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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

INFORMATION:

This investigation is concerning a quadruple homicide that occurred on or about September 17, 2007, at approximately 23:25, at the residence located at 19741 Runyon in the City of Detroit (Detroit Police Department Incident No. 0709180002) and the subsequent court proceedings that followed (*People v Davontae Sanford*, 3rd Circuit Court No 07-015018-01-FC).

The Michigan State Police involvement with this investigation began with an investigation of Detroit Police Department Homicide Inspector William Rice. On January 25, 2011, I assisted the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Office of Inspector General (HUD-OIG) and the U.S. Secret Service (U.S.S.S.) with a fraud investigation involving a William Rice and Cheryl Sanford. During the aforementioned investigation of William Rice, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office requested that I also investigate William Rice for suspected perjury in the case of *People v Davontae Sanford*, 3rd Circuit Court No 07-015018-01-FC. I conducted the investigation of William Rice for perjury in a capital case (Michigan State Police incident 10-142-13). He subsequently was charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and pled guilty. (*People v William Rice* 3rd Circuit Court Case 13003607-01-FH). During the investigation of William Rice for perjury, I interviewed several people, including Vincent Smothers, who were pertinent to the original investigation of the homicides that occurred on Runyon Street (Detroit Police Department Incident No. 0709180002).

As a result of my review of the Detroit Police Department investigation and the related events involving Vincent Smothers, I determined that a more in depth investigation would be appropriate. In late April of 2015, D/F/Lt Furlong and I met with representatives of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and requested that the investigation into the homicides that occurred at 19741 Runyon in the City of Detroit be re-opened.

This investigation is pursuant to a May 04, 2015, letter to Michigan Department of State Police Director Colonel Etue from Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy requesting the investigative assistance of the Michigan State Police in connection with the post-conviction proceedings in *People v Davontae Sanford*, 3rd Circuit Court No 07-015018-01-FC.

[Letter from Wayne County Prosecutor Requesting MSP to Investigate.pdf](#)

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

The following is a synopsis of the events surrounding the investigation into a quadruple homicide that occurred at the residence located at 19741 Runyon in the City of Detroit on or about September 17, 2007 and the subsequent trial, appeals and related investigations. The following information is based upon Detroit Police Department Case No. 0709180002, witness statements and court transcripts from *People v Davontae Sanford*, Wayne County Circuit Court Case No. 07-015-018-01-FC.

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT NO 0709180002:

On September 17, 2007, at approximately 23:32, Detroit Police responded to the residence located at 19741 Runyon Street as result of a 911 call being placed at 23:22. Four people were shot to death inside of the residence and one victim had been shot but survived. The homicide victims were subsequently identified as Michael Robinson, DeAngelo McNoriell, Nicole Chapman and Brian Dixon. The surviving victim was a Valerie Golver.

Valerie Glover informed police that she and the other victims were watching television in the living room. The incident began when numerous shots were fired through the front door and the living room front window. The suspects then entered the residence and continued shooting. Robinson, McNoriell, Chapman and Dixon were shot and killed in the living room. Glover was shot but escaped to a back bedroom where Robinson's seven-year-old son was sleeping. Glover then hid underneath the bed where the child was sleeping. Glover stated that one of the suspects entered the bedroom and told her "be quiet" and that she "better pretend to be dead". Glover further informed police that she heard a second subject yell, "where the shit at?" Glover stated that she then heard some movement in the basement of the residence and additional gunfire. The suspects then left the residence without further harming Glover or injuring the child. Glover described the suspect who spoke to her in the room as a black male, approximately six-feet tall, with a slim build and "soft voice".

Detroit Police Department evidence technicians recovered numerous Speer, CBC and Federal brand .45 auto cartridge casings and Wolf and FC brand 7.62 x 39 millimeter casings from the scene. Additionally, .45 caliber slugs and .30 caliber bullets were recovered from the scene and from the bodies of the victims.

A neighbor who resided at 19764 Runyon, Jesse Israel King, informed responding officers that he had heard the gunfire and called 911. King further informed officers that when he was exiting his home he observed two black males walking north bound on Runyon. One of the black males then fired a rifle at him. King stated that he then fired back with his pistol. According to the Detroit Police incident report King described the suspects as two black males both wearing black "hoodies", approximately six feet tall with thin builds. King informed officers that the two suspects fled west through a field between Runyon and State Fair.

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According to Detroit Police incident reports Ofc. Christopher Salisbury, along with Detroit Police Homicide Sergeant Michael Russell and Investigator Dale Collins conducted a K-9 track from the scene to a drive located at 19770 Beland. According to Sergeant Russell, he began to canvas the area and at some point a subject, identified as Davontae Sanford, approached him. Sergeant Russell indicated that Sanford asked him if he was a police officer and asked why he was there. According to Sergeant Russell, after speaking with Sanford for several minutes, Sanford made some statements relating to the homicides that had occurred at 19741 Runyon. Sergeant Russell then left Sanford with Investigator Dale Collins while he left to obtain an unmarked police vehicle.

According to Detroit Police incident reports Sanford was subsequently transported from the scene to Detroit Police Department headquarters where he gave a statement that he had knowledge of who had committed the homicides. Sanford was taken home and was again interviewed the following day whereupon he confessed to being involved in the homicides that had occurred at 19741 Runyon. Sanford implicated four other subjects: Angelo Gardner AKA "Los", Antonio Langston AKA "PBI Tone", Cary Dailey AKA "Cary" and Santo Green AKA "Tone Tone". Additionally, Detroit Police indicated that Sanford had drawn a sketch of the interior of 19741 Runyon including the location of the bodies.

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT NO. 070918002:

The following is a list of the contents of the report documenting the investigation into the homicides that occurred at 19741 Runyon Street:

1. Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.1 - 5 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.2 - 6 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.3 - 6 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.4 - 7 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.5 - 7 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.6 - 5 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.7 - 5 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.8 - 5 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.9 - 6 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.10- 7 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.11- 7 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.12- 7 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.13- 6 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.14- 9 pages
- There is no record of a 0709180002.15 report

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- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.16- 6 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.17- 8 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.18- 7 pages
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.19- 1 page
- Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.20- 11 pages
- 2. Detroit Police Department Homicide Scene Investigator's Report - 11 pages
- 3. Witness Statement from Sonja Gaskin dated 09/18/07 - 2 pages
- 4. Witness Statement from John Matyn dated 09/18/07 - 3 pages
- 5. Witness Statement from Keimya Jackson dated 09/18/07 - 6 pages
- 6. Witness Statement from Jesse King dated 09/18/07 - 5 pages
- 7. Witness Statement from Valerie Glover dated 09/18/07 - 3 pages
- 8. Witness Statement from Valerie Glover dated 09/25/07 - 3 pages
- 9. Detroit Police Department canvas sheets dated 09/18/07 - 6 pages
- 10. CAD Run Sheets for Runyon Street date 09/17/07 - 4 pages
- 11. Copies of miscellaneous investigator's notes unknown author - 10 pages
- 12. DPD Witness Conveyance Consent form for Sanford dated 09/18/07 - 1 page
- 13. DPD "Notification of Rights" form for Sanford dated 09/18/07 - 1 page
- 14. Sanford's initial typed Statement dated 09/18/07 at 0400am - 3 pages
- 15. Photograph of black male "ID of Los by Sanford" dated 09/18/07 - 1 page
- 16. Photograph of firearms "pistol Sanford claimed he was in possession of at time of incident" - 1 page
- 17. Photograph of black male "ID of Tone's cousin by Sanford" dated 09/18/07 - 1 page
- 18. Photograph of black male "ID of Tone Tone by Sanford" dated 09/18/07 - 1 page
- 19. Photograph of black male "ID of PBI Tone by Sanford" dated 09/18/07 - 1 page
- 20. Written permission to interview Davontae Sanford from Taminko Sanford dated 09/18/07 - 1 page
- 21. DPD "Notification of Rights" for Sanford dated 09/18/07 at 10:00 pm - 1 page
- 22. Typed statement of Sanford dated 09/18/07 at 9:30 pm - 2 pages
- 23. Post-Mortem Examination Report for Michael Robinson - 5 pages
- 24. Toxicology Report for Michael Robinson - 1 page
- 25. Medical Examiner's Notes for Michael Robinson - 3 pages
- 26. Post-Mortem Examination Report for Nicole Chapman - 5 pages
- 27. Toxicology Report for Nicole Chapman - 1 page
- 28. Medical Examiner's Notes for Nicole Chapman - 2 pages
- 29. Post-Mortem Examination Report for Brian Dixon - 5 pages
- 30. Toxicology Report for Brian Dixon - 1 page
- 31. Medical Examiner's Notes for Brian Dixon - 3 pages
- 32. Post-Mortem Examination for Deangelo McNoriell - 3 pages
- 33. Toxicology Report for Deangelo McNoriell - 1 page

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34. Medical Examiner's Notes for Deangelo McNoriell - 2 pages
35. Witness Statement from Taminko Sanford dated 01/05/07 (misdated) - 4 pages
36. Witness Statement from Nathaniel Sanford dated 01/05/08 - 3 pages
37. Witness Statement from Lacreasha Vinson dated 09/19/07 - 1 page
38. Detroit Police Department Homicide #7 Progress Notes -1 page
39. Handwritten notes from unknown author - 1 page
40. Evidence Tech Report for 19741 Runyon 07-2665 - 7 pages
41. Evidence Tech Report for 5099 Van Dyke 07-2665S1 - 2 pages
42. Evidence Tech Report for 19700 Beland 07-2665S2 - 2 pages
43. Gun Shot Residue (GSR) Test Info Sheet Ref: Sanford dated 09/18/07 - 1 page
44. Detroit Police Department Lab Report for GSR & Biology Ref: Sanford dated 12/19/07 - 3 pages
45. Detroit Police Department Firearms Report F07-1130A - 6 pages
46. Detroit Police Department Homicide Case Trax 0709180002 - 2 pages
47. Detroit Police Department Request for Lab Service 0709180002 - 10 pages
48. Request for Warrant 07-305/07-306/07-307/07-308 - 6 pages
49. Medical Examiner's Registration Summary for victims -10 pages
50. Search Warrant & Affidavit for 19700 Beland dated 09/19/07 - 4 pages
51. Search Warrant & Affidavit for 5099 Van Dyke dated 09/20/07 - 3 pages
52. Search Warrant & Affidavit for 11421 Christy dated 09/20/07 - 3 pages
53. Detroit Police Department telephone and visitor restriction form ref: Langston & Gardner - 4 pages
54. DPD "Notification of Rights" for Antonio Langston dated 09/18/07 2:00pm - 1 page
55. Witness Statement from Antonio Langston (narrative portion is blank) dated 09/18/07 2:14 pm - 1 page
56. DPD "Notification of Rights" for Antonio Langston dated 09/19/07 10:35am - 1 page
57. Witness Statement from Antonio Langston (narrative portion is blank) dated 09/19/07 10:35am - 1 page
58. DPD "Notification of Rights" for Antonio Langston dated 09/19/07 03:52pm - 1 page
59. Witness Statement from Antonio Langston dated 09/19/07 03:58pm - 4 pages
60. DPD "Notification of Rights" for Angelo Gardner dated 09/18/07 at 03:05pm - 1 page
61. DPD "Notification of Rights" for Angelo Gardner dated 09/19/07 at 10:30am - 1 page
62. DPD "Notification of Rights" for Angelo Gardner dated 09/18/07 at 03:45pm - 1 page
63. Witness Statement from Angelo Gardner dated 09/19/07 1035am - 2 pages
64. Witness Statement from Angelo Gardner dated 09/19/07 350pm - 1 page
65. DPD "Notification of Rights" for Santo Green dated 09/21/07 01:46pm - 1 page
66. Davontae Sanford's sketch of crime scene dated 09/18/07 - 1 page

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VICTIMS OF THE HOMICIDE THAT OCCURRED AT 19741 RUNYON:

NAM: MICHAEL DAVID ROBINSON

NBR:	RAC:	ETH:
STR:	SEX:	OPS:
SFX:	DOB:	SSN:
CTY:	HGT:	SID:
TXH:	WGI:	FBI:
	HAI:	MNU:

NAM: NICOLE ALTIMEAS CHAPMAN

NBR:	RAC:	ETH:
STR:	SEX:	OPS:
SFX:	DOB:	SSN:
CTY:	HGT:	SID:
TXH:	WGI:	FBI:
TXW:	HAI:	MNU:
	EYE:	PRN:

NAM: BRIAN DOUGLAS DIXON

NBR:	RAC:	ETH:
STR:	SEX:	OPS:
SFX:	DOB:	SSN:
CTY:	HGT:	SID:
TXH:	WGI:	FBI:
TXW:	HAI:	MNU:
	EYE:	PRN:

NAM: DANGELO ANGELO MCNORIELL

NBR:	RAC:	ETH:
STR:	SEX:	OPS:
SFX:	DOB:	SSN:
CTY:	HGT:	SID:
TXH:	WGI:	FBI:
TXW:	HAI:	MNU:
	EYE:	PRN:

Photos of Deceased Victims-Runyon Street.pdf

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MICHAEL ROBINSON'S SON/PRESENT AT RESIDENCE WHEN HOMICIDES OCCURRED:

NAM:

NBR:	DIR:	RAC:	ETH:
STR:		SEX:	OPS:
SFX:		DOB:	SSN:
CTY:	ST:	HGT:	SID:
		WGT:	FBI:

INITIAL INVESTIGATION/CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION:

According to the "Homicide Scene Investigation" report: "The suspects approached the location from the north (State Fair) at which point two shooters, one armed w/.45 caliber semi-automatic and one armed w/AK-47 assault rifle fired a total of fifteen rounds into the front of the location. After doing so the suspects entered the location through the front door." Under the "Observations" section the report states: The outside of 19741 Runyon is the sight of the initial assault. "There is a spent 7.62 casing on the grass S/O the porch, (sic) there are six spent 7.62 casings on the grass N/O the porch and in the driveway is five spent 7.62 casings and three spent .45 caliber casings. The front porch is covered with glass from the front security gate and one of the bars is almost severed by the bullet." *Investigator's Note: review of the crime scene photographs shows no damage to the front door of the residence only damage to the security gate. This would indicate that the front door was open when the assailants fired into the residence.*

Additionally, the "Homicide Scene Investigation" report details the scene involving the shooting with Jesse King at or near [redacted]. The report states: "the suspect armed with the AK-47 assault rifle fired three rounds into [redacted]. There is a spent 7.62 casing on the sidewalk and another in the street at the curbline." The report indicates that there are two spent 9MM casing on the front porch of [redacted] where Jesse King was located while firing at the suspects. Additionally, the report indicates that a 7.62 round was recovered in the front room of [redacted].

The Detroit Police Department "Evidence Technician Report" details where and what type of firearms evidence was recovered from the scene. It also details other items of property seized from the scene. The report indicates that several "FC" and "Wolf" brand 7.62 x 39 casings and several "Speer" brand .45 auto casings were recovered in front of the residence at 19741 Runyon. Additionally, "CBC", "Federal" and "Speer" .45 auto casings as well as several "Wolf" brand 7.62 x 39 casing were located inside of the residence. Additionally, the Evidence Technician Report indicates that several items of clothing were seized from the scene as well as two "Motorola" brand cellular telephones.

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Also important to note is that the police report indicates, and crime scene photographs show, that several marijuana plants and grow lights were discovered in the basement of the residence.

[DPD CRISNET Report 0709180002.1-20 CAD-911 Sheets.pdf](#)

[Homicide Scene Investigation Report 19741 Runyon.pdf](#)

[Runyon Homicide Scene Photographs.pdf](#)

[ME Report from Runyon Investigation.pdf](#)

VEHICLES SEIZED AS EVIDENCE:

According to records provided by the Detroit Police Department, three vehicles were seized from the scene of the homicide: a 1990 red Pontiac Bonneville, a 2000 black Ford Taurus and 1997 a red Pontiac Grand Prix. Also seized was a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria four door, registered to Angelo Dontae Gardner. It appears that Gardner's vehicle was seized upon his arrest on September 18, 2007. There is no record or report of any items located or seized from the vehicles or of any examination conducted on them. It appears that all vehicles were released.

[Vehicle Record - Seized and Released from Runyon Street.pdf](#)

INFORMATION RECEIVED BY OFFICER JIMENEZ:

According to "Progress Notes: Scene Loc: 19741 Runyon", Police Officer Jimenez made contact with two subjects at the scene location who provided information. The first subject, a Wallace Kelly, stated that the suspect vehicles were a white work van and a red Buick. The second subject, a Sadie Hunt, stated that "she had heard" that the shooters were two youths from the area. The first suspect was identified as a "Tone-Tone" and the second suspect was identified as a "Twan".

[Progress Notes from PO Jimenez.pdf](#)

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SURVIVING VICTIM/WITNESS HOMICIDES THAT OCCURRED AT 19741 RUNYON:

NAM: VALERIE LIANJAVE DELORES GLOVER

NBR	RAC:	ETH:
STR:	SEX:	OPS
SFX:	DOB:	SSN:
CTY:	HGT:	SID:
TXH:	WGT:	FBI:
TXW:	HAI:	MNU:
	EYE:	PRN:

SYNOPSIS OF STATEMENTS MADE BY VALERIE GLOVER:

Glover made several oral statements to responding Detroit Police Officers, including one to Officer Anthony Murray while being treated at the hospital. Glover provided a written statement to Detroit Police Homicide Investigator Jiminez on September 18, 2007. She provided a second statement to Detroit Homicide Investigator Simon on September 25, 2007. On October 01, 2007, Glover testified in an exam in 36th District Court for *People v Davontae Sanford*. Finally, on March 18, 2008, Glover testified in the 3rd Circuit Court for *People v Davontae Sanford*, 3rd Circuit Court No 07-015018-01-FC.

In Detroit Police Department Report No. 0709180002.10, authored by Officer Anthony Murray, Glover is reported as stating that she heard several gunshots outside of the residence at which time she ran to the bedroom where she heard the bullets hitting the window. Glover is reported as stating that she believed there to be about two to three subjects that entered the house while she was hiding under the bed with the child. Glover is reported as stating that one subject entered the bedroom where she was located and told her to be quiet and she better pretend to be dead. The other subjects were in the living room with the other victims. Glover is reported as saying the other subjects were saying "where the shit at?" Glover stated that she then heard gunshots and the subjects left the residence.

Glover then provided a written statement to Officer Jimenez, dated September 18, 2007, at 0440 am. Glover states that she and the others were in the living room and shots were fired into the house and she heard glass breaking. Glover stated that she ran to _____ and crawled under the bed. Glover stated that she heard people come into the house and then someone came into the room she was in. Glover indicated that the subject stated "where's it at?" and "I'll kill you." Glover explained that she told the subject it was the first time she was at the house and that she didn't know anything. Glover stated that the subject then asked _____ where it was at and she told the subject that _____ didn't know either.

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Glover then stated that she stayed under the bed and heard more shooting. Glover stated that "once it quieted down" she retrieved her cellular telephone and called the police.

Upon questioning Glover advised that the only subject she saw was the one that was in the bedroom with her. Glover described the subject as a black male, no more than thirty to thirty-three years old with a soft voice. Glover further described the subject as approximately 6' to 6"1" tall with a slim build. She also stated that the subject had something on his face like a "raid mask".

Valerie Glover Statements and Courtroom Testimony.pdf

STATEMENT BY SONJA GASKIN:

Sonja Gaskin, who resided at _____, provided a written statement to Sgt K. Gardner on September 18, 2007. Gaskin stated that she heard gunshots and she looked out her door window but didn't see anyone. Gaskin stated that she then saw two subjects walking past her house towards State Fair and they both had ski masks. Gaskin stated that both subjects had guns and one had a long gun hanging down by his side. Gaskin advised that after seeing the men she got down on the floor. She described hearing a second volley of gunshots, possibly two or three, after she saw the men walk past.

Sonja Gaskin Witness Statement.pdf

STATEMENT BY JOHN MATYN:

John Matyn, who resided at _____, provided a written statement to Sgt K. Gardner on September 18, 2007. Matyn stated that he initially heard five gunshots and, after a short pause, another six to ten gunshots. Matyn then stated that he looked out and he observed a figure walk inside of "Big Mike's" house. Matyn stated that after one or two minutes he heard another two to four gunshots that sounded like they were coming from inside the residence. Matyn stated that he could tell it was two different guns that were firing. Matyn stated that he didn't see anyone leave "Big Mike's" house and he didn't see any cars either.

Matyn Witness Statement

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WITNESS WHO EXCHANGED GUNFIRE WITH SUSPECT:

NAM: JESSE KING

NBR:	RAC:	ETH:
STR:	SEX:	OPS:
SFX:	DOB:	SSN:
CTY:	HGT:	SID:
TXH:	WGT:	FBI:
	HAI:	MNU:

SYNOPSIS OF STATEMENTS MADE BY JESSE KING:

Jesse King, who resided at _____ initially provided a written statement to Sgt Gerald Williams on September 18, 2007. King subsequently testified in 3rd Circuit Court on *People v Sanford* on March 18, 2008, and again in 3rd Circuit Court for an evidentiary hearing in *People v Sanford* on December 11, 2009.

King stated that he had been sitting on his couch watching the news when he heard gunfire. King described hearing an initial round of gunfire, a pause, and then a second round of gunfire. King stated that he told his son to call 911 and he looked outside. King stated that he observed two subjects exit Michael Robinson's house and begin walking down the street towards his house. Upon questioning, King stated that the two subjects left Robinson's house approximately five to ten minutes after he heard the first round of gunfire. King described the first subject as being "5'11" – 6", brown skinned, slim medium build, dark clothes something like they wear in the winter with the center out but they had it up on their heads." He advised the initial subject was carrying a long gun. King described the second subject as slightly shorter than the first with the same build and complexion. He advised that subject was carrying a handgun. King stated that his storm door was open and when the subject with the long gun saw that he (King) was looking at them, the subject with the long gun fired at him. King stated that he fired back with his 9mm pistol. King stated that both subjects then walked towards the fence and he lost sight of them.

King Witness Statement and Trial Testimony 03/18/08

Evidentiary Hearing 12/11/09

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SECURITY VIDEO FROM JESSE KING'S RESIDENCE:

D/Sgt Roti and I located a VHS tape in evidence received from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. We determined that the VHS tape was a tape from a security camera located at Jesse King's residence. It appears that the video was originally seized by the Detroit Police Department. I submitted the VHS tape to the Michigan State Police Audio Visual Unit for examination. No footage on the tape contained dates that were relevant to this investigation. The VHS tape was placed into Michigan State Police property (AICS Property #153).

REPORT OF K-9 TRACK BY OFFICER CHRIS SALISBURY:

According to the supplemental incident report by K-9 Officer Chris Salisbury, 0709180002.5, he made contact with Sgt. Bill Hart who informed him that the suspects involved in the shooting were observed by witnesses running northwest across a field towards E. State Fair. Officer Salisbury and his K-9 began a track northwest across the field from Runyon towards E. State Fair. He continued tracking westbound on E. State Fair along the curb across Teppert Street to a vacant field just before Beland. Officer Salisbury then tracked across the vacant field towards Beland and then tracked southbound on Beland along the sidewalk. Officer Salisbury continued tracking southbound on Beland and stopped at the drive of 19770 Beland. At that point the track was terminated.

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STATEMENTS BY INVESTIGATOR DALE COLLINS:

The following are statements by Investigator Dale Collins relating to the events surrounding the investigation of the homicides that occurred at 19741 Runyon. The information was obtained from a transcript of testimony given by Investigator Collins taken on July 13, 2010 and a subsequent interview of Investigator Collins on October 30, 2012 in reference to *People v William Rice* 3rd Circuit Court Case 13003607-01-FH.

Investigator Collins advised that he was working on September 17, 2007 and responded to the scene on Runyon Street. He followed the K-9 track along with Sergeant Russell and while conducting a canvass of the area on Beland, he observed Sergeant Russell speaking with Davontae Sanford. Collins stated that he then made contact with Sanford who informed him that he had been dropped off earlier that day by his Uncle Bill. Collins advised that he asked "Bill who?" and Sanford responded that it was Bill Rice. Collins informed Sanford that he knew Bill Rice and that he (Sanford) needed to help the police.

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Collins stated that Sanford told him that William Rice had picked him up from school and dropped him off. Collins assumed at his (Sanford's) house. Upon questioning, Collins indicated that at the time of the incident he had worked with and known William Rice for over twenty years. William Rice had previously been the Inspector for the Detroit Police Department Homicide Section. Collins indicated that after discovering that Sanford was referring to William Rice he called Rice via his cellular telephone. Collins stated that he spoke with Rice and informed him that he was with a subject that claimed that he was his nephew and that he (William Rice) had dropped him off.

Rice informed Collins that Sanford was not his nephew "but he's a young guy that know (*sic*) a lot of things that happens (*sic*) in that neighborhood". Upon questioning, Collins indicated that the number of the cellular telephone that he called William Rice on that evening was

Investigator Collins was also interviewed reference *People v William Rice* on October 30, 2012. Upon questioning he clarified his telephone call to William Rice. He stated "I called Bill Rice, and I asked him--or I told him that we were working on a triple homicide and that we were talking to a young fellow. And this guy said that he had been dropped off by Bill. And I asked Bill, I said well--Bill asked me well, what's his name? And I told Bill his name is Davontae. He said, well, yes, that's Cheryl's nephew; that he had dropped him off over there. He also said that he was a young--he's about 14 or 15 years old, and he's a street guy. Anything out in the street he knew about. So if he tells you something, you can believe it."

Collins was questioned if Rice said anything else concerning Sanford. Collins stated "No. Basically whatever he told me, I could like believe what he said because he knew the streets. He also said that it was Cheryl's nephew, not his nephew." "Bill mentioned to me that he was trying to get him in school because he was in the street, and he had supposedly dropped him off from the west side, took him to the east side where he lived at. He lived on ' ' "Only thing happened next was I told Bill we're going to be talking to him. Well, he knew that. So the conversation basically ended."

Collins indicated that he recalls going to Sanford's house. However, he stated he didn't specifically recall obtaining consent to transport Sanford. Collins then stated that he, Sgt Russell, and Commander James Tolbert drove Sanford around in Tolbert's vehicle. Collins stated that Sanford then pointed out several locations where people sell guns and gave them general information about the neighborhood.

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TESTIMONY OF SGT MICHAEL RUSSELL:

Sgt Michael Russell testified on four occasions in reference to his involvement in the investigation of the homicides that occurred at 19741 Runyon on September 17, 2007. Sgt Russell testified at 36th District Court on October 01, 2007, for a preliminary hearing in *People v Sanford*. He again testified at trial in 3rd Circuit Court on *People v Sanford* on March 18, 2008. Finally, Sgt Russell testified in evidentiary hearings on *People v Sanford* in 3rd Circuit Court on July 21, 2009, and July 13, 2010. *Note, there is no report authored by Sgt Russell reflecting his actions or involvement in the investigation.* The following is a synopsis of the testimony by Sgt Russell:

Sgt Russell explained that on September 17, 2007, he was working the afternoon shift from 4 p.m. to midnight. He advised that he was dispatched out to the scene of the Runyon Street shooting and observed the outside and inside of the residence. Sgt Russell advised that he and Dale Collins then followed the K-9 officer while he tracked around the corner to Beland Street. Sgt Russell explained that while he was conducting a canvas he observed Sanford walking towards him.

Sgt Russell stated that Sanford asked him if he was the police. Sgt Russell stated that Sanford then asked him what he was investigating and Russell advised he told Sanford he knew what he was investigating. Sgt Russell stated that Sanford began to tell him a story regarding some individuals and their involvement in the shooting that occurred on Runyon. Sgt Russell stated that he left Sanford on the street with Dale Collins, who went to explain to Sanford's parents that they were talking to him. Sgt Russell explained that he left to contact Commander Tolbert so they could use his unmarked truck to drive Sanford around in. Sgt Russell stated that he then obtained a signed consent form from Sanford's grandmother to interview Sanford. Sgt Russell stated that Sanford told him that he could point out the location of where one of the individuals involved in the homicide ran to. Further, Sgt Russell stated that Sanford told him that he could point out different locations of the people whose names he had provided. Sgt Russell advised that they drove around and Sanford pointed out a few locations after which they went downtown for an interview. Sgt Russell advised that the first interview concluded in the early morning hours of September the 18th. Davontae Sanford was released and transported back home. Sgt Russell explained that in the afternoon of the 18th he returned to work and he and Officer Carlisle returned to Davontae Sanford's residence. Sgt Russell stated that upon arrival they spoke with Davontae's mother, Taminko Sanford, and his grandmother. Sgt Russell stated that he obtained permission from Sanford's mother to transport him back to the Detroit Police Department and interview him a second time. Sgt Russell testified that during this second interview, Sanford confessed to the crime and a written statement was created which Sgt Russell reviewed with Sanford and had him initial. Sgt Russell further explained that this review with Sanford was video/audio recorded.

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WITNESS CONVEYANCE CONSENT FORM:

The Detroit Police Department "Witness Conveyance Consent Form" for Davontae Sanford is dated "09-18-07". The written time is illegible but appears to be "33". The officer requesting the consent is Michael Russell and the witness signing for Davontae Sanford is Pamela Sanford, his grandmother.

Witness Conveyance form for Davontae Sanford - Signed by Pamela Sanford.pdf

GUNSHOT RESIDUE TEST:

According to the relevant Detroit Police Department "Gunshot Residue Test Information Sheet", a gunshot residue test was conducted on Davontae Sanford on September 18, 2007, at 03:13 by William Niarhos at 19741 Runyon. The subsequent laboratory analysis (Detroit Police Department Lab No. B07-0631) states the following: GSR Kit #5038 was submitted, consisting of three aluminum SEM sampling stubs labeled Right Web, Left Webb, and Forehead/face. Significant amounts of Lead, Barium, and Antimony were **not** detected on any of the sampling stubs from **Davontae Sanford**.



Gunshot Residue Test - Davontae Sanford.pdf

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS NOTIFICATION FORM:

The relevant Detroit Police Department Constitutional Rights Certificate of Notification is dated "09/18/07". It is signed by Davontae Sanford and Sgt Russell. In the remarks section it states "writer advised witness that he was not under arrest, and that his rights were for his added protection".

Constitutional Rights Notification Form Signed by Davontae Sanford.pdf

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PLED GUILTY - WAYNE COUNTY 3RD CIRCUIT CT CASE NO 07-15018 :

NAM: DAVONTAE SANFORD

NBR:	RAC:	OPS:
STR: ;	SEX:	SSN:
SFX:	DOB:	SID:
CTY:	HGT:	FBI: (
TXH: ;	WGT:	MNI
TXW:	HAI:	PRN
	EYE:	

FIRST STATEMENT BY DAVONTAE SANFORD:

The initial statement by Davontae Sanford is in a typed question and answer format.

The following is summary of Sanford's initial statement: Sanford stated that on the afternoon of September 17, 2007, he was at the Coney Island restaurant located at 7 mile and Albion with subjects that he identified as "Tone", "Tone-Tone", and "Carrie". Sanford stated that while there, they agreed to rob a subject he called "Milk Dud" on Runyon Street. Sanford explained that he had purchased marijuana from "Milk Dud" several times. Sanford stated that he then left and purchased some marijuana, smoked it and went back to his house with his girl Daneq. Sanford stated that his uncle then picked him up and talked to him about school and then dropped him off back home at approximately 9 pm. *Investigator's Note: William Rice, who was dating Sanford's aunt, has been identified as the "uncle" Sanford was referring to.*

Sanford stated that he met back up with "Tone", "Tone Tone" and "Carrie" around 9:20 - 9:25 pm at a park across the street from his house. The statement indicates that Sanford claimed that "Tone Tone" provided him with a .38 caliber handgun. The statement further indicates that Sanford pointed out the handgun in a photo. Sanford states that he also saw a "chopper" a "mini-14" and a ".45". Sanford then stated that "Los" pulled up in his Grand Marquise and they all got into the car. They then drove by "Milk Dud's" house on Runyon. Sanford stated that they then drove around to State Fair to Teppert to Manning at which point Sanford stated that he asked "Los" to stop and let him out. Sanford stated that he gave the .38 handgun to "Tone". Sanford stated that he then saw them turn back on to Runyon towards "Milk Dud's" house. Sanford stated that he then walked back to his house at which point he heard gunshots. Sanford stated that he went to his bedroom window and saw "Tone Tone" jumping the fence into my yard. Sanford stated that he yelled out to "Tone Tone" and asked him what happened. Sanford stated that "Tone Tone" said "I shot the nigga dog, I got to go."

Sanford stated that he watched television for a while at which point his mother came into the house and told him that some people got shot and she had seen police in the area. Sanford stated that was when he left his house and walked down the street.

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The written statement then indicates that Sanford identified "Los", "Tone Tone" and "PBI Tone" from photographs.

Witness Statement Form from Davontae Sanford.pdf

PHOTOGRAPHS IDENTIFIED BY SANFORD:

There are several photocopies of photographs located in the file. Specifically, there are three photographs referred to in Sanford's initial statement. The report does not indicate the origin of the photographs or how the identification process was conducted.

There are three photographs of black males marked with the letters "A", "B" and "C". The photograph marked "A" has a handwritten statement of "thats los", the photograph marked "B" has a handwritten statement of "yes thats tone tone" and the photograph marked "C" has the handwritten statement "yes thats P.B.I. Tone". All three photographs have "Davontae Sanford" printed on them along with a signature and the date "9/18/07." The file also contains a photocopy of a photograph of what appears to be a baseball hat with "6 Mile" embroidered on the back and three handguns, two semi-automatics and a revolver. The revolver is circled and there is a handwritten statement on it as follows: "thats the 38 I hade" and "Davontae Sanford" printed on it.

Photographs Identified by Davontae Sanford.pdf

SECOND CONSENT FOR QUESTIONING OF SANFORD:

The second request for consent to question Davontae Sanford is handwritten and dated "09/18/2007" with a time of "8:40pm". It is signed by Sgt Russell and Taminko Sanford.

Handwritten Release Signed by Taminko Sanford.pdf

SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS NOTIFICATION FORM:

The second Detroit Police Department Constitutional Rights Certificate of Notification is signed by Davontae Sanford and dated "09/18/07" at "10:00 PM".

Second Constitutional Rights Notification Form Signed by Davontae Sanford.pdf

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SECOND STATEMENT BY DAVONTAE SANFORD:

The second typed statement is dated "09/18/2007" with the time of "9:30pm." A summary of the statement is as follows: Sanford stated that he met with "Tone", "Tone Tone", "Los" and "Carrie" at "Los's" mother's house on Albion and not at the Coney Island as he indicated in his initial statement. Sanford stated that the plan was to go to Runyon in the evening to rob "Milk Dud" of his money and weed. Sanford stated that he left around 7:30 pm and went to his aunt Sherryl's friend's house until around 9:25 pm.

Sanford stated that he then met up with "Tone," "Tone Tone," "Los," and "Carrie" in the park across from his house. Sanford stated that they all got into a green Mercury Marquis four door and drove over to Runyon. Sanford stated that "Los" pulled in front of "Milk Dud's" house.

Sanford stated that he was armed with a Mini-14 rifle, "Tone" had a handgun, "Tone Tone" had a "chopper" and "Carrie" had a .45. Sanford stated that they all started shooting into the house and he was shooting the Mini-14 through the front window.

Sanford added that everyone shot their guns at the house from the outside. Sanford stated that they all entered the house. Sanford then indicated that it appeared that everyone inside of the house was dead and he described the location of the bodies. Sanford stated that he and "Carrie" were in the living room and "Tone" and "Tone Tone" searched the rest of the house. Sanford stated that as soon as "Tone" and "Tone Tone" went in the back of the house he heard shots coming from the back bedroom. Sanford then stated that "Tone Tone" said "fuck all these witnesses" and everybody started shooting. Sanford stated that "Carrie" shot the guy on the couch in the legs and I started shooting him with my Mini-14. Sanford stated that "Carrie" and "Tone Tone" shot "Milk Dud". Sanford stated that everyone then ran out of the house and "Tone", "Tone Tone" and "Los" and drove off. He further stated that he and "Carrie" ran up Runyon towards State Fair and someone across the street started "bustin" at us. Sanford stated that he "busted" back. He then stated that he and "Carrie" ran up State Fair to Beland and threw our guns over the fence into the AT & T lot. Sanford stated that he ran home, changed his clothes and threw his gym shoes in the washing machine. The statement indicates that Sgt Russell asked Sanford how many times he shot at the person on Runyon and he replied "9-10 times".

Investigator's Note: Sgt Russell documents Sanford's height and weight on the statement form as 5'5" and 155 lbs. Further, Cary Daily AKA "Cary" is listed in the report as 5'07" in height and 140lbs in weight. Both subjects are substantially shorter in comparison to the description of the suspects provided by Jesse King and Valerie Glover. Additionally, there is no indication in the report of any firearms being recovered in the "AT & T lot" or anywhere near the scene.



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According to Sgt Russell's testimony, following the completion of Sanford's second written statement Sanford was transported to the Detroit Police Department Schafer Station. At that location Sgt Russell reviewed the statement with Sanford. This statement was video/audio recorded. Also, a transcript of this statement was created.

[Sanford Second Written Statement.pdf](#)

[Sanford Confession Transcript](#)

[Interview Davontae Sanford 2007-09-19 .mp4](#)

TESTIMONY BY DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT:

At the time this incident occurred James Tolbert was the commander of the Major Crimes Section of the Detroit Police Department, which encompassed the Homicide Section. Tolbert testified in an evidentiary hearing on *People v Sanford* in 3rd Circuit Court on July 13, 2010. The following is a synopsis of that testimony. Tolbert stated that he had responded to the scene of the homicides on Runyon Street. He advised that he was informed by Sgt Russell that he had contacted a subject (Davontae Sanford) that may have information concerning the homicides. Tolbert explained that Sanford was placed in his vehicle where they spoke with him after which Sanford was transported downtown to be questioned.

Tolbert stated that Sanford was released and then was brought back again for questioning. Tolbert explained that during this second period of questioning he was informed by Sgt Russell that Sanford was saying he was involved with the killings. Tolbert stated that at that time he spoke with Sanford and asked him to sketch a drawing of the interior of the house and the position of the bodies. Tolbert stated that at that time Sanford drew a sketch of the interior of the house and the positions of the bodies as he (Tolbert) had observed at the scene.



Tolbert was asked by the Judge Sullivan if the sketch had been drawn entirely by Sanford. Tolbert stated that it was. Judge Sullivan then asked Tolbert if he had handed Sanford a blank sheet of paper. Tolbert stated that was correct. Tolbert confirmed that Sanford drew everything on the sketch except for Sgt Russell's signature.

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[Original Sanford Sketch.pdf](#)

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SEARCH WARRANT FOR RESIDENCE OF DAVONTAE SANFORD:

The file contains a copy of an affidavit, search warrant and return for the residence located at _____ identified as the residence of Davontae Sanford. The search warrant indicates that it was issued on September 19, 2007. The return indicates that the following items were seized from Davontae Sanford's bedroom: 1 (one) black tee shirt; 1 (one) pair of black pants; box of bullets.



A Detroit Police Department Laboratory Analysis report (No. B07-0631) shows that "A black T-shirt (Basic Wears brand, size 6XL)" "Taken from the B/R Closet at _____" the "Shirt was sampled for the presence of Gunshot Residue on the chest and abdomen. Significant amounts of Lead, Barium, and Antimony were **not** detected in either area."

The report also indicates that "A pair of black twill pants (Dickies brand, size 32 x 34) was submitted. Rust-red stains on the left leg were tested for the presence of blood. Preliminary Testing: BLOOD Negative" Further, the "Pants were sampled for the presence of Gunshot Residue on the right thigh and left thigh. Gunshot Residue was **detected** on both thighs."

The relevant Detroit Police Department Lab report indicates that "box of bullets" seized from 19700 Beland were twelve (12) .308 caliber rounds. It does not denote the type and/or make of the rounds.

On July 21, 2009, during an evidentiary hearing on *People v Sanford* in 3rd Circuit Court on Sgt Russell testified that he confiscated a pair of tennis shoes possibly belonging to Davontae Sanford. However, no record of the seizure of the shoes can be located in the report or in the tabulation of the search warrant. D/Sgt Roti and I requested a review of the Detroit Police Department property logs. The property logs show an entry on September 19, 2007, of a pair of blue and white gym shoes by Dale Collins. The entry shows the shoes were taken from Davontae Sanford at _____

Search Warrant for _____



Evidence Tech Report- _____

Lab Analysis _____

DPD Lab Report for 12 bullets located at _____

Photo of Property Log-Sanford Shoes.JPG

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ALIBI WITNESSES FOR DAVONTAE SANFORD:

STATEMENT BY TAMINKO SANFORD (DAVONTAE SANFORD'S MOTHER):

The file contains a written statement by Davontae Sanford's mother, Taminko Sanford, reference Davontae Sanford's whereabouts during September 17, 2007. Taminko Sanford stated that Davontae was home all day and did not go to school. She advised that he did not leave the house until 9:00 or 9:30 pm. Taminko Sanford explained that she, her daughter (Lamaze) and Davontae went to her aunt's house with William Rice and her uncle, Nathaniel Sanford. She stated that they all remained at her aunt, Cheryl Sanford's house, until 12:15 or 12:30 am. Taminko Sanford stated that William Rice and her uncle Nathaniel Sanford drove her, Davontae and Lamaze back home. Taminko Sanford stated that after they arrived home she went into her bedroom and Davontae went into the kitchen. Taminko Sanford advised that at approximately 01:45 am, Carl came to my house and she and Carl left and went to the gas station and Carl's mother's house. Taminko stated that they arrived back at her residence and her mother (Pamela Sanford) was sitting on the couch and Davontae was lying on the floor.

Statement by Taminko Sanford

STATEMENT BY NATHANIEL SANFORD (TAMINKO SANFORD'S UNCLE):

The file contains a written statement by Taminko Sanford's uncle, Nathaniel Sanford. Nathaniel Sanford stated that on the date in question he and Bill Rice picked up Taminko, Davontae and his two sisters and they all drove over to Cheryl's house. Nathaniel Sanford stated that after they arrived, Davontae went to the basement and stayed there the entire time. He advised that they all left Cheryl's house at approximately 12:30am to 01:45am. Nathaniel Sanford stated that Rice dropped Taminko, Davontae and the girls off at her house. He advised that after that Rice drove him to check on his car and then drove him home.

Statement by Nathaniel Sanford

INVESTIGATIVE SUBPOENA INTERVIEW OF NATHANIEL SANFORD:

On November 09, 2012, an Investigative Subpoena interview of Nathaniel Sanford was conducted at the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in reference to *People v William Rice* 3rd Circuit Court Case 13003607-01-FH.

Investigative Subpoena of Nathaniel Sanford

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DAVONTAE SANFORD'S GRANDMOTHER:

NAM: PAMELA DENISE HARRIS

NBR:	RAC:	ETH:
STR:	SEX:	OPS:
SFX:	DOB:	SSN:
CTY:	HGT:	SID:
TXH:	WGT:	FBI:
TXW:	HAI:	MNU:
MB:	EYE:	PRN:

INVESTIGATIVE SUBPOENA INTERVIEW OF PAMELA HARRIS:

On August 5, 2013, an Investigative Subpoena interview of Pamela Harris was conducted at the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in reference to *People v William Rice* 3rd Circuit Court Case 13003607-01-FH.

INTERVIEW PAMELA HARRIS:

Following the Investigative Subpoena an interview was conducted with Pamela Harris reference the evening of September 17, 2007. Harris stated that she was at home that evening and had not been feeling well. She explained that she was in pain and was napping when around three (p.m.) Bill Rice arrived and picked up Taminko, Man (Davontae Sanford) and Lamaze. Harris stated that Taminko woke her up and asked if she wanted to go to dinner at her sister's house (Cheryl Sanford's Residence). Harris stated that since she was not feeling well she decided to stay home. Upon questioning by APA Kowall, Harris stated that she was taking Tylenol Threes that she had purchased at the gas station.

Harris stated that she was home by herself and was watching Channel 2 news when Taminko and Davontae arrived home. Harris stated that the news was ending and it was 11:30 p.m. when they arrived home. Upon questioning she stated that she did not actually observe Rice drop them off. Initially Harris stated that approximately forty-five minutes later she heard gun shots and Taminko and Davontae came running out of their bedrooms. However, after further questioning Harris stated that they heard the gunshots around 11:30 p.m. and Taminko left the residence with Carl Reese approximately forty-five minutes after they heard the gunshots.

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I asked Harris if she had ever provided this information to the police. She stated that she had not. I asked Harris if she had told anyone about this information. She stated that she might have told someone but could not specifically recall if she did or who she might have discussed it with.

IMPLICATED AS BEING INVOLVED BY SANFORD/AKA "TONE TONE":

NAM: ANTONIO JUVON LANGSTON

NBR:	DIR:	RAC:	ETH:
STR:		SEX:	OPS:
SFX:		DOB:	SSN:
CTY:	ST:	HGT:	SID:
TXH:	ZIP:	WGT:	FBI:
TXW:		HAI:	MNU:
		EYE:	PRN:

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS NOTIFICATION FORM:

The file contains three Detroit Police Department Constitutional Rights Notification Forms for Antonio Langston. The first is dated "9-18-07" at "2:10pm" given by Investigator Barb Simon; the second is dated "9-19-07" at "10:35am" given by Investigator Barb Simon; and the third is dated "9-19-07" at "3:58pm" also given by Investigator Barb Simon.

Constitutional Rights Forms for Langston

STATEMENT BY ANTONIO LANGSTON:

The file contains three witness statement forms for Antonio Langston. The first is dated "9-18-07" at "2:14pm" and contains no statement. The second is dated "9-19-07" at "10:35am" and also contains no statement. The final witness statement form is dated "9-19-07" at "3:58pm" and indicates that the statement was taken by Investigator Barb Simon.

On the third witness statement form Langston states that he has no knowledge of the shooting that occurred on Runyon Street. Langston stated that during the time of the crime he was at a friend's house, a Kenita Noilbrok, with Angelo Gardner. Langston explained that Angelo Gardner was getting his "hair done" by a female at the house.

Antonio Langston Witness Statement Form

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IMPLICATED AS BEING INVOLVED BY SANFORD/AKA "LOS":

NAM: ANGELO DONTAE GARDNER

NBR:	DIR:	RAC:	ETH:
STR:		SEX:	OPS:
SFX:		DOB:	SSN:
CTY:	ST:	HGT:	SID:
TXH:	ZIP:	WGT:	FBI:
		HAIR:	MNU:

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS NOTIFICATION FORM:

The file contains three Detroit Police Department Constitutional Rights Notification Forms for Angelo Gardner. The first is dated "9-18-07" at "3:05pm" given by Investigator Barb Simon; the second is dated "9-19-07" at "10:30am" given by Officer Carlisle; and the third is dated "9-19-07" at "3:45pm" also given by Officer Carlisle.

Constitutional Rights Forms for Angelo Gardner

STATEMENT BY ANGELO GARDNER:

The file contains two witness statements attributed to Angelo Gardner. The first statement is dated "9-19-07" at "10:35AM" with "Supplemental" written across the top. The second statement is dated "9-19-07" at "3:50pm" it also had "Supplemental" written across the top. Both statements were taken by Officer Carlisle.

The following is a synopsis of both statements: Gardner stated that on the night of the incident he had met a girl named "Cretia" on Runyon Street, the first block north of 7 mile. Gardner stated that he brought her back to Keenan's house on Albion to braid his hair. Gardner stated that this was around 9:00pm. Gardner stated that she finished around 11:40pm and he dropped her off at 6 mile and Woodward. Gardner stated that then went to Tone's house at 6 mile and Christy and stayed the night there. Gardner explained that the next morning, Tuesday, he went home to change clothes and that's when the police locked him up. Upon questioning, Gardner stated that Langston was with him between 8:30pm and 12:30am the evening the crime.

Angelo Gardner Witness Statement

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STATEMENT BY LACREASHA VINSON:

The file contains one statement form for Lacreasha Vinson, the alibi witness provided by Antonio Langston and Angelo Gardner. The form is dated "9-19-07" at "12:30pm" and indicates that the statement was taken by M. Carlisle.

Vinson states that on September 17, 2007, at approximately 9:00 to 9:30pm, she was at a house on Teppert with Gardner working on his hair. Vinson stated that she finished around 12:30 am or 01:00 am and she gave him five dollars to give her a ride to Six Mile and Woodward. Vinson stated that Gardner had received a telephone call informing him that somebody was shot on Runyon Street. Vinson stated that Gardner informed her that it wasn't any of "his people."

The statement then indicates that the interviewer is showing Vinson a photograph of male subject, however it does not indicate who was in the photograph. Vinson states that she does not recognize the subject and that the subject was not with Gardner during the time in question.

Lacreasha Vinson Witness Statement

SEARCH WARRANT FOR _____ RESIDENCE OF ANGELO GARDNER:

The file contains a copy of an affidavit and search warrant for the residence located at _____ in the _____, identified as the residence of Angelo Gardner. The search warrant indicates that it was issued on September 20, 2007. There is no corresponding return in the file. However, the Detroit Police Department Laboratory Analysis report (No. B07-0631) shows that a pair of black denim shorts and two pairs of black denim jeans were seized from the "North Bedroom" at _____. All of the items were tested for gunshot residue. The report indicates that on one of the black denim jeans (Girbaud, size 40)" "Particles consistent with Gunshot Residue were **detected** on the left thigh, however the quantity of particles was insufficient for confirmation."

Search Warrant for _____ -Residence of Angelo Gardner

Evidence Tech Report for Search Warrant at _____ .pdf

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SEARCH WARRANT FOR [REDACTED] /RESIDENCE OF ANTONIO LANGSTON:

The file contains a copy of an affidavit and search warrant for the residence located at [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED], identified as the residence of Antonio Langston. The search warrant indicates that it was issued on September 20, 2007. There is no corresponding return in the file.

Search Warrant for [REDACTED] -Residence of Antonio Langston

IMPLICATED AS BEING INVOLVED BY SANFORD/AKA "PBI TONE":

NAM: SANTO GREEN

NBR:	DIR:	RAC:	ETH:
STR:		SEX:	OPS:
SFX:		DOB:	SSN:
CTY:	ST:	HGT:	SID:
TXH:	ZIP:	WGT:	FBI:
TXW:		HAI:	MNU:
		EYE:	PRN:

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS NOTIFICATION FORM:

The file contains one Detroit Police Department Constitutional Rights Notification Forms for Santo Green. It is dated "09-21-07" at "1:46pm" given by Sgt Gnatek.

Santo Green Constitutional Rights Forms

IMPLICATED AS BEING INVOLVED BY SANFORD/AKA "CARY":

NAM: CARY DAILEY

NBR:	DIR:	RAC:	ETH:
STR:		SEX:	OPS:
SFX:		DOB:	SSN:
CTY:	ST:	HGT:	SID:
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WAYNE COUNTY 3RD CIRCUIT CT CASE NO 07-15018:

On September 20, 2007, the Detroit Police Department submitted a warrant request for Davontae Sanford, Antonio Langston, Deangelo Gardner, and Santo Green. Only Davontae Sanford was charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, charges were denied for the other three suspects. Sanford was charged with four counts of first degree premeditated murder, one count of assault with intent to murder, one count of robbery armed and one count of felony firearm arising out of the robbery and murders that occurred at street. Angelo Gardner, Antonio Langston, Cary Dailey and Santo Green were not charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

A bench trial was held on March 17 and 18, 2008. After the state presented its evidence, Sanford agreed to plead guilty to four counts of second degree murder and one count of felony firearm. On April 4, 2008, Sanford was sentenced to thirty seven to ninety years imprisonment.

DAVONTAE SANFORD'S GUILTY PLEA STATEMENT:

On March 18, 2008, Davontae Sanford entered a plea of guilty to four counts of second-degree murder and felony firearm in the 3rd Circuit Court before the Honorable Brian Sullivan. In his description of events Sanford claimed that he was in possession of and fired a Mini 14 rifle into the house on Runyon (Investigator's Note: the commercially available Mini 14 rifle is a semi-automatic carbine that fires a Remington .223. or alternatively a 5.56 mm cartridge. Neither of these types of rounds were recovered from the scene) Sanford claimed that three others subjects were with him who were his cousins. However, despite their relation to Sanford, he claimed that he did not know their legal names. Sanford claimed that he only knew their street names and names them as "Bug", "T" and "Homie". Sanford then claimed that they drove to the scene in a van and after the crime had been committed he and "Homie" ran from the scene. When questioned as to what he did with the Mini 14, Sanford stated "I gave it back to him".

Sanford Guilty Plea Transcript March 18, 2008

TELEPHONE CALL BETWEEN SANFORD AND HIS STEPFATHER:

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office obtained a recorded telephone call between Davontae Sanford and his stepfather, Jermaine Tillman, while Sanford was housed at the Michigan Department of Corrections Thumb Correctional Facility. During the telephone call Sanford states that "Bug, Breezy and Homey" were responsible for the crime (See also transcript of telephone call). Jermaine Tillman subsequently testified about this telephone call during an April 27, 2011 Evidentiary Hearing.

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Transcript of Phone Call Between Sanford and Stepfather Tillman

Evidentiary Hearing - April 27, 2011

POST CONVICTION PROCEEDINGS:

In May of 2009, Davontae Sanford made a motion to withdraw his guilty plea making a claim of innocence and the Michigan Court of Appeals remanded the case back to the 3rd Circuit Court.

On October 28, 2009, former Detroit Police Department Homicide Inspector William Rice appeared in Wayne County Circuit court as an alibi witness for Davontae Sanford. Rice, under oath, claimed that Sanford was with him and other family members at the residence located at [redacted] during the time that the murders occurred. However, a subsequent examination of William Rice's cellular telephone records indicated that he was not at that location during the date and time he claimed under oath. As a result of his testimony William Rice was investigated for perjury in a capital case (Michigan State Police incident 10-142-13). He subsequently was charged and pled guilty. (*People v William Rice* 3rd Circuit Court Case 13003607-01-FH).

SWORN TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM RICE:

On October 28, 2009, William Rice appeared in the court of the Honorable Brian R. Sullivan, Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court as a witness for the defense in 3rd Circuit Court Case No. 07-15018.

Upon questioning by the defense attorney Kim McGinnis, Rice stated that he had known Davontae Sanford for over ten years and he was "like a foster or step-nephew to me." Rice further explained that Sanford's aunt, Cheryl Sanford, was his "significant other." Rice explained that he was living with her at [redacted] at the time the murders occurred. Rice stated that Davontae Sanford lived approximately a half-mile away from that address on [redacted]

Upon questioning reference the evening of September 17, 2007, and the whereabouts of Davontae Sanford, Rice stated "that evening he was there with me at the time that the alleged crime took place." Rice stated "I picked him up about 8:30pm." Rice explained that prior to picking up Sanford he was at Cheryl's house. Rice stated that he left the house to pick up Cheryl's uncle on East 8 Mile, possibly near Schoenherr. Rice stated that he picked up Cheryl's uncle at 7:00pm or 7:30pm.

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Rice stated that he then picked up Davontae, his mother and his sister. He then brought everyone over to . . . Upon questioning Rice stated that he arrived at Cheryl Sanford's house with everyone at approximately 8:30pm.

Rice stated that after they arrived, Davontae Sanford went into the basement of the residence sometime before 9:00pm. Rice explained that he, uncle Nathan Sanford, Davontae's mother Taminko Sanford and Cheryl Sanford were in the kitchen of the residence for the evening discussing how to cook a roast for a couple of hours. Rice stated that they ate at roughly 11:00pm. However, Davontae Sanford did not eat and stayed in the basement. Rice then stated that he then left the residence with everyone at 11:45pm. Rice stated he was certain of the time because there was a huge clock on the wall. Further, Rice explained that he wanted to make sure Davontae was in school the next day so at 11:30pm he told Davontae to get dressed because he was going to personally take him to school the next day.

Upon questioning Rice stated that he dropped Davontae and his family off at their house on Beland at 11:45pm or 11:46pm. Upon further questioning he explained that Sanford's house is located one block over and approximately six blocks down from . . . Rice stated that he did not see any police cars in the area at the time he dropped them off. Rice stated that he first heard about the incident on Runyon Street at approximately 01:30 on the morning of September 18th. Rice explained that he had received a telephone call from Investigator Dale Collins who wanted to verify that Davontae was his nephew. Rice stated that Collins did not have any further questions concerning Davontae. Rice further stated that he told Collins to tell Davontae to be truthful about what happened. Rice stated that he did not have any concerns about Davontae after the conversation with Collins and went back to sleep after the telephone call.

Rice stated that his cellular telephone number at the time of the Runyon street murders was and the cellular telephone provider was Metro PCS. He further identified his wife's telephone number as . . . and Cheryl Sanford's telephone number as . . .

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RESIDENCY OF WILLIAM RICE/CHERYL SANFORD/NATHANIEL SANFORD:

According to witness testimony and LEIN/SOS records the following are the addresses of record for William Rice, Cheryl Sanford, Nathaniel Sanford and Davontae Sanford during the time period of September 2007:

- William Rice -
- Nathaniel Sanford -
- Cheryl Sanford -
- Davontae Sanford -

EXAMINATION OF WILLIAM RICE'S CELLULAR TELEPHONE RECORDS:

The cellular telephone records for Metro PCS cellular telephone (the cellular telephone used by William Rice on September 17 and 18, 2007) were examined by Detroit Police Investigator Arthur Wimmer.

Investigator Wimmer testified in an evidentiary hearing on *People v Sanford* in Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court on November 16, 2010. The following is information obtained from this testimony: Wimmer was examined by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Patrick Muscat. Wimmer explained that he had received approximately 120 hours of training from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in cellular telephone forensics and cellular record analysis. Wimmer further explained that he had testified in court and had been qualified as an expert witness approximately a dozen times. Wimmer's testimony established that as a general rule cellular telephones make and receive calls from cell phone towers closest to the cellular telephone being used. Wimmer advised that he had examined the telephone records belonging to William Rice's cellular telephone.

Investigator Wimmer stated that there was an outgoing telephone call to telephone number on September 17, 2007 at 22:52:26 which connected to Metro PCS tower 193. Wimmer confirmed that this tower was in close proximity to

Wimmer explained that on September 18, 2007, at 01:39 am Rice received a telephone call from (identified by Investigator Dale Collins as his telephone number).

Wimmer also confirmed that Metro PCS tower 154 is in close proximity to Cheryl Sanford's residence located at

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