

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
COUNTY OF ESSEX) SS:

I, Margaret Carter, being duly sworn upon my oath, do depose and say:

1. That I reside at 322 Hunterdon Street, Newark, New Jersey, in Hayes Homes. I have been a resident of the City of Newark for the past 20 years. I am a Negro.

2. That on July 15, 1967, I was in my apartment with my four children, Sonia, 1 month, Dwaine, 7, William, 8, and Lorenzo, 9.

3. That at approximately 6:30 P.M., on July 15, 1967, the state troopers and National Guardsmen were on the street outside of my apartment. At that time, they began shooting at my apartment building.

4. That in response to the shooting I got my children, and took them into my bedroom, closed the bedroom door, and we all laid down on the floor.

5. That while we were on the floor I heard someone kicking and banging on the door of the apartment of my god-sister, Gladys Green, 322 Hunterdon Street and then heard talking as they were going inside my sister's apartment.

6. That my god-sister was at the time visiting her aunt and cousin in Newport News, Virginia. She returned at 8:15 A.M. on July 17, 1967.

7. That the kicking and banging was so loud that I thought it was against my apartment door.

8. That in order to find out what was happening I crawled from my bedroom, down the hallway of my apartment, and peeked into the living room.

9. That I saw the door of my apartment had been left open when my son Lorenzo had taken the trash to the incinerator.

10. That I continued to crawl to the front door, locked it, stood up and looked out the peep hole and saw two New Jersey State Troopers breaking into the apartment, directly across the hall, which is occupied by Mrs. Emma Lewis who, at the time, was in Newark City Hospital.

11. That there was no one in Mrs. Lewis' apartment.
12. That I ran back to the bedroom and sat down on the floor with my children, with Sonia on my lap.
13. That, five or ten minutes after I sat down, there was knocking on my apartment door.
14. That, in response to the knocking, I crawled back to the front door and asked who was there.
15. That a voice said "Ronnie" so I looked through the peep hole and saw my cousin Ronald Williams, 16, 9 17th Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.
16. That I opened the door to let him in and we crawled back into the bedroom with the children.
17. That I called the Housing Maintenance building, 622-0889, and told them that the state troopers had broken into two apartments.
18. That the Maintenance man said there was nothing that could be done about it till the next day because of all the firing and the curfew.
19. That I asked him to call the police escort so he could come up and lock the doors that had been broken open but he said he couldn't do that.
20. That I called the United Community Corporation, 623-7313, and they told me to call the police.
21. That I called the police and they said that they couldn't take care of any matters of that sort until the next day and they told me to call back in the morning.
22. That about 15 or 20 minutes after I called the police, the shooting stopped and my cousin and I went down the hall to my god-sister's apartment.
23. That I saw that my god-sister's apartment door was open and saw the sheets pulled off the two beds, the mattresses on the floor, the curtains disarranged, a hole in a screen in a window with a blue-colored bed spread pushed through it, a hole in another screen with a white sheet pushed through it, drawers pulled open, closet doors open, a picture frame smashed, a mirror broken, other damage, and more bullet holes than I could count.

24. That we went back to my apartment.

25. That at about 8 or 8:30 P.M. that night the shooting began again and continued often throughout the night.

26. That around 11 P.M. that night, after I had heard that Lois Spellmen, 322 Hunterdon Street, had been shot in her apartment, my cousin, my four children and I went out into the hallway with about nine other people because it was safer in the hallway because there are no windows in the halls.

27. That we stayed in the hallway till the early morning.

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Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 8th day of July, August
1967.

George C. Brown
E. C. BROWN

NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires March 10, 1972