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RE: Conviction of Alphonso Clark – New Evidence

At-a-Glance Facts

- Defendant – David McKinney
- Victim – Alexander Clyde
- Date of Crime – August 3, 2004
- Location – 27367 Michigan Ave, Inkster, MI
- Case OIC – Anthony Delgreco¹
- Charges – Homicide – Felony Murder; Accessory After the Fact
- Disposition – Convicted by Jury
- Sentence – Life

Pertinent Characters:

- Alexander Clyde - Victim
- Larry Lever – Witness
- Betty Simmons – Witness
- Bryce Johnson – Witness
- Scott Massey – CI / Witness
- Clifford Young – Witness / Perpetrator
- Anthony Williams – Witness / Perpetrator
- Anthony Fields – Defendant (AKA Nephew)
- Teshomb Fore – Defendant (AKA Shawn Shawn)
- Elizabeth Walker – Former Deputy Chief – Special Prosecutions – WCPO

Facts of the Case: At approximately 1040-1055 hours on August 3, 2004, Alexander Clyde was beaten, partially restrained, and left for dead as his gun shop was set ablaze. Multiple fire crews responded and put out the fire. Mr. Clyde was found inside the location deceased with burns on 98% of his skin surface. Clyde had injuries to his head and face. Cause of death was smoke inhalation.² The only independent witnesses the day of the crime describe a w/m fleeing the scene.

¹ US v. Cican, 156 F. Supp.2d 661 (ED Michigan 2001) – ruled Delgreco's affidavit contained a false allegation made recklessly

² WCMEO Report on Alexander death (IPD FOIA response pages 222-233)



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Police investigation focused on Defendant David McKinney following a tip provided by a confidential informant (Scott Massey) to Police Officer Booker Snow on August 12, 2004³. Defendant McKinney is arrested on outstanding warrants on August 17, 2004. Defendant McKinney is interviewed and denies all involvement and allegedly requests a polygraph. August 19, 2004 Defendant McKinney fails a polygraph at Dearborn Police Department.⁴ Per Detective McLaughlin's police report, the question McKinney failed in the polygraph was "Do you know for sure who stole those guns?"⁵

Detective Anthony Delgreco removes blankets from McKinney's cell and utilizes same in a dog track conducted on August 20 and August 25, 2004. It is noted that multiple dog tracks were conducted between eleven (11) and twenty three (23) days after the fire. Dogs were switched out multiple times and traveled in a vehicle for parts of the track. It is also noted that the areas the tracks were conducted were high traffic areas. This is relevant to the request for warrant made by Delgreco to APA Liz Walker and the request to AUSA Jennie Jones as indicated in the New Evidence portion of this memorandum.

Clifford Young was detained (juvenile) by Detroit Police on October 12, 2004 for PSMV and a weapons offense.⁶ Clifford Young claims to have information relating to the gun shop arson and homicide. Clifford Young gives multiple statements and fails a polygraph on October 29, 2004 given by Dearborn Police.⁷

David McKinney is arrested on November 20, 2004 – per the Investigator's Report, Police Report and Walker Hearing testimony of Detective Anthony Delgreco, McKinney was arrested on an outstanding narcotic charge. This is false, new evidence confirms McKinney was arrested at the direction of Detective Delgreco and held for the homicide investigation (See New Evidence for more information). On November 21, 2004 – Defendant McKinney allegedly asks to speak with Delgreco and the ATF after Delgreco had advised him he could face the death penalty. Delgreco talks to McKinney prior to ATF agent Tomaszewski's arrival. McKinney makes a statement indicating he was paid to plan the robbery and act as a look out. McKinney denies any intent or plan to kill owner or start fire.⁸

Several other defendants that Young mentioned in his first statement were tied to sales of the stolen guns or use of the victim's credit cards. No evidence links Defendant McKinney to the crime.

Witnesses:

Clifford Young (14 years old)

Clifford Young's original statement to Inkster PD on October 15, 2004 implicates "Ferlendo," "Nephew" "Shawn Shawn" and "Head" stating they wanted the guns so BMG (Brightmoor Gang) could take out the 7 Mile Boys⁹. There is no mention of David McKinney.

³ Massey Written Statement (IPD FOIA response pages 121-122)

⁴ McKinney Polygraph Report – Dearborn Police (IPD FOIA response page 280)

⁵ McLaughlin Police Report (IPD FOIA response page 48)

⁶ Detroit Police Arrest Report (IPD FOIA response pages 162-166)

⁷ Young Polygraph Report – Dearborn Police (IPD FOIA response page 282)

⁸ McKinney written statement dated November 21, 2004 (WCPO FOIA response VOL 2 pages 1-6)

⁹ Clifford Young signed statement dated October 15, 2004 (WCPO FOIA response VOL 6 pages 10-11)



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Clifford Young gives another statement on October 28, 2004 and implicates “McKinley” and others.¹⁰ It is noted that multiple items in his statement are incorrect including the physical description of “McKinley” does not match Defendant McKinney nor did Defendant McKinney attend Redford High School. It is noted that law enforcement interjects McKinney but Young continues to say “McKinley.” It is also noted that several facts including the fact that the gun shop owner was shot are not correct. Per the WCME report victim Alexander was not shot.

Clifford Young gives a third statement on October 29, 2004.¹¹ Per the transcript, Young now admits to purchasing several of the stolen guns, hearing the planning of the robbery and selling some of the stolen guns. Again, law enforcement corrects Young when he says “McKinley” to McKinney.

Clifford Young gives a fourth statement on November 24, 2004.¹² In this statement Young admits to full participation in the robbery. Young states “Nephew” went in the front door, opened the back door, punched the victim in the face, started the fire and was last to leave. Young states his involvement was to get the guns. Young says he McKinney and Nephew were in the gun shop.

Clifford Young was given a plea agreement to be charged as a juvenile and plea to Murder 2 in exchange for his testimony.¹³

Larry Lever

Was traveling e/b on Michigan the day of the fire. He was stopped at light, the light changes, he turns w/b on Michigan. Gets to gun shop and he observes door fly open and a w/m runs out fast. The guy runs into the middle of the street and almost got hit by cars. The guy appeared to then attempt to use cell phone – he thought the guy was calling 911. Right after the door flew open and the guy ran out there was an explosion of black smoke. W/m/20-30’s, 5’9”, slim build.¹⁴

Betty Simmons – bus driver

Observed a w/m go into gun shop around 1015 to 1020 hours on the day of the fire. Wearing turquoise shirt, jeans, dark baseball cap, carrying a legal brief case and what appeared to be wire; 5’7”, 170-180#, short dirty blond hair – 30 years old.¹⁵

Bryce Johnson

Describes w/m observed in front of gun shop for 4-6 weeks every day from 0900-1000 hours; Looked as if he was reading what time they opened up; Have not seen w/m since fire; w/m 5’10” to 6’, dark blond hair, 170-185#, carrying a shoulder bag. Written statement on September 26, 2004.¹⁶

¹⁰ Clifford Young recorded statement on October 28, 2004 – per transcript (IPD FOIA response pages 99-109)

¹¹ Clifford Young recorded statement on October 29, 2004 – per transcript (IPD FOIA response pages 86-93)

¹² Clifford Young signed statement dated October 29, 2004 (IPD FOIA response page 80-83)

¹³ Prosecution Agreement Clifford Young (WCPO FOIA response Vol 5 pages 97-99)

¹⁴ ATF Report (WCPO FOIA response Vol 2 page 19)

¹⁵ Per Inkster Police Report (IPD FOIA response page 42)

¹⁶ Johnson written statement (IPD FOIA response pages 196-197)



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Scott Massey

Written statement on August 12, 2004 indicates he was told by David McKinney that he was inside Irv's Gun Shop at the time of the incident.¹⁷

Anthony Williams

Arrested on 8/4/04 in possession of a gun stolen from the gun shop (38 caliber 5 shot revolver).¹⁸ Williams claims he was sold the gun by "Ant" or "Nephew" in a statement to DPD on August 4, 2004.¹⁹ He reiterates this statement and later identified as Anthony Fields in a written statement taken by IPD on October 25, 2004.²⁰

Anthony Fields

Identified as "Nephew." Sold gun to Anthony Williams and allegedly tied to use of victim's credit card and admitted to same in interview on September 26, 2004.²¹

Teshomb Fore

Identified by Fields as also using the victim's credit card. Gives statement to police on September 21, 2004 indicating Anthony Fields used the card.²²

New Evidence – Police Misconduct/Possible Perjury: Detective Anthony Delgreco testified in the Walker Hearing in the McKinney case on June 24, 2005 in front of The Honorable Michael M. Hathaway.²³ In the Walker Hearing Detective Delgreco testified that McKinney was arrested on another case unrelated to the homicide investigation. Under cross Delgreco reasserts that McKinney was arrested on the narcotics charge. The court indicates that the narcotic incident was from 8-19-02. Delgreco denies the narcotics warrant was a device to bring McKinney into custody. Delgreco goes into detail regarding the old narcotics warrant and that it was not in LEIN.

McKinney's statement to police on November 21, 2004 was not suppressed by the court.

These statements are refuted by the following:

1. Inkster Police Report dated 11/20/04 regarding the arrest of David McKinney.²⁴ In this report, officers indicate they observed McKinney on the front porch of 29555 Glenwood and per information from Detective Delgreco, McKinney was wanted in reference to the listed case number (homicide). Listed case # is 04-0013322.

¹⁷ Massey Written Statement (IPD FOIA response pages 121-122)

¹⁸ Detroit Police Report (IPD FOIA response pages 158-161)

¹⁹ Detroit Police Interrogation Record – Anthony Williams (WCPO FOIA response Vol. 6 pages 41-43)

²⁰ Williams signed written statement (IPD FOIA response pages 172-176)

²¹ Fields signed statement (IPD FOIA response pages 177-185)

²² Teshomb Fore written statement (IPD FOIA response pages 110-11)

²³ McKinney Walker Hearing transcript

²⁴ Inkster Police Arrest Report dated November 20, 2004 (IPD FOIA response page 66)



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2. Inkster Police Arrest Record dated November 17, 2004 through November 21, 2004.²⁵ On line 2558 David McKinney's name appears, date of 11/20/04, Offense: DB – Hold Hom Inv (Homicide Investigation) Complaint # 04-13322. The case number is the same on the Inkster Police Department Request for Warrant / Investigator's Report submitted on the homicide charges against Defendant McKinney.
3. Register of Action on the narcotics case stemming from the 2002 case is found under case #04-012713-01-FH. ²⁶ This register of actions indicates the following:
 - a. Warrant Signed 11-22-2004 (this is 2 days after the arrest of McKinney on this warrant from 8-19-02 and 1 day after his statement to police)
4. Inkster Police FOIA response indicating no record regarding the narcotic case – signed by Lt. Jeff Smith on 1/25/2021.²⁷
5. Inkster police Department Request for Warrant / Investigator's Report on the narcotics case signed by APA on November 22, 2004.²⁸

New Evidence – Police Misconduct: I, Professional Investigator Vicki Yost of Shield Strategic Solutions LLC, interviewed Elizabeth Walker former Deputy Chief, Special Prosecutions, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office regarding Inkster Police Officer/Detective Anthony Delgreco. Liz Walker advised that it was office policy that she had to review all warrants submitted by Delgreco. Walker also stated that Delgreco is a liar and you cannot trust anything he says. Specifically, Walker referred to 3 cases in which Delgreco was not honest in his transactions with the WCPO. Ms. Walker indicated she would go on the record and share this information. The specific cases are as follows:

1. Gun Shop – fire, robbery, and homicide
 - a. 8/3/2004
 - b. 27367 Michigan Ave, Inkster
 - c. Convicted – David Dennard McKinney and Anthony R. Fields
 - d. Search Warrant – one warrant based on canine track – omitted from the warrant request was that the dog track occurred in the police vehicle with the window down and the dogs were switched during the track. The warrant was denied.
 - e. Search Warrant – request for search of mail carrier's home based on zip ties observed in a mail truck. After warrant denial Walker states that Delgreco responded by saying - that's ok – they zip ties are not the same kind.

²⁵ Inkster Police Arrest Record Ledger (WCPO FOIA response Vol 3 pg. 54)

²⁶ Register of Actions Case # 04-12713-01-FH

²⁷ IPD FOIA response dated January 25, 2021

²⁸ Inkster PD Request for Warrant / Investigator's Report case 2003326750



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***it is noted that per Detective McLaughlin's police report in the McKinney file, Delgreco and he also met with AUSA Jennie Jones for federal subpoena for Wallace Craig for the grand jury since he refused to talk to them about murder and why he took time off for work for mental health reasons – per Mail Inspector at scene he could not think of why Craig would need flex ties.²⁹

2. Shooting at Inkster Recreation Center
 - a. 1/25/04
 - b. 2025 Middlebelt Rd.
 - c. Case#04-1268
 - d. Arrest warrant was issued based on statement of female presented to WCPO.
 - i. At court proceeding Walker was advised by the female witness that she had been held for 2-3 days and given multiple statements. The female witness indicated each time she would write something down Delgreco would take it and ball it up.
 - ii. Walker reviewed full IPD file (Delgreco not present) and located multiple statements that were wrinkled consistent with the female witness accounts.
 - iii. Walker contacted the APA who authorized the warrant and was told she was provided one statement – only one statement was located in the prosecutor file.
 - iv. Charges were adjourned and later dismissed.
3. Unknown case involving Milton Henry as defense counsel – case not located as of this report.

This information is relevant as it involves this case and Delgreco's lack of veracity during the investigation of Defendant McKinney.

New Evidence – Giglio Impairment: Following my conversation with Liz Walker I was able to locate the Giglio Impairment case regarding Detective Anthony Delgreco.³⁰ The court ruled that Delgreco's affidavit contained a false allegation made recklessly. The impairment of Delgreco was never introduced at trial nor is there any evidence that defense counsel was made aware of the impairment.

²⁹ Inkster PD FOIA response (page 45)

³⁰ US v. Cican, 156 F. Supp. 2d 661 (E.D. Mich 2001)



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Other Relevant Facts: FOIA requests to Inkster, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and Walled Lake Police Department were not responsive to discipline or misconduct conducted by Anthony Delgreco.

No physical evidence exists linking David McKinney to the crime scene or any guns or other items taken from same. The statement of a 14 year old Clifford Young who received a plea deal for his testimony, gave multiple statements to police and failed a polygraph. When Young indicates he has information on the Inkster Case his statement to DPD mentions "Nephew" – later identified as Anthony Fields who is tied to selling a gun stolen from the gun shop. Young also gives the name of "Shawn Shawn" who is later identified as Teshomb Fore who was also charged but acquitted in this matter. Young does not mention McKinney until his 3rd statement. The background facts and physical description do not match David McKinney.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vicki Yost', is written in a cursive style.

Vicki Yost
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