

Robert Lee Martin, 241 W. Market

Dr. Edwin Albano, Essex med. exam., said Martin died of small caliber wounds. 7/16

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"There was so many peoples, mobs of peoples...and so many not cooperating. There wasn't any looting we was doin'" the mother-in-law says, and her voice trails off as she shakes her head sideways.

Behind her sits the father, an ageing, greying, balding cigar smoking trim man who works at a junk yard. The mother goes about brooding a round steak and Robert Lee Martin, 22, has been dead 10 days.

The brother-in-law, Herbert Price, age 24, clears his throat to deliver an account of the last day of Robert Martin's life: "He got home early Friday, morning, about five o'clock. He stayed at my house and slept until about 3 in the afternoon. He got up to go outside but came back in cause of the ~~xxxx~~ rain. He read the paper, and about five o'clock after the rain had stopped we went outside to see what was goin' on.

"There was this big group of people standing on Mercer St. watchin' some looters taking things from an appliance store on Springfield."

Herbert Price continues. "About an hour later the police came. We shouldn'ta been there except we was curious, you know? These police came from ... I don't know where, some them of them from Broome ST. in both directions.

"The looters started runnin, and they came right toward us. Most of the peoples -- looters and watchers -- was from our community." (Mr. Price lives in a pub. Housing project.) never

Mrs. Martin interrupts. "He hadn't/been in trouble. No police record anywhere," she says..

And Price picks up the story. "We heard these shots and we figured they was firin in the air to stop the looters. I turned and saw he was hit in the forehead. They wasn't firin over our heads."

~~xxxx~~ The Newark police don't know too much about Robert Martin, not even his correct address. An investigation is "pending." There is no information on the money his family says was stolen from the body.

Robert Martin came to Newark to get a good job. They killed him July 14.

See: Mr. Weldon Martin, 245 W. Kinney St. 643 - 8153
witness: Herbert Price (Scudder)

Howard St. near Mercer St.