and a 10¢ bag of vanilla wafers. As I left the store I observed the same three negro males approach a white man who was carrying a bottle of beer, and was staggering like he was drunk. I heard them ask him for a quarter to buy some wine. I then observed the white man stagger back, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, ~~then~~ I saw the white man reach toward his back and draw a gun and say he was a policeman. He then began to fire his gun at the men. I saw two of the negro men run east on Charlotte from Park to an alley and then run south in the alley being chased by the man that said he was a policeman. He was firing his gun at them. After he fired six shots, I saw him reload his gun.

The third man in the group ran another direction west on Charlotte toward Park and tried to enter the store where I just came out, but the man wouldn't let him in. He then ran south on Park and another white man was coming toward him and was firing a gun at him as he was running. I saw the two other men turn east in the alley they were running in and another white man was shooting at them.

I then saw the men approach the man again and ask him again for a quarter, at this time

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A. No I did not.
- Q. Did you see any of the three negro males that approached you in possession of any kind of weapon at the time they approached you?
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