

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)

COUNTY OF ESSEX )

SS:

I, JOHN RICHARDSON, being 19 years of age and being duly sworn, upon my oath, do depose and say:

1. I am a Negro male and reside at 397 Clinton Place, Newark, New Jersey.

2. I am a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps.

3. At about 12:25 A.M., July 18, 1967, I was in Arline's Luncheonette, 435 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. At that time I saw a patrol car pull up and then I heard glass breaking.

4. I went to the front of the restaurant and saw Newark policemen coming out of the hallway next door and saw one of them breaking empty bottles in a trash container on the street.

5. There were about six or seven policemen just walking around on the street with their riot guns. One of them came into the restaurant and said to the girl there, "Miss, don't have anyone drinking in here," or words to that effect, and left.

6. Then about six or seven policemen came in and started searching through the whole place. I asked a captain (I'm sure it was a police captain) if he needed a search warrant; he said not during a riot. He said, "I'm a police officer and that's enough", or words to that effect.



man left his car, the patrol car then rounded the corner of Jeliff.

15. Without any warning, a shot was fired from the patrol car. The patrol car never came to a complete halt until after the shot had been fired.

16. The man was hit and fell, but he did not die right away. The man could be seen breathing heavily after being shot.

17. There were about three and four patrolmen in the patrol car. All the patrolmen exited from their car, and one walked over to the man who had been shot. He shined a flashlight on the wounded man and began to go through his pockets.

18. No weapons were discovered, only a wallet.

19. After going through the man's pockets, the one patrolman then left the man alone and went to join his fellow patrolmen who were searching the wounded man's car. The patrolmen could not get the trunk of the car open so they searched only the front and back seats. Nothing was found.

20. Afterwards all the patrolmen went back to the body and merely looked at the man who was still breathing heavily. No effort was made to call an ambulance. I, John Richardson, at that time, called an ambulance myself.

21. About five minutes later an ambulance came and placed the wounded man in their truck and took him away.

22. After the shooting a news car pulled up. They got the story of the patrolman who had shot the man and took his picture. As they were going back to their car, I said,



I hereby authorize the use of my statement in connection with any legal action or legal investigation arising out of police conduct in the City of Newark, New Jersey, during the period of the civil disturbances in Newark, during the summer of 1967.

DATED: 29 July, 1967

*John Dennis Richardson*