

THE FACTS ON AL-AMIN

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FACT 1 In 1999, Imam Jamil was stopped while driving by Cobb County Police. During the stop, the officers asked Imam Jamil for proof of insurance of the vehicle he was driving. He had a valid driver's license but no insurance. According to the Imam, when he was to open his wallet, an officer spotted a metal badge. Imam Jamil informed the officer that the badge was issued to him by the city of White Hall, Alabama, when that city's Mayor appointed him to the city's auxiliary police force. At no time did the Imam Jamil represent himself as an Atlanta police officer. (Source: Essay of Prof. Natsu Taylor Saito, Georgia State University Law School, 3/20/2000)

FACT 2 During the stop, the Cobb County policeman made a check on the car Imam Jamil was driving and their records listed the car as stolen. Imam Jamil provided the authorities with a bill of sale for the car; yet the police nevertheless arrested him for receiving stolen property. He was also charged with driving without insurance and impersonating an officer. (Source: Prof. Saito, 3/20/00)

FACT 3 Imam Jamil missed a court appearance in January of this year, in connection with these small, non-violent charges. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest. On March 16th, the day in which Muslims were celebrating one of their two holy days - 'Id al-Adha - two police officers came to a store which was owned by Imam Jamil to serve the warrant. (Source: Prof. Saito, 3/20/00)

FACT 4 There have been inconsistencies in statements concerning how the shooting occurred. Some reports claim that the police officers were confronted with a man near a black Mercedes Benz, near the store (Imam Jamil does not own such a car). When they asked this man to show his hands, the man fired upon the offi-

cers. Another report states that the man was inside the car and when asked to show his hands, the driver fired upon the Police. (Sources: Prof. Saito, 3/20/00; Atlanta Journal and Constitution, "Sheriff: Deputies blindsided by attack," 3/19/00)

FACT 5 The shooting occurred around 10 P.M., in an inner-city neighborhood. Initially, the surviving deputy could not identify his assailant, but nonetheless a nationwide man-hunt for Imam Jamil was announced. The following day, between medical operations, the deputy identified Imam Jamil from a photograph shown to him at the hospital. Despite these inconsistencies, the media reported that the surviving police officer "positively identified Imam Jamil." (Sources: Prof. Saito, 3/20/00; Atlanta Journal and Constitution, "Sheriff: Deputies blindsided by attack," 3/18/00)

FACT 6 Atlanta and Fulton County law enforcement wrongly told the media the initial warrant which the police had sought to serve upon Imam Jamil was for aggravated assault. They later admitted the information they put out was false. (Sources: Atlanta Journal and Constitution, "Sheriff's Deputies blindsided by attack," 3/18/00; Hype Newswire "Media's Rush to Judgment: in the H. Rap Brown - Al-Amin Case," Mar. 2000)

FACT 7 The Fulton County Police reported that the "shooter" had been wounded and that they were following a trail of blood. Some reports claimed that the blood was identified as that from Imam Jamil. However, medical officials have now verified that Imam Jamil is not wounded and thus the blood trail could not have come from him. Recently released Atlanta police records show a man was seen bleeding and begging for a ride five blocks from the shooting scene minutes after the shooting. Another recently released radio dispatch showed

street sign in Tuskegee, Alabama

Sheriff's deputies searched for a wounded gunman and even surrounded the abandoned home where blood was found. (Sources: Atlanta Journal and Constitution, "Police doubt bloodstains linked to Al-Amin case," 3/24/00; Atlanta Journal and Constitution, "Al-Amin tape shows officers searched for wounded gunman," 3/25/2000)

FACT 8 Imam Jamil stated that the incident was a part of a government conspiracy. This would not be the first. On August 7, 1995, Imam Jamil Al-Amin, while driving his son to school, was arrested in connection with the July shooting of a young man in Atlanta. After the arrest, the police interrogated his 7-year-old son for six hours before notifying someone to pick up the child. The victim initially pointed to Imam Jamil as being his assailant. Later, in a news conference in Washington, D.C., this young man announced that he did not know who wounded him and that the police pressured him into making the identification. (Sources: Prof. Saito, 3/20/00; Washington Post, "60s militant arrested in Alabama," 3/21/00; "Al-Amin Calls Slaying Case A Government Conspiracy," 3/22/00)

FACT 9 The FBI and local law enforcement have continually made every effort to pollute the Atlanta jury pool and ensure Jamil Al-Amin could not receive a fair trial. Numerous reports had surfaced linking Al-Amin to crimes such as gun-running, domestic terrorism, up to 24 murders as well as bank and Armored Car robbery in a concerted effort to remove all potential sympathy Imam Jamil may have in the black community. None of these allegations ever resulted in an arrest nor was there sufficient evidence to do so. (Source: Atlanta Journal and Constitution "Eye on Al-Amin: FBI, police tracked militant, inner circle in '90s homicides" 4/1/2000 and Atlanta Journal and Constitution "Al-Amin's brother denounces frenzy" 4/4/2000)