

STATE OF NEW JERSEY )  
COUNTY OF ESSEX ) SS:

I, Reverend Cornelius Murray, being duly sworn upon my oath, do depose and say:

1. I reside at 109 Hedden Terrace, Newark, New Jersey.

2. I am the Pastor at Bethel Baptist Church, 254 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey.

3. On Sunday, July 16, 1967, when I arrived at my church at about 9 A.M., Thelmon Green of 138 12th Avenue, said to me, "I want to tell you that junior is dead", or words to that effect. I replied, "What junior?" At this point I was expecting Thelmon to say that his brother was dead, because Thelmon has a brother called "junior". "It's your son junior". I was shocked and speechless.

4. I went to the house of my daughter-in-law, Geneva Murray, at 16 Wainwright Street at about 10 A.M. Geneva confirmed the fact to me that "junior" was dead.

5. Geneva told me that she had called Martland Medical Center shortly before I arrived and was told by a female voice that Cornelius, her husband, and my son, had been killed. Geneva told me that the lady had told her that Cornelius had been dead since Friday (July 14) and that nobody, neither the police nor the hospital, had told her of the death of her husband. She said that she knew nothing of the death before that Sunday morning even though she'd been calling Martland several times a day since Friday.

6. Later, Geneva, my wife and myself went to Martland Hospital Morgue, where I identified my son's body. My son's head was split wide open across the top and there was a hole of about 1½" in diameter at the back of the head. No one at the hospital made any explanation to me as to how my son got these injuries to his head. After the funeral, at Geneva's house

on the back porch, we assembled. There was Charles Mitchell, Jesse Koon, "Lonnie" (Koseph Alonzo) Koon, Morris Marsette, and myself. I had asked Charles for what information he had about Cornelius' death and he told me, "I was not there, but these boys, Jesse and Morris and Lonnie, they were with him. I'll call them out and they can give you the information." I asked these young men if they knew what had happened to Cornelius and Jesse said, "Yes, I was there, I saw what happened." Then Jesse said to me, "Corn (the deceased) had just walked up there where we were about 10 minutes and we were talking. All of a sudden the shooting started and we all fell down to the ground behind the cars. Then Corn tried to close a gap between 2 cars and got hit on his back on his body. He tried to get up and we told him to stay there because they may start shooting again. There were 2 Newark policemen in the building across the street, one had a shotgun and the other a pistol. After Corn tried to get up he also tried to talk but seemed as though he was having trouble getting the words." I told these young men about the wounds I noticed in Corn's head, and that I had closed the opening in the head, I said to them, "He was shot in the head, or he was hit with a bayonet." One of them replied and said to me, "No, he was not shot in the head. He was shot in the back." I said to these young men that I may need them to do me a favor again on this, and they replied that they were all there when this happened, and that they are willing to sign an affidavit to the effect of what they had seen. They emphasized that they were just standing outside the R & R Lounge talking, that they were not doing anything wrong, and how surprised they were that the police shot at them.

I have read the above statement consisting of 3 type-written pages and find it correct and accurate.

signed: *Cornelius M. Murray*  
Rev. Cornelius Murray

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of *September*  
1967.

*Charlyn B. DeNeil*

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My Commission Expires Aug. 10, 1970