

STATE OF NEW JERSEY }
COUNTY OF ESSEX } SS:

I, GENEVA MURRAY, being duly sworn upon my oath do depose and say:

1. I am 27 years of age. I am a Negro.
2. I reside at 16 Wainwright Street, Newark, New Jersey.
3. At about 10:30 A.M., July 14, 1967, my husband left our apartment. It was the last time I saw him alive. He was dressed very decently, wearing a clean shirt, brown slacks, new black shoes and a straw hat.
4. At about 5:00 P.M., Laura Dresspass, my husband's sister told me that she had been told that Cornelious had been shot.
5. From this time until Sunday morning, July 16, 1967, I was not able to get any information about my husband from Martland Medical Center, although I tried repeatedly. The police would not let me into the hospital and they would not tell me anything over the phone. On Sunday, I called the hospital and was finally told that my husband had been dead since Friday.
6. I saw my husband's body in the morgue. It looked like park of his head had been shot off.
7. I sent Cornelius's cousin, Liz Murray, over to Martland with the note to get my deceased husband's belongings. She told me that a policeman there told her he knew the deceased as a school mate and that he (the policeman) would take her in. She said she went in and made inquires and was shown a little brown paper bag. The bag contained his wallet which contained picture of his 4 children and identification papers and 31 cents and

the deceased's keys. I now have these items.

8. When my husband left home 3 days earlier he had in his possession more than \$50 in his wallet, and was wearing a gold ring with a ruby and a diamond set in it. The ring had cost him about \$150. He was also wearing a gold Bulova watch. I have not seen or received my husband's (1) straw hat, (2) new black shoes (3) \$150 ruby and diamond ring (4) \$50 + in cash in his wallet (5) nor his watch. I received the wallet which was empty.

9. On that Sunday afternoon I was informed by several persons that they had read about my husband's death in New York papers. We sent out and bought a Sunday New York Daily News and found his obituary there. For the Daily News to have received this information and printed it on Sunday in the list of persons killed in the Newark violence means clearly that the hospital had given the information to the news-papers before telling me, the deceased's wife and mother of his 4 children, or the deceased's parents.

10. Up to this time I have not received the items listed above, nor have I been told who has possession of these items. I consider it disgraceful conduct that the hospital had taken it upon itself to release information on my husband's death to the Newspapers while they kept me, the mother of his 4 children, in suspense and ignorance as to this situation.

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GENEVA MURRAY

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