

Rufus Council

Fri. nite just after ~~Fr~~ Toto

Ronald Coleman, 75 So. Orange, 14 father was witness -- wouldn't talk

Group standing NW corner of Wickliffe - So. Orange looking down Broome at the battle at Scudder, in which Toto was killed & Ronald Martin & Isaac Harrison were killed.

Firing stopped - police cars came down Broome. One stopped at intersection and fired at Rufus Council who was standing in the doorway of Roz's steak house. blue or black car with siren. One Negro detective and in left rear window white cop fired.. Probably a .38 pistol. Check in bar.

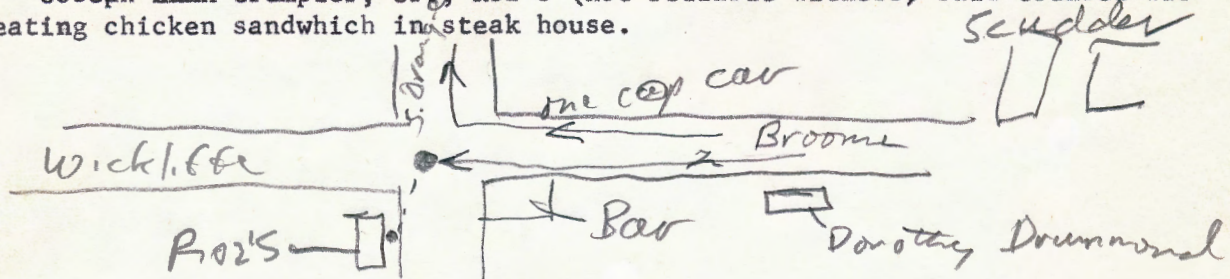
Witness Rose Wright, 97 S. Orange, 2d floor, husband is Counsel's cousin. Husband due in court 7/24 on looting charge - no lawyer.

→ Dorothy Drummond said police stopped by her house on Broome, waved guns, then went on.

Check in Roz's Steakhouse. Willie Washington in Bar.

1st cousin - John Counsel, 26.

Joseph ~~XXXX~~ Crumpler, Jr. Roz's (not reliable witness) said Counsel was eating chicken sandwich in steak house.



Statement of Martin Green, 116 Wickliffe St., 643-5469:

On Friday, at 5 P.m., I was standing on Wickliffe Street. Four plainclothesmen drove up in an unmarked car. The driver was Negro, the others were white. A man was coming out of the Steakhouse Restaurant, and one of the cops shot in the temple with a pistol. The shot him down dead, in cold blood. Then they drove off. An ambulance came and a half hour later I learned that he was dead.

A group of boys had been stoning a car full of white people a few minutes before this happened. I think these white people told the cops and they came back to get the boys. But the boys were gone, and the cops shot down an innocent man.

I learned later from the dead man's cousin that he was Rufus Council, of 1 Prince Street.

Died Fri. nite of .38 caliber. Police use such weapon.

Green said man named Coleman, 75 S. Orange, 3d Fl., was there when R. Council was shot.

Green standing in front of La Marr Cleaners - car turned off of S. Orange & came up Broome from direction of S<sup>o</sup> field.

Cops in greyish blue car.