

STATE OF NEW JERSEY }
COUNTY OF ESSEX } SS:

I, Fannie Bell Edwards, being of full age and duly sworn, upon my oath, do depose and say:

1. I live at 411 Bergen Street in the City of Newark, New Jersey. I am a Negro. I am the sister-in-law of the late Tedock Bell.

2. During the night of July 13 and the early morning of July 14, 1967, I was sitting on the steps in front of 411 Bergen Street with Minnie Gordon, Tedock Bell, Edna Bell, and some other neighbors.

3. At about 3:30 A.M., Tedock, Robert Johnson and myself walked to Ben's Tavern on the corner of Bergen and 18th Avenue and peered in the window to see what damage was done. Tedock was a part-time bartender in this bar. Then we walked down the street to Magnolia Street.

4. The police came up and so Tedock said to me, "Why run?, you're not taking anything." I ran because I was scared but Tedock didn't run and they didn't bother him.

7. I ran up to Waverly Avenue and then I turned around and came back and Tedock was still standing in front of a store. He said, "Where are you going?" And I said, "I'm going home because I'm scared."

8. I went home and sat on the stoop for about 3 or 5 minutes. Then an unmarked Newark police car came by with five or seven policemen in the car in uniforms with white helmets. They jumped out of the car and I saw Tedock running away from in front of the store, down Magnolia Street.

9. Police jumped out behind him and I saw one police, about five yards behind Tedock, raise his pistol and aim it at Tedock and shoot. I heard three shots. I saw Tedock running up Magnolia a few seconds before the policeman shot. Tedock had nothing in his hands. When the policeman shot, Tedock was around the corner and out of my sight. Then the policemen followed him around the corner but I didn't hear any more shots.

10. Then I didn't know what had happened so at 6:30 A.M. I called the 4th Precinct and they said if he was in there I would have to call back after 3 P.M. My sister Edna, Tedock's wife went to the 4th Precinct about 1 P.M. and he was not there. So I guess it was about 1:30 or 2 P.M. that she called the City Hospital and they told her at first that Tedock was dead. When she got to the hospital, they told her he was not dead so she called and said he was alright and out of danger.

11. About 3:30 or 4 P.M. Edna Bell, Mary Bell, and the others who went with her to the hospital, came back from the hospital and said Tedock was dead.

12. City Hospital said that they had sent a telegram to Tedock's wife but to this day she has received no telegram.

13. To the best of my information and belief, Tedock Bell was shot in the back by a Newark policeman and he was shot for no reason or cause.

FANNIE BELL EDWARDS

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this day of August,
1967.