

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)  
COUNTY OF ESSEX ) ss:

I, SHARON SPELLMAN, residing at 322 Hunterdon Street, Newark, New Jersey upon my oath duly sworn, depose and say:

1. My windows face the intersection of Hunterdon and Springfield Avenue. I reside with my family in apartment 10E.

2. On Friday, July 15, 1967, I was playing in the street with young friends when State Troopers came along and chased us all into our houses calling us "black MF's".

3. Shortly after I returned to my apartment, I looked out the window and saw a man sitting in a metal folding chair, which was up against the bar on the intersection of Springfield and Hunterdon Avenues. First, the Newark police drove by without incident. Then the State Troopers came by and kicked the chair out from underneath this man and beat him severely.

4. The next thing I noticed from my window was a neighbor sitting on the car on the far side of Hunterdon directly across from me. He was talking with some friends on the near side of Hunterdon. State Troopers came along and ordered him to get away from there, and as he started to come down from the car, I saw them shoot him twice in the leg and then drag him into a doorway. Shortly thereafter, they took him out of the doorway and around the corner onto Springfield Avenue where they continued to beat him severely. This last incident was also witnessed by Alandea Jones, who resides in my building on the fourth floor.

5. On the following Saturday afternoon, at about 5 o'clock after returning from doing the family shopping at Foodtown with two of my brothers, all the six sisters of the family were sitting in the kitchen as our mother had told us to stay away from the windows. We were talking and making a lot of noise. Suddenly, my sister, Doreen, told me that mother had been shot. I started screaming and called the neighbors. It was then that I noticed there was a lot of shooting going on and some of it was coming into our apartment. The State Troopers came up and put a white sheet out the window and the firing stopped. About 45 minutes later, the ambulance came to take my mother away. She died the next day.

6. A neighbor whose name I don't know, but I believe it appeared in the AFRO-AMERICAN, said he saw it all and that Troopers and Guardsmen did the shooting.

7. Everything I say is the truth as best I remember.

Sharon Spellman  
SHARON SPELLMAN

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 26th day of July, 1967.

Robert C. [Signature]  
Notary Public, N.J.