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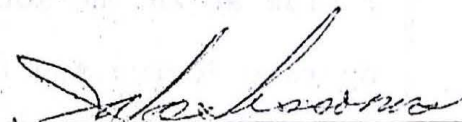
I, Jake Sessoms, being duly sworn upon my oath do depose and say:

1. My name is Jake Sessoms and I am 38 years of age. I reside at 281 Belmont Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. I own and operate Sentry Applicane Service at 350 Springfield Avenue. I have operated this store at the present location for the past four years. I have lived in Newark for 35 years. I am a Negro.

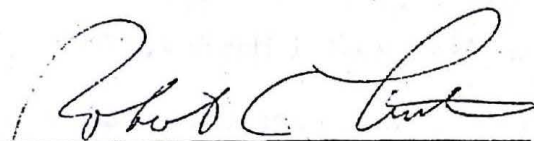
2. I was working at my store Sunday afternoon, July 16, 1967, until 5:00 P.M. When I left my store there was no damage done to my store. When I returned Monday, July 17, 1967, at 11:00 A.M. my front windows had been damaged by thrown objects as well as shot up. I had written "Soul" on my windows and consequently I had not been bothered by rioters. Also, two refrigerators and a washing machine were damaged by bullets.

3. I witnessed both state troopers and National Guardsman firing indiscriminately into 350 Springfield Avenue (Second and Third floors) on Friday, July 14, 1967, and Saturday, July 15, 1967. The only persons that live in this building are women and children. I notified the Fire Department dispatcher early Saturday morning (July 15, 1967) that only women and children lived in the building. The Fire Department said there was nothing they could do. Sunday I was able to contact the Fire Department and they informed the Troopers that only women and

children lived in the building. Later the Troopers escorted the people out of the building (Sunday afternoon). However, the Troopers continued to fire upon the building that Sunday night even though no one was in the building. I was the last one to leave the building, when I left Sunday at 5 P.M.

  
JAKE SESSOMS

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 31 day of July,  
1967.

  
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