25. RAYMOND GILMER

DATE: July 18, 1967

TIME: 12:03 A.M.

PLACE: Jelliff Avenue just north of Clinton Avenue

Raymond Gilmer was fatally shot in the back of the head by one of three shots fired by a Newark detective as he fled after disregarding an order to halt. Prior to the shooting, Gilmer had been observed by Newark police officers carrying a package out of a basement door at 774 Bergen Street. After the vehicle in which the police were riding made a u-turn, Gilmer was ordered to stop. Instead, he fired a shot which hit the left rear door of the police vehicle and fled in a Pontiac sedan. The police pursued with siren on and lights flashing to Clinton and Jelliff Avenues where Gilmer jumped from his car and attempted to flee. The Newark detective fired three shots, one of which struck Gilmer. A search of Gilmer's car, later proven to have been stolen, disclosed the presence of a .38 caliber revolver containing four live bullets and one spent cartridge which had been secreted under the left front seat. Also recovered from the car were articles of clothing and a knife was found near the body of the victim. A civilian witness testified that he had heard the police siren and observed the shooting as described. After the shooting he and everyone else were ordered off the street. He also testified that all stores in the area were closed including a restaurant located at the corner of Clinton and Jelliff Avenues. A statement by an alleged eyewitness who did not testify because of his absence from the State, was read to the Jury.

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