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MAYOR'S OFFICE

To the Honorable
The Common Council
City-County Building
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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Gentlemen:

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Pursuant to your request of March 20th, as well as your second request of March 23rd, the following resume is a description of the events that occurred at 12:05 A.M., March 9, 1972, at 3210 Rochester, Apartment #14. The opening paragraphs are the Detroit Police officers' version of the events. The remaining paragraphs are the resume of the statements of all persons concerned:

On March 9, 1972, at approximately 12:05 A.M., STRESS Unit #2, manned by Patrolmen Virgil Starkey, Ronald Martin, and James Harris, were on routine patrol in the vicinity of Wildemere, between Boston and Rochester, which is a known high crime area. While driving south on Wildemere, the officers observed a lone Negro male, later identified as James Jenkins, in the parking lot at the rear of 3210 Rochester. Patrolman Starkey, who was driving, stopped their unmarked police car. Patrolmen Harris and Martin exited and observed the man walk up the stairs to the second level to Apartment #14. Patrolman Martin walked past the front door of the apartment and observed that the inner door was open and the man carrying the gun was standing in the living room while others were seated around a table in the rear. Patrolman Martin continued walking south past the apartment door. Patrolman Harris opened the storm door and with his badge in his left hand and his weapon in his right, announced that he was a police officer. At that instant, the man that Patrolman Harris observed carrying the gun, fired at him, breaking the storm door glass. Patrolman Harris returned the fire and backed away from the door, shouting "Police Officer." Patrolman Harris then ran north to the stairs. He fell down the stairs and then took cover beneath a parked car.

Patrolman Martin fired four shots through the front window of the apartment, in the direction of the man that was firing at Patrolman Harris. After he fired into the apartment, he retreated south and sought cover against the wall. Patrolman Martin observed an arm of a person with a gun in hand reach out the door and fire in the direction of Patrolman Harris. The man then aimed the gun at Patrolman Martin and fired one shot at him, which did not take effect.

Patrolman Starkey had parked the police car and joined Patrolman Harris, who told him that he thought he had been shot. At this time, Scout 10-22, manned by Patrolmen Dennis Shiemke and David Marshall had responded to the scene on foot. Patrolman Starkey then proceeded up the steps to join Patrolman Martin on the second level. Both officers met outside the apartment, at which time Patrolman Starkey heard noises inside the apartment as though people were running. He then called out, "They are going out the back." Patrolman Marshall, who was on the ground level, heard this and immediately ran to the rear of the building. Observing that there was no rear exit, Patrolman Marshall then went upstairs to join Patrolmen Martin and Starkey, who had entered Apartment #14. He was joined by Patrolmen Harris and Shiemke.

The officers were fired upon by a person inside the apartment in the bedroom. Patrolmen Martin and Starkey returned the fire. At this time, another man, later identified as the deceased, Henry Henderson, appeared from around the corner to the right of the apartment entrance. Henderson was pointing a gun at Patrolmen Martin and Harris. Both officers fired several shots at Henderson, who then dropped his gun and fell to the floor. Henderson then attempted to get up and scramble into the bedroom. Patrolman Martin retrieved Henderson's revolver, and at this moment, a man emerged from the bedroom with a gun and fired at the officers. Patrolman Martin and Starkey returned the fire. Patrolman Marshall, who had fired one shot at Henderson, also fired one shot at the man in the bedroom doorway.

Patrolman Shiemke, who had entered the apartment, took cover by the front door. While the officers were firing at Henderson and the man in the doorway of the bedroom, Patrolman Shiemke fired one shot at the man, later identified as Henry Henderson. This bullet which struck Henderson, was later removed at the Wayne County Morgue by Dr. Walter Hofman, Assistant Wayne County Medical Examiner, and conveyed to the Scientific Section for firearms comparison. The bullet was identified as coming from Patrolman Shiemke's gun.

Someone in the bedroom shouted that they were police officers from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, and at this time, the shooting ceased.

The wounded deputies were conveyed to Detroit General Hospital by Detroit Police vehicles. James Jenkins suffered through and through gunshot wounds to the head, abdomen, and left arm. Henry Duval suffered a through and through gunshot wound to the right leg. Aaron Vincent sustained contusions to the head. Henry Henderson expired at 1:05 A.M. from a gunshot wound to the left side of the chest. (Henderson suffered a total of six gunshot wounds to his body.)