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Statement of THEODORE SPICHER,
Patrolman, Badge #1729, Detroit Police Department, assigned
to the First Precinct [4249 University Avenue, Detroit,
Michigan], taken in the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney
for the County of Wayne, at 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit
26, Michigan, commencing at 6:17 O'clock A. M., July 5,
1963, by Max M. Silverman, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

BY: MAX M. SILVERMAN
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REPORTED BY: DAVID F. DAHLINE
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IN RE: Fatal shooting of Cynthia Scott, 24/o/f, of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Detroit, at 3:05 A. M., July 5, 1963,
at John R. & Edmund Streets, Detroit.

Questioned by Mr. Silverman as follows:

Q What is your name, please?

A Patrolman Theodore Spicher.

Q And your badge number?

A 1729.

Q My name is Max M. Silverman, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney,

acting under the direction of Samuel H. Olsen, Prosecuting Attorney for Wayne County. I want to ask you some questions about something that happened early this morning. Do you want to answer my questions?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, were you on duty this -- today -- this morning?

A Yes, sir.

Q What time did you come to work?

A 12 o'clock midnight.

Q And you were supposed to be off at 8?

A Yes, sir.

Q What type of duty were you assigned?

A Scout 1-3.

Q Who was your partner?

A Patrolman Robert Marshall.

Q Now, sometime around 3 o'clock this morning did you and your partner make an arrest?

A Yes, sir, we did.

Q And who did you arrest?

A Frances Jones.

Q And what was she arrested for?

A Disorderly Person, investigation.

Q Did you have her in the car?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where was she seated in the car?

A In the right hand rear.

Q Who was driving the car?

A I was.

Q And did you start to headquarters with her?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where was she arrested?

A John R. and Erskine.

Q And did you stop the car for some reason or another?

A Yes, sir.

Q What was the car stopped for?

A At John R. and Edmund.

Q For what?

A I saw a colored female and colored male walking south on John R. at Edmund.

Q What was there about these people which attracted your attention?

A The colored female I recognized as a known prostitute -- I didn't know her name; I knew she was a prostitute, and her left hand was full of money, and Patrolman Marshall --

Q [Interposing] What did you see?

A She had a handful of paper money.

Q Is that what caused you to stop?

A Yes, sir.

Q What did you do after you stopped?

A I got out of the car -- I drove over in front of the curb at 2852 John R. and I walked up to the colored man; searched

him and took a knife out of his right front pocket.

Q I will show you this jackknife which has a peg inside the blade -- under the blade, to which is attached evidence property tag #417879, and ask you if you have ever seen that before?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where did you get that knife?

A Out of the colored man's right front pocket.

Q Do you know his name?

A He was later identified as Charles Marshall.

Q And he was the man you saw with the girl?

A Yes, sir.

Q I will show you Detroit Police Department photograph #215218 and ask you if you recognize that woman?

A That's the girl that we saw walking on the street with the colored man.

Q With Mr. Marshall?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is that the same girl who had the sheaf of money in her left hand?

A Yes, sir.

Q What happened after you stopped and found the knife on Mr. Marshall -- what happened then?

A I told the colored female she was being arrested for

investigation of larceny from a person, at which time the colored man stated he knew the girl; she was with him, and he got belligerent and so Patrolman Marshall got out of the scout car and took him aside, and I was assisting the colored female to the car.

Q You weren't assisting, you were putting her in the car?

A Yes.

Q And what did the girl do then?

A As she was getting in the left rear door she turned around with a knife in her right hand and she slashed -- and slashed at me.

Q Did you see the knife?

A She came around [indicating].

Q Now, I will show you this pocket knife to which is attached evidence property tag #417878 and ask you if you have seen this knife before?

A Just from talking to you about the knife she had -- I was right on top of it. I seen the knife.

Q Is this the knife that the girl had in her hand?

A Yes, sir.

Q And were you injured in any way?

A I got cut on my left index finger.

Q Who cut you?

A This colored female.

Q What did she do after she cut you?

A She cut me and started to run; she run around the back of the car across John R.

Q Did you follow her?

A Yes, I attempted to head her off. I was in front of her and as she came by me, I told her to stop but she was slashing with the knife.

Q Did she tear any of your clothes?

A No, sir.

Q What happened then after she ran past you and was slashing?

A As she went by I fired 2 shots from my Service revolver.

Q Now, I will show you this .38 caliber Smith & Wesson, and ask you -- [REDACTED] Detroit Police Department #9165, and ask you if that is the gun you had with you?

A Yes, sir.

Q And is this the gun which was issued to you by the Detroit Police Department?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is this the gun you used in firing at this woman?

A Yes, sir.

Q How many shots did you fire?

A Three.

Q Now, did you fire all of the shots as she was trying to get away?

A As she run by me, yes.

Q When did you fire the third shot?

A As she turned around I fired a third shot.

Q She turned around to face you?

A Yes, sir.

Q She still had the knife in her hand?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you see the knife?

A Yes, sir.

MR. SILVERMAN: Thank you, that's all.

[Witness excused and statement concluded at
6:25 o'clock A. M.]

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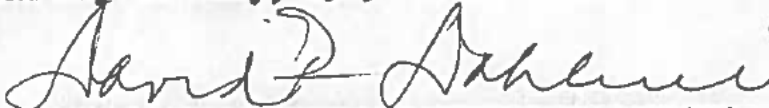
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COUNTY OF WAYNE
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I, David F. Dahline, Court Reporter, hereby certify that I have recorded stenographically in shorthand the foregoing statement consisting of seven [7] typewritten pages or parts of pages and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of my said shorthand notes.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of July, 1963.



DAVID F. DAHLINE, Court Reporter