

FATAL SHOOTING OF RICARDO BUCK AND CRAIG MITCHELL

On 9-18-71 at 11:30 AM Det Sgts Ronald Jennings and Andrew Woron of the Homicide Section went to the area of John R and Belmont for the purpose of conducting a survey in an effort to locate any witnesses to the fatal shooting of Ricardo Buck and Craig Mitchell.

The results of the survey was negative, we did not locate any eye witness to the shooting. The names and addresses of persons contacted during this survey are listed on a separate sheet.

The following two incidents happened during the course of the survey:

While we were in the home of Gussie Nails at [REDACTED] we were told by Mrs. Nails that she believed her daughter, [REDACTED] age 15, had seen what occurred on the corner of John R and Belmont.

Sgt. Jennings talked to [REDACTED] and asked her if she had witnessed the shooting. She was very surly and un-cooperative and said no, " didnt they tell you enought", meaning the other people in the house who had talked to Sgt. Jennings previous. Sgt. Jennings again asked [REDACTED] if she had seen the shooting and if she saw it she would have to tell him what she saw. Her reply was to say " I was up on Woodward at a store" and "didnt see anything". When asked what store she was at she said she didnt know. The interview was terminated at this point.

The following people was present during this conversation:

Gussie Nails
McKinley Holley
Earl Willis
Mary Johnson
Louise Hall

After the conversation between Sgt Jennings and [REDACTED] was over, Earl Willis said to Sgt Jennings " you can cross out her story, thats not true, she wasnt up on Woodward"

It appears to us that [REDACTED] is very hostile towards police officers and refuses to talk to us.

Also during the survey, a Negro female who identified herself as Sister Elizabeth from the North End Family Center, came up to Sgt Woron and started asking questions, " how many times was the boys shot, where was the bullet holes and she was very concerned about this". She asked if we would come to the Family Center and talk to her about this, which we did at the conclusion of our survey. She stated that she was Sister Elizabeth Harris, that she was a Roman Catholic nun and that she worked in the Center. She stated that she knew of witnesses to the shooting and was going to hold a press conference in the Center at 3:00 PM this date. We told her that we would have to talk to the witnesses and asked her to name them for us. She replied that she would call us with the names. We explained to her that we were the investigating officers and we wanted to talk to any and all witnesses and write out their statements. At this point, a white man who was sitting on the edge of the desk next to Sister Elizabeth, asked Sgt Jennings " how do you write these statements"? It was explained to him that the statement would be written as the witness gives it, witness would then be asked to read the statement for correstness, and then be asked to sign it. He did not reply.

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LOCATION.

TT JAMES COLEMAN, NM23 [REDACTED] & wife, BARBETTE COLEMAN fn21
MR. COLEMAN WAS WORKING WAS NOT AT HOME HAS ONLY HEARSAY KNOWLEDGE OF
OCCURRENCE. MRS. COLEMAN HOME WAS WATCHING T.V. HEARD 6 SHOTS. CAME OUT
OF HOUSE AFTER CROWD AND POLICE CAME TO CORNER. SAW NOTHING.

TT JOSEPH JANKOWSKI, WM64 (CRIPPLE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~) DAUGHTER, [REDACTED] wf10
AND [REDACTED] wf12 AND [REDACTED] nf9, of [REDACTED]
JANKOWSKI STATED THAT THEY HEARD 6 SHOTS, WHICH SOUNDED LIKE IT WAS RIGHT OUT FROM
GIRLS HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT TO BED BUT CAME DOWNSTAIRS DID NOT GO OUT. HOWEVER
THEY STATED THEIR OLDER BROTHER, ANTHONY JANKOWSKI, WM18 WAS IN FRONT ROOM HEARD
SHOTS RAN OUT OF HOUSE AND AROUND A CORNER OF JOHN R. (SOUTH OF BELMONT) WHERE HE
SAID HE SAW BUCK LAYING ON THE GROUND. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ [REDACTED] fn13 BUCKS
GIRL WAS SCREAMING HER HEAD OFF THAT THEY HAD SHOT BUCK. [REDACTED] (SISTER) 16
IS SUPPOSED TO BE CRAIG'S GIRL. THEY LIVE AT [REDACTED]
STILL AT 220 BELMONT. TT DENICE NAILS SHE STATED SHE WAS OUTSIDE AND THAT BUCK &
CRAIG DID SOMETHING TO THE MAN WHO WAS CARRYING A CAN OF GAS OR OIL. THE MAN WENT
DOWN THEN CAME UP SHOOTING. NOTE: JANKOWSKI DOES NOT LET HIS CHILDREN GO ANYWHERE
NEAR THE CENTER ON JOHN R. TOO DANGEROUS FOR ANYBODY.

TT A.G. CARTER, NM83 [REDACTED]

I WAS INSIDE OF THE HOUSE AND SAW NOTHING. HEARD THE COMMOTION AND RACKET
WOKE ME. BUT IT'S TOO DANGEROUS OUT THERE FOR ME TO COME OUT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENED.
EVER SINCE THE CENTER OPENED UP IT'S A HANGOUT AND THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD IS TOO
SCARED TO DO ANYTHING. THEY'RE AFRAID THEY'LL GET BURNED OUT. ABOUT 4, 5 WEEKS AGO
SOME YOUNG PUNKS STARTED TO TRAIL ME THRU THE PARKING LOT BUT I STOPPED AND PUT MY
HAND IN MY POCKET AND THEY THOUGHT I HAD A GUN AND TOOK OFF THE OTHER WAY.

NO CONTACT.

FOUR FAMILY FLAT. TT IWIN WIGGINS. NM52 OWNER, RESIDES AT
[REDACTED] WAS NOT AROUND. BUT STATED THAT SINCE HE MOVED AWAY 5 YEARS AGO
THE CENTER IS THE BIG TROUBLE SPOT IN THE AREA.

UPPER LEFT. TT EUGENE NOLTON. NM35, [REDACTED] WAS SLEEPING ON COUCH
HEARD SEVERAL SHOTS, BUT ONLY CAME OUT ON UPPER FLAT PORCH SAW COMMOTION AT THE CORNER
STATED THE KIDS AT THE CENTER IS TOUGH EVEN ON EACH OTHER.

TT CALVIN COLEMAN, NM18 : [REDACTED] WAS DREAMING AND THOUGHT NOISE WAS
PART OF IT. SAW NOTHING HEARD NOTHING.

TT MRS. WHITELO, NF OVER 50. HEARD THE COMMOTION BUT TOO
OLD TO COME OUT AND GET HURT.

11 people