

9. CORNELIUS MURRAY

Age- 29

DATE: July 14, 1967

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: 61 Jones Street

Cornelius Murray was killed by a bullet which passed through his left chest and was not recovered. He was shot while standing with a group of men in front of a tavern on the west side of Jones Street a short distance from Springfield Avenue. Witnesses stated that they observed what appeared to be two Newark policemen firing at them from a window on the second floor of a vacant building on the northeast corner of Springfield Avenue and Jones Street and also from the rooftop of an adjacent building.

When the firing started, the group fled but Murray was hit. Shortly after the shooting, a Newark police car responded to the area to assist State Police officers who were pinned down by snipers on Springfield Avenue near Jones Street. The Newark police explained to Murray's companions that they could not take Murray to the hospital but would call for an ambulance; whereupon the civilians themselves drove Murray to the hospital. The police searched the building on the corner of Springfield Avenue and Jones Street and the adjacent buildings, including the rooftops, but found no one nor any spent shells or cartridges. Apparently, this shooting occurred within about fifteen minutes of the shooting of Detective Toto a few blocks away.

Due to insufficient evidence of any criminal misconduct by any identifiable person, the Jury found no cause for indictment.