STATE OF NEW JERSEY) ) SS: COUNTY OF ESSEX )

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I, JOHN RICHARDSON, being 19 years of age and being duly sworn, upon my oath, do depose and say:

I am a Negro male and reside at 397 Clinton
Place, Newark, New Jersey.

2. I am a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps.

3. At about 12:25 A.M., July 18, 1967, I was in Arline's Luncheonette, 435 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. At that time I saw a patrol car pull up and then I heard glass breaking.

4. I went to the front of the restaurant and saw Newark policemen coming out of the hallway next door and saw one of them breaking empty bottles in a trash container on the street.

5. There were about six or seven policemen just walking around on the street with their riot guns. One of them came into the restaurant and said to the girl there, "Miss, don't have anyone drinking in here," or words to that effect, and left.

6. Then about six or seven policemen came in and started searching through the whole place. I asked a captain (I'm sure it was a police captain) if he needed a search warrant; he said not during a riot. He said, "I'm a police officer and that's enough", or words to, that effect.

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7. When I looked behind the counter, one or two were washing ther hands in the sink. I don't know why.

8. I called Police headquarters and asked if they needed a search warrant. The policeman downtown said, "I think they don't. Not in this case," or words to that effect. He said a woman had called up and reported that stolen goods had been brought into the restaurant.

9. All the searchers left after only a couple of minutes.

10. At about 12:30 A.M., I went and stood in the side door of Arline's.

11. I saw a black Pontiac turn the corner of Clinton and Jeliff Avenues. There were no passengers in the Pontiac, only the driver who was a Negro man.

12. The Pontiac stopped approximately 30 yards from the corner. In pursuit of the Pontiac there was one patrol car which came off Clinton into Jeliff Avenue. During the time that the patrol car was on Clinton Avenue the sirens had not been sounded. They were only sounded after the patrol car entered onto Jeliff Avenue.

13. The driver of the Pontiac stopped his automobile before the patrol car rounded the corner of Jeliff Avenue. The driver then moved from the driver's side to the passenger's side and exited from the passenger's door.

14. He began to run towards an alley which was approximately 10 to 15 yards away from his automobile. After the

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man left his car, the patrol car then rounded the corner of Jeliff.

15. Without any warning, a shot was fired from the patrol car. The patrol car never came to a complete halt until after the shot had been fired.

16. The man was hit and fell, but he did not die right away. The man could be seen breathing heaving after being shot.

17. There were about three and four patrolmen in the patrol car. All the patrolmen exited from their car, and one walked over to the man who had been shot. He shined a flashlight on the wounded man and began to go through his pockets.

18. No weapons were discovered, only a wallet.

19. After going through the man's pockets, the one patrolman then left the man alone and went to join his fellow patrolmen who were searching the wounded man's car. The patrolmen could not get the trunk of the car open so they searched only the front and back seats. Nothing was found.

20. Afterwards all the patrolmen went back to the body and merely looked at the man who was still breathing heavily. No effort was made to call an ambulance. I, John Richardson, at that time, called an ambulance myself.

21. About five minutes later an ambulance came and placed the wounded man in their truck and took him away.

22. After the shooting a news car pulled up. They got the story of the patrolman who had shot the man and took his picture. As they were going back to their car, I said,

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"There are witnesses who saw it. Don't you want to get their side of the story?", or words to that effect. They just got in their car and left, and that was it.

23. After they had left, another fellow and I went back in the alley to when the man had been shot. As we were coming back out of the alley, a patrol car came by and a cop asked us what we were doing. We told him a man had just had his brains blown out.

24. He said, "You must like that," or words to that effect, and left.

25. I learned that the man was dead when, shortly after he had been shot, a Negro patrolman went over to look at the body and came back and told us that he was dead.

26. The next day, I read in a newspaper that a man named Raymond Gilmer had been shot dead. By the description in the paper, I knew that Raymond Gilmer was the man that I had seen shot.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of July, 1967.

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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.

29 July , 1967 DATED:

John Dennis Richardson

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