

MEMO

TO: JUNIUS WILLIAMS

FROM: MARILYN R. MC NEIL, as conveyed to me by Mary Bell, mother of deceased man, Tedock Bell.

DATED: JULY 22, 1967

TEDOCK BELL, 411 Bergen Street, age 28, (Murdered on Friday, July 14, 1967 at about 4:30 A.M.)

Mrs. Mary Bell, Mother of Tedock, 407 Bergen Street; Mrs. Edna

Clara Bell, 411 Bergen, wife of Tedock; Fannie Mae Edwards,

sister-in-law of deceased man, and sister to deceased man's wife;

Robert ???, (Boy friend of Fannie Mae Edwards.)

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Tedock Bell, resident of Newark, New Jersey for about 4 years; worked one full-time job and one part-time job. His part-time job was at Ben's Tavern, Bergen Street, Newark. On Friday, July 21, 1967, at approximately 4:15 A.M., Tedock Bell, his wife Edna; his sister-in-law Fannie; and Fannie's boy friend, Robert (last name and address unknown), decided to walk to the corner to see what, if anything had happened to the bar where Tedock worked. (This bar is located appx. 1½ city blocks from the deceased man's home). During their stroll, Mrs. Bell became frightened, as she had heard that some people had been hurt during the riot and returned home. Fannie Mae Edwards, Robert, and Tedock continued to the bar. They observed that the place had been looted, and began talking about it with other people in the area. The Newark Police Department came and ordered the people to leave the area. Fannie Mae and Robert started to run. Tedock told them not to run, because they were not doing anything. Fannie Mae and Robert left Tedock, and moments after doing so, heard 3 to 4 shots. They turned, but did not see Tedock. Fannie Mae and Robert did not return to the address on Bergen Street. Where they went is unknown. (All of this information was conveyed to Mrs. Mary Bell by Fannie Mae Edwards and Robert). (Note, there was no curfew during that time, and the people felt that they were safe). Fannie Mae thought that Tedock had returned home. Mrs. Mary Bell, mother of deceased man, stated that she saw her son standing in front of 410 Bergen Street sometime after 4:15 A.M., talking to someone. Also, a woman later told the family that she saw Tedock when he was shot; that he was walking toward his home and that police simply aimed at him and fired three shots into him. (Mrs. Mary Bell stated that the funeral undertaker stated that Tedock was shot 3 times into his chest.)

When Tedock did not return home, his wife began to worry and questioned his mother, who lives in the apartment next door. They called the police station, and were told that they did not arrest anyone by the name given. When the newspaper arrived at their home, they noticed that appx. 12 people had been injured and one man was killed. The family did not call the Newark City Hospital until appx. 3:00 P.M., on Friday, July 14, 1967. When they did, they were told that Tedock Bell had died at approx. 4:30 A.M., on that day. The family went to Newark City Hospital and was told that Tedock had been injured; could not receive visitors; and was moved from one ward to another ward. After waiting for over one hour, the family used the public phone in the waiting room of the hospital, and asked for the condition of Mr. Bell. They were once again told that he had died. At this time a doctor

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came from one of the/floors of the hospital, and told the family that Mr. Bell was dead, and at that time the body was identified.

(Note: Mr. Bell had no previous criminal record, except for traffic violations and 1 paternity proceeding)