

## MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

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COLONEL E. DAVIDS  
DIRECTOR

*Open file  
in Connelly's  
Detroit Police  
shooting*

 OPERATIONS OFFICE  
EAST LANSING

DATE: March 30, 1969

SUBJECT: Shooting of Detroit Police Officers,

TO: Colonel Davids, Director.

12:03 AM Det. S. Doubleday, S.I.U., Detroit, advised that he has just received information that two Detroit Police Officers on duty have been shot, apparently without provocation at the corner of Philadelphia and Linwood in the City of Detroit. Shooting occurred at 11:42 PM. The condition of officers not known at this time. No details of the shooting are known at this time other than the two officers were in a car when shot. An Intelligence vehicle (M.S.P.) was at the same intersection at the time of the shooting. Details pending.

12:40 AM Det. Doubleday advised one of the Detroit Police officers is now known to be dead. It is still not known where the shots came from, whether from a passing car or sniper in a building.

12:42 AM Det. Doubleday advised the Dead officer is MICHAEL J. CZAPSKI, the surviving officer is one RICHARD WOROBECK.

12:45 AM Cpl. Pederson advised that Supt. Nichols of Detroit PD has contacted both SP-21 and Intelligence. At this time 150 arrests have been made in connection with the shooting. The afternoon shift of the Detroit PD has been held over. The entire department has been placed on a tactical alert. Supt. Nichols advised the situation is reasonably stable at this time. Second District Commander is being advised.

Duty Officer, Capt. Buchanan advised. Lt. Col. Kaufman advised. Capt. Nyre advised.

Capt. Nyre requested Det. Doubleday be recontacted and advised to keep the Intelligence surveillance crew on the street all night. This was done.

1:05 AM Lt. Col. Kaufman called and requested Col. Davids be advised. This was done, and Col. Davids requested that General Schnipke be advised. Col. Davids contacted at 1:10 AM.

1:20 AM Attorney General Frank Kelly called Operations, advised that he is familiar with the shooting in Detroit, advised he will be at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, if needed. TX 961-8000, room 1770.

1:24 AM General Schnipke advised, he requested General Radike be advised.

1:27 AM General Radike advised at 341-1559 in Detroit.

- - - - Col. Davids when contacted requested that Mr. Dave Dykhousé be contacted and appraised of the situation in the morning.

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10 AM Det. Doubleday was recontacted in Detroit. Nothing new forthcoming from the Detroit PD at this time. Intelligence officers are at Detroit PD HQ, and should be calling in with more information shortly.

The Intelligence officer who was a witness to the shooting was Patrolman Landeros of the Detroit PD who is working with the M.S.P. Intelligence Surveillance crew. Also in the vicinity but not witnesses were Det. James Malczewski (M.S.P. Intelligence) and Patrolman Hills, Detroit PD who is also working with our Intelligence crew. These three officers are at present at Detroit PD HQ, and Homicide officers are taking statements from Patrolman Landeros.

2:55 AM Det. Doubleday advised the dead officer, MICHAEL J. CZAPSKI was 23 years old, the injured officer RICHARD WOROBECK is 28 years of age. WOROBECK is in critical condition with five slugs in him. Both officers are white.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL: Detroit PD advised Det. Doubleday that scout car 10-6 was on patrol (had not received a call in to the area), and observed quite a large group of negroes gathered in front of 8450 Linwood, the New Bethel Church, near the intersection of Philadelphia and Linwood. As the scout car passed the church the group opened up or spread apart, and a large amount of heavy weapon fire came from the group. The New Bethel Church is the meeting place for the Republic of New Africa (R.N.A.) convention. When the Detroit police got to the scene in force, they entered the church and a large number of weapons were confiscated, and it is from the church that a large number of arrests were made. Detroit Police request that this information not be released to any outsiders.

Cpl. Trepkoski, SP-21 advised the Detroit PD called him on the police phone and advised that three males and one female were injured in the church when the Detroit PD went in. It was intimated that there was a gun battle in the church but this is not confirmed. Det. Malczewski also told Det. Doubleday that he heard a rumor at Detroit PD HQ that four other persons had been injured, but could not get factual information on this.

Both Det. Doubleday and Cpl. Trepkoski were assured by the Detroit PD at this time that all is quiet in the city.

3:06 AM Following LEIN message received from Detroit PD for forwarding to PD Duquoin, Illinois. "Ref your NCIC 6902622 dated 2-17-69. Re: 30.06 model 98 rifle serial S 1855 or 1855 only name on rifle "Preduzece 44" have such rifle in custody used in slaying of police officer this city please rush any info on gun". Authority Det. Sgt. Ciagala Hold Up Bureau, Detroit PD.

4:21 AM Following information received from Detroit PD requesting General Broadcast on LEIN. "From Detroit PD to All Departments - This Dept. regretfully announces the death of on duty Patrolman MICHAEL J. CZAPSKI and the serious wounding of Patrolman RICHARD E. WOROBECK both of the 10th Precinct. Patrolman is undergoing surgery at Ford hospital and the forecast for his recovery is good. The situation appears to be stable at this time. Authority John F. Nichols Superintendent".

The message was put out on a LEIN General Broadcast as requested.

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- 5:09 AM LEIN message received from Detroit PD advising that their Tactical Alert is being canceled. ✓
- 5:50 AM Det. Doubleday advised that he has received information from the Detroit PD that two persons were shot by Detroit Police Officers in a gun fight inside the New Bethel Church, when they went in to make arrests. Subjects shot were; #1, HAZEL GIBBS, negro female, age and address unknown. #2, JAMES T. DAWKINS, of 712 Continental, Detroit, age unknown. The particulars as to exactly what took place in the Church are not known by our Intelligence personnel at this time. JAMES T. DAWKINS is a negro male. The two wounded persons were not wounded seriously enough to be fatalities.
- The correct spelling of the wounded Detroit Police officers name is WOROBEK. RICHARD E. WOROBEK.
- 6:50 AM Det. Doubleday called and advised of a correction on shooting. He now advises information from the wounded Detroit Police officer RICHARD E. WOROBEK is that the officers were not in the patrol car when shot. Both officers had observed a group of 12 to 15 colored subjects on the side walk at Philadelphia and Linwood and they were carrying rifles. Both officers got out of the patrol car and approached the group and as they did so the group started to disperse. As the colored subjects dispersed they started shooting at the approaching officers and Officers MICHAEL J. CZAPSKI was dropped by the gun fire on the sidewalk in front of the New Bethel Church. Both officers had attempted to get back to the patrol car when the shooting started, however, only Officer Worobec made it.
- 7:57 AM Lieut. Col. Kaufman called and was brought up to date on shooting, also Mr. Dykehouse, Gov. Office notified and he stated he would confer with Mr. Don Gordon on the incident and call the Governor later this AM.
- 8:10 AM Col. Davids brought up to date on details of the shooting, also Capt. Myre.
- 8:25 AM Capt. Buchanan and Major Brown notified. Also Gen. Schnipke brought up to date.
- 9:35 AM Capt. Myre in Car I-1 enroute to Detroit - Info. ok to Det. S/Sgt. Dinkle at Detroit Intelligence office.
- 9:45 AM Det. Sgt. Dinkle called and advised following received from Detroit SIB, they arrested (40) colored females and (95) colored males as a result of the shooting of the Detroit Police officers. The (40) females are being mugged and printed and released on personal bond. The 95 males are still being processed at this time. All subjects are being charged with Conspiracy to Commit Murder and are being arraigned before JUDGE CROCKETT, Detroit.
- Det. Sgt. Dinkle also advised the deceased officer was shot (7) times and the wounded officer was shot (4) times, twice in the back and twice in the legs.
- 10:05 AM Colonel Davids called Operations and was given the above information, also he wants Capt. Myre who is enroute to Detroit to contact Supt. Nichols or Deputy Supt. Gentry and offer any assistance our department may be able to render to them. Information given to Det. Sgt. Dinkle, Intelligence office Detroit for Capt. Myre when he arrives there. Det. Sgt. Dinkle advises Detroit SIB has initiated their regular riot procedures in processing the subjects.

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- AN Capt. Myre called from Detroit Intelligence office and advised he will contact Supt. Nichols or Deputy Supt. Gentry and offer assistance as stated by Director Davids.
- AN Mr. Dykehouse, Gov. Legal Advisor called Operations and advised he will be leaving for Troy in about 1/2 hour. He will be driving a Bright Blue 68 Plymouth 4 dr., lic. EA-4720 and traveling I-96. He will be at the home of John Clark on Rbd Fox Trail, Troy, telephone number 646-8480, if it is necessary to contact him. He plans to return to Lansing about 5:30 PM date. If urgent and unable to reach him, contact Don Gordon tx 332-2056. Mr. Dykehouse was brought up to date on the shootings of the Detroit Police officers and is calling the Governor.
- PM Mr. Dykehouse called and advised he is now leaving for Troy, further he has called the Governor and brought him up to date on the shooting of the Detroit Police officers. Mr. Dykehouse advised that Don Gordon, Executive Aide for Governor will be calling in later for details of incident.
- 0 PM Lieut. Col. Kaufman called and is back home, however, he will be going back and forth from home to his apartment which takes only about five minutes, so if needed try both places if unable to reach him at one. Further Lt. Col. Kaufman requests Richard McLellan, Gov. Executive Office be advised of the incident. Mr. McLellan lives in Williamston, however, is in Paw Paw for the day and was called there at the Patrick McGuire residence, tx Paw Paw 657-4609 and given the information on the incident.
- 0 PM Don Gordon called and advised Mr. Dykehouse is now at the John Clark residence in Troy. Further he will advise Operations when he returns to Lansing. Also Mr. Gordon stated he is going to be at the Civic Center in Lansing for a few hours if needed and then will be home.
- 38 PM Col. Davids, called and advised Judge Crockett has found the Prosectuor Wayne County in contempt of court, further the court room is jammed at the arraignments and Judge Crockett is turning most of the arrested persons loose. Situation is still simmering.
- 08 PM Capt. Myre reported the following in regards as to how the shooting started when the police officers pulled up to the front of the church where the crowd was standing three guards started shooting over the heads of the other people at the officers, they then attempted to enter the church however the doors were locked so they went to an entrance on the Philadelphia Street side. The three guards have been tentatively identified as follows. #1 ADEOLU (African name) rifleman not known if subject held. #2 ALFRED II-X (Alfred Hibbitt, 12666 Manor, Detroit) rifleman held by Detroit PD. #3 ALVIN HENDERSON, New York Cityrifleman held by Detroit PD. when these three entered the church they were joined by the following two subjects. #1 ERNEST II-L or (ENREST L. DENNON of 15729 Leasure, Detroit or 145 Tyler, Highland Park) alleged to have had a machine gun #2 ALLATUNGI, rifleman: Detroit PD have under arrest a WILLIE JAMES THOMAS believed to be MUALANA TUONGANI of 3417 Trimble, Cincinnati, Ohio who could be the number 2 ALLATUNGI. When the Detroit PD went into the church gunfire was exchanged with the five mentioned subjects when they determined they could not hold off the police officers they dropped their weapons and merged into the two or three hundred people in the church.
- Capt. Myre advised that the one hundred and forty or so that were arrested are being charged with Conspiracy to Commit Murder and or Assault with intent to commit murder and that the situation in Crockett's court is as shown in entry of 2:38 PM. Also no news releases are to be made by other the Homicide, Detroit PD
- 3:47 PM Major Brown called in was brought up to date.

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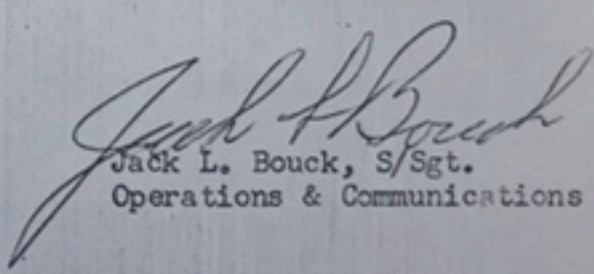
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- 5:03 PM Capt. Myre reported additional as follows, subjects shot in the exchange of gunfire are #1 JAMES T. DAWKINS of 4054 Richton, Aprt. #1, Detroit, shot in right shoulder this is the same subject who about one year ago fired at Detroit Police Officers with a machine gun later acquitted. #2 LARRY EDWARDS of 543 Hancock, Brooklyn, N.Y., shot in left leg, hip and arm. #3 AUBDUL BOB (believed to be LAWRENCE MILLER) of 3760 S. Walbash, Chicago, Illinois, shot in ankle and forehead. #4 HAZEL GIBBS of 4027 Burlingame, Detroit shot in elbow. #5 ADEFUNMI OLUBUNMI of 106 West 113th St. New York City. All subject held at Detroit Hospital as police prisoners on a Open charge of Murder.
- 6:07 PM Capt. Myre reported that as far as he can determine Judge Crockett has released all the subjects arrested and charged except the following two named subjects and the five being held in the hospital with wounds. #1 DAVID BROWN JR. of 1709 Palmer, Compton, California held on charges of CCW and assault with intent to commit murder. #2 REVEREND KIRKWOOD M. HALL of 690 Riverside Dr., New York City, charge of CCW (gas ejector device both lodged in Wayne County Jail, apparently the two subjects were not involved in the shooting outside the church were inside.
- 6:20 PM Mr. Dykehouse called advised he is leaving Troy will be in East Lansing in hour and one half, he was brought up to date.
- 6:27 PM Lt. Col. Kaufman called in was brought up to date
- 8:55 PM Mr. Dykehouse called is at home requested the location of Capt. Myre, Capt. located at home. Given to Mr. Dykehouse. Also he requests one of the Governor's aides pick up a copy of this memo so that the Governor can be informed. Cpl. Hough will stop before meeting the Governor's plane at 8:30 AM at Capitol City Airport, Monday, March 31, 1969

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6:00 AM No new or additional information received to this time.

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