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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF CRAIG POLLARD:

26; born in Detroit, where he has lived all his life; graduated from Central High in 1/67; College: Detroit Institute of Technology

After graduation from high school sought employment; eventually began with D.P.D. in 2/68; after Cadet Training was assigned to 10th Precinct in 12/70; there until 10/71; then to Central Morality Unit for 2 months and then back to 10th Precinct

Came a time when he worked with 10th PNU; worked on crew with Sgt. DAVIS; (RUDY DAVIS I.D.'ed); knows GEORGE BENNETT; (GEORGE BENNETT I.D.'ed). 12/71-1/72 approached by H. JOHNSON, who had been an instructor of his in the Police Academy, at home several times; the two talked; on 2nd or 3rd visit was asked if he wanted to meet a man who wanted to do something dynamic in City; at home of Att. Morris met JOHNSON and BENNETT in basement; BENNETT asked if I knew various people; acknowledged if he did or didn't by shaking his head; told what he knew if he knew anything; at end of conversation, BENNETT said there was a problem in the City and he wanted to do something about it; can't recall by name anyone BENNETT asked about; may have been asked about RUDY DAVIS; BENNETT asked me if I would join team of officers and work with him; BENNETT said he expected money and an influential position in the D.P.D.; promised money and a promotion for me; BENNETT said that some white officers had tried to crucify him during Palmer Park incident

3 days to a week later in 1/72, JOHNSON picked me up and took me to GEORGE BENNETT's house on Prairie; spoke privately with BENNETT in den; BENNETT said it was time to make a decision; BENNETT said he didn't care how I gathered evidence; suggested planting evidence on Sgt. RUDY DAVIS and OFFICER ROBERT MITCHELL and falsifying reports; BENNETT mentioned other names; BENNETT said with respect to RUDY DAVIS that you know what it takes to make a case - take dope and find it later in car of officer; didn't agree to help BENNETT - backed off; told MEADOWS, SGT. DAVIS and ROBERT MOGG of conversations with BENNETT; SGT. DAVIS was at first shaken - said "Oh, that joker". Hasn't talked to GEORGE BENNETT since then

Conducted more than 200 narcotics raids while with 10th Precinct; Procedure for narcotics raids in '71 or '72; start at station; SGT. would tell us that a S/W had been obtained; sometimes there would be a briefing; sometimes tasks were assigned then; preparations at station: check weapons, handcuffs, bags, envelopes, Lock-seal folders, evidence tags, flac vests which were reinforced steel on upper front and back to protect vital areas except arms and head; quite a number of cases where officers were



shot - SATTERFIELD, MEADOWS, me, STAPLES and SHOATES were all shot; quite dangerous work; prepared battering ram: 3'4" long with handles, used to force down door of premises - used by 2 men - one on each side of ram - hit door in rhythm; doors of dope pads were reinforced to keep outsiders out; used weapons on raid; shotguns, carbines and police revolvers; would assemble crew at station - delegation of tasks given then; would form caravan of cars; at scene of raid would try to catch people by surprise; people hurt when crew went start up to house; from informant would get specific details of layout and how many people were in house; what done at pad would depend on bldg. and situation; assuming a single family unit, if a lot of traffic in and out, would knock on door and use ruse (car hit out on street) to get in; once knocked on door and man refused to open door and a man starting shooting and I was shot

Familiar with narcotics and narcotics field tests; familiar with Marquis test which is an acidic basis test; for test mix solution to determine if substance is heroin; results determined by color which will be purple if heroin present; other substances will turn solution purple; had instruction in Marquis test with D.P.D. and at Macomb Community College from Fed. Gov.'t; has conducted numerous tests both under supervision of instructors and in labs; given instructions about heroin and dorman; given literature about Marquis test; testified on numerous occasions in Cts. of law including Recorder's Court on the administration of Marquis test

Has conducted field tests where reaction was purple but no narcotics were present; has received instruction on what heroin does in water: it dissolves; has never confiscated heroin dissolved in water

Stacks of Heroin would often be suspended above H<sub>2</sub>O or nitric acid; packed loose end so that observer would be to pick it up and burn himself in nitric acid; has people to lavatory who were attempting to destroy evidence in water, e.g. in commode; would try to prevent disposal of evidence by knowing where the dope was before hand and then try to thwart it; if dope in back bedroom, would have p.o. near bedroom window who enter pad thru rear window as the other officers broke in through front door; would try to keep dopers at bay in bedroom and until other officers got there; POLLARD would wait until he heard noise at front door and then force window and gain entry - would be armed and have his weapon ready.

Used informants; tried to develop a relationship with them; when with 10th Precinct more than 400 raids conducted; in



'72, D.P.D. started keeping totals of money confiscated; 2 crews at 10th not 3; me and my crew confiscated around \$250,000; largest amount occurred on raid where I was the affiant - \$34,000 - turned in; confiscated a substantial amount of narcotics.

How many arrested by your crew? 1,500 for traffic violations- 2,500 for Recorder's Court- half of those arrested have been convicted - less than 30% of cases are still pending - other cases have either been copped out or dismissed

Informants frequently used; a tool to gain information not readily available to P.O.'s; would talk to known addicts and arrestees; officer would be alone with target when warnings given and rap sheet filled out; would try to feel him out; would then establish that man was reliable and worthy of belief; if you had information from a reliable informant, would send new information to see if his information jived; checked him out several times.

Ever have a vengeful informant? Yes, RONALD JOHNSON; came to use in 8/72; had been with Highland Park in past; said he wanted to work for us

In front of him are Ct. files from 10th PNU; prepared by 10th PNU; DPE #49: raid at 3455 Chicago, apt. #206, OTIS ROBINSON; I was there; DPE 348: LARRY CARTER; I was not there; informant for #49 was B-1 - CHAPMAN - not his personal informant; was affiant for S/W where B-1 was informant; information came from CHAPMAN; CHAPMAN gave information but another informant was used

Met CHAPMAN behind apt. bldg. and in apt. itself; RUDY DAVIS, ROBERT McGEE and maybe MEADOWS present; spoke with CHAPMAN once for information for raid; RUDY DAVIS once spoke with CHAPMAN alone in alley. DAVIS took me with him; DAVIS did not try to conceal his relationship with CHAPMAN

CHAPMAN gave me information for raid on JOHN LARRY FORD: where he lived, house, habits, where transactions took place, physical description

As a result of #49 raid confiscated a large number of weapons, 29-30, suspected cocaine, and some cash; made 4-6 arrests

Generally familiar with how much money is available to pay informants; twice went to Central Headquarters and picked up \$500 and \$400; both figures for entire month; distributed monies among crew to pay informants; monies for both crews; therefore \$250 and \$200 a crew

Ever give narcotics to informants in exchange for information? Yes.



JURY EXCUSED

Witness was then advised of his 5th Amendment rights; witness wants to proceed without a lawyer but intends to invoke 5th Amendment in response to certain questions

CROSS EXAMINATION BY GIBBS

Ever given narcotics to informants? 5th Amendment; remembers only one specific incident where he gave narcotics to an informant; "felt" he was licensed at time he gave narcotics; in receipt of license from state of Michigan? No. (in receipt of license to dispense cocaine, heroin, or marijuana to anyone - Bench Conference held and question not answered); what type of narcotics given to informant? 5th Amendment; Record narcotics transaction on PCR? 5th Amendment; has no memory of other police officers giving narcotics to informants or anyone; where did you get narcotics to give informant? 5th Amendment; had access to 10th Precinct Narcotics Office; worked out of office from 12/71 to 5/73; was working at office in 12/72; went in and out of office on daily basis; saw narcotics paraphernalia in office; not certain whether paraphernalia always under lock and key; strainers, needles, and dorman, a cutting agent, are narcotics paraphernalia; ever see dormin in narcotics office that was not under an evidence tag? can't answer question; ever seen any cutting agent, heroin or white powder in 10th Pct. Narc. Office that was not under lock and key? can't answer yes or no; never saw any informant or citizen testing narcotics in 10th Pct. Station House; never gave narcotics to informant to test; never known fellow officers to give narcotics to informants to test

1st meeting with D.C. BENNETT: meet at home of U.S. ATT. MORRIS? doesn't know where MORRIS employed; didn't previously know ATTORNEY MORRIS; in 12/72 members of crew were SGT. DAVIS, ME McGEE and MEADOWS; in 12/72 members of second crew were STINSON (head of crew), SATTERFIELD, MITCHELL and 2 others

When in 10th Precinct developed certain relationship with informants; gave code-letters to informants; doesn't know how many; some informants; approximately how many? "I hazard to do that". 25? has been more than 3 years and I don't remember

Where there is an official informant, there were at one time records of use of an informant; s/w's reflect use of coded informants; vouchers, at one time, reflected use of coded informants; never saw MITCHELL or RUDY DAVIS give dope to



informants; neither RUDY DAVIS nor any other officer ever told him to give narcotics to an informant; ever see MEADOWS give dope to anyone per RUDY DAVIS's direction; never testified that he did; ever see MEADOWS give narcotics to anyone? NO; testified in Recorder's Court in 9/74;

Ever see MEADOWS give narcotics to anyone? No. (Witness was then shown transcript); I used words but not what I meant; (GIBBS then impeached the witness with the following questions and answers):

Q (By MR. GIBBS) Okay. How long have you been, -- were you with the 10th Precinct Narcotics Unit?

A From December 1st, 1971 to May 24th, 1973.

Q Okay. You have told us about HENRY MEADOWS in which you were present when he made a delivery of narcotics?

A That's correct.

Q How much narcotics was it?

A I don't know, MR. GIBBS.

Q How did you learn of it?

A After the time Officer MEADOWS and I were partners, we were using an informant. This was simply the man's payoff for helping us to bust a narcotics pad

Never meant to say that I saw MEADOWS give narcotics to anyone

Where did you get idea for giving dope to informant? 5th Amendment; observed many PCR's while in 10th Precinct; while in 10th Precinct, ever see where any officer had recorded giving dope to an informant on a PCR? 5th Amendment; from 1/68 to 1/73, ever convey to superiors that you had given dope to an informant? 5th Amendment; from 1/68 to 1/73 ever