

NEWARK LEGAL SERVICES PROJECT  
114 Branford Place  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

I hereby authorize attorneys of the Newark Legal Services Project and the American Civil Liberties Union and those attorneys with whom they may be associated, to use my statement in connection with any legal action or legal investigation arising out of police conduct in the City of Newark during the period of the civil disturbances in Newark, New Jersey during the summer of 1967.

DATED: July 25, 1967

Edna Clair Bell  
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY )  
                          ) SS:  
COUNTY OF ESSEX        )

I, Edna Clair Bell, residing at 411 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey being of full age and duly sworn upon my oath, do depose and say:

1. I am a Negro citizen of the City of Newark and of the United States of America.
2. I am the wife of the late Tedock Bell.
3. During the night of July 13, 1967, at about 7:45 P.M. I was sitting on my front stoop at 411 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey, with my late husband Tedock Bell and my sister Fannie Edwards and a friend Minnie Gordon and a friend Robert Johnson and 3 or 4 other friends.
4. We all stayed on the stoop until about 2:30 A.M. when I took a short walk with Tedock and Fannie and Robert. I became scared and returned to the house.
5. My husband Tedock did not return home and about 6:00 A.M. I called the 4th Precinct and was told there was no Tedock Bell there.
6. On July 14, 1967, at about 1:30 P.M. I went to the 4th Precinct and was not told anything about Tedock.
7. On July 14, 1967, about 2:00 P.M. I called the Newark-City Hospital and was told that Tedock was dead.
8. Immediately afterward, I went to the hospital with Vivien Rountree, Tedock's sister and Allan Rountree, her husband, and Mary, Tedock's mother and Mildred Sparkmon, Tedock's sister.
9. When we got to the hospital we were told Tedock was not dead.
10. We were followed to the hospital from Bergen Street by a news reporter.
11. The news reporter and Mildred went to a phone booth at the hospital and made a call and were told that Tedock was dead.
12. On July 14, 1967, I asked for Tedock's clothes at the hospital but was only given his wallet and keys.
13. On July 24, 1967, I went back to the hospital with my mother-in-law, Mary Bell, to get Tedock's clothes and was given shoes, socks, pants and shorts but no shirt.

14. The nurse supervisor said they don't have the shirt as it must have been torn off and that we should come back the next day.

15. We went back to the hospital on July 25, 1967, and saw the same nurse supervisor who said evidently the shirt was destroyed.

16. To the best of my knowledge and belief Tedock Bell was shot in the back by Newark policeman for no reason at all.

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SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE  
ME THIS <sup>8th</sup> DAY OF <sup>August</sup> JULY 1967.

George C. Brown

GEORGE C. BROWN  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN NEW JERSEY  
My Commission Expires March 10, 1972

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: August 8, 1967

Edna Clair Bell