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Junius Williams, Phil Hutchings and I this afternoon interviewed witnesses to the shooting of a 10-year-old boy, Eddie Moss of 240 Rose St. His mother Connie Moss was in shock and barely able to talk. Eddie's uncle, Jimmy Cannon, related the events of last night as he remembered them.

Jimmy, who lives at 18 E. Kinney, was in the Moss family car with Eddie, ~~Mmr~~ Mrs. Moss, the father Emerson Moss who was driving, and three other sons: Clarence (9), Michael (7), and Jerry (4 or 5). At about 7:45 or 8 pm July 14, the car set out for the White Castle on Elizabeth Avenue. ~~Ma~~ Jimmy says there was a roadblock at the White Castle, and the car slowed to a stop. National Guardsmen started shooting towards the car, he says, so he and Mr. Moss decided to run through the roadblock and escape the bullets. Before running the roadblock, Jimmy says he waved his hands frantically at the Guardsmen. After breaking through the roadblock, Mr Moss slowed the car down and Jimmy jumped out waving his arms again at the Guardsmen. They continued shooting, so Jimmy jumped back into the vehicle and it went through the second roadblock. The car now picked up tremendous speed, going as fast as 120 miles per hour. Not until the car got safely back to the corner of Rose and Livingston did the Mosses discover that Eddie was dead. "I took the boy out", Jimmy says.. There was a huge ~~knick~~ hole in the back of Eddie's head, and his brains were blasted all over the rear window and seat.

We inspected the car which still was parked at Rose and Livingston. It is a 1957 yellow and black Chevrolet, license NJ KBV-867. There three visible shots into the trunk and gas tank. There seem to be six separate bullet holes, in the right rear, rear and front windows. The bullet which hit Eddie seems to have entered through the rear ~~xxxxxx~~ window, passed through his head and buried itself in the front seat. Jimmy Cannon has three shells which he pulled from inside the car. Blood covers the back seat. Parts of Eddie's head and brains are ~~xxx~~ on the seat and right rear window. Jimmy said he will keep the car in its present condition, probably moving it into a garage.

Jimmy was beaten by several Newark police later in the night on the corner of Rose and Livingston when he refused to move from the corner. They took him to Fourth Precinct and were beating him again when, he says, the chief stopped the brutality. The chief, Jimmy says, instructed the police to let him go home.

"That boy was the one he loved best", Jimmy said, speaking of Eddie's father. "That boy was that man's heart. He used to be a good man, but now he's going to be no good." ~~xxxxxx~~ Eddie's viewing is Tuesday, the ~~xxxxxx~~ funeral Wednesday (at Whighams, 580 High St., 622-6872).

"This thing is wrong. I've faced a lot of things. I was four years in the Marines. But this is bad, and I just don't care anymore. I am to the point where I don't care no more. Why should innocent people suffer? I'm not for violence, I don't hold any grudges against you. I'm just for rights". ~~These~~ Jimmy repeated these feelings several times. So did Mrs. Moss. She stopped crying long enough to sit next to me and say: "You're not to blame. But this is your color that ~~me~~ did this. Let me tell you they are going to pay for it".

"We don't need anything", Jim said. "We want to go the limit in this@.

Police report on Eddie Moss seems to be clear from these news statements: "Edward Moss, Negro, 10, 240 Livingston St, slain by a sniper while riding in his parents car" (NY Times, July 16) "The boy killed was Edward Moss, 10, also the victim of a sniper as he rode with his parents in an automobile through Livingston St" (N News July 15)