

8. RUFUS COUNCIL

Age- 35

DATE: July 14, 1967

TIME: Approximately 5:15 P.M.

PLACE: 69 South Orange Avenue

Rufus Council died from a .38 caliber bullet wound in the head. The bullet was too badly distorted for

identification purposes. He was one of a large crowd of people gathered on the north side of South Orange Avenue a short distance from Broome Street. Several witnesses testified that an unmarked car containing four police officers was driving north on Broome Street from the direction of Springfield Avenue towards South Orange Avenue. This would have been a few minutes after the death of Detective Toto. The occupants of the car were observed to be shooting into the air and as the car turned into South Orange Avenue the officer sitting in the rear of the car behind the driver fired his pistol into the crowd which resulted in the death of Rufus Council. There was conflicting testimony as to whether the car's occupants were Newark police officers or State police.

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