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CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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Attn: Cornell Pettiford
RE: Joyci Riley

ASSIGNMENT: PER YOUR REQUEST, WE WERE TO CONDUCT A SECOND INTERVIEW WITH JOYCI RILEY.

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

We conducted a second interview with Joyci Riley, a witness to the shooting at the gas station at West Grand Boulevard and Oakland Avenue in 2005. I interviewed Ms. Riley via telephone on 10/17/14. I asked her a series of questions submitted to me by Roosevelt Pettiford. Below are the questions and Ms. Riley's responses.

Question: Would 5'11" tall and 215 pounds be an accurate description of the shooter?

Answer: I know he was not a big guy. This guy from what I remember was a little short.

Question: Did you sign a statement for the police? Did the police ask you to sign or initial a statement?

Answer: I remember signing something. I believe it was the statement I wrote.

Question: Where exactly were you standing when you saw the shooting?

Answer: Right across the street from it, walking from the cleaners. I was a block away when I saw him (the victim) pull up and start pumping gas. As I took a few more steps I saw the van pull up. The shooter was wearing a skullcap. He was tiptoeing. I remember he wasn't a tall guy or heavy set or big. Then he shot the guy in the back and he (the victim) never saw it coming. I screamed. He (the shooter) ran to the van. Somebody was driving the van. They came around towards me and I started running. They backed up and went the opposite way. I was standing on Grand Boulevard across from the gas station. The shooter made eye contact with me after I screamed. I said something like "no, no!"

Question: Which direction were you coming from and which way was your back facing?

Answer: I was walking toward the West with my back facing east. When the guy was pumping gas I was really close, right close to the corner of Oakland. I was going to cross the street but when I saw the guy with the gun I went back. I was facing toward the gunman when the shots were fired.

Question: How far were you from the shooting?

Answer: I was at the corner before the uniform store, walking toward the gas station. I started walking backwards after the guy fired the shots and kept my eyes on him because he had the gun. I kept my eyes on him the whole time. I knew he saw me and I saw him and I didn't want him to shoot me.

Question: Where were you standing when the van came toward you? Were you on Oakland Avenue, Grand Boulevard, or where?

Answer: When he jumped back in the van, I was in the middle of the street. I started running toward the uniform store. I was in the middle of the street. They came from the alley along the side of the station and made a right turn like they were coming towards me. I was running. They changed directions and I didn't see which way they exited the area. They came real fast toward me. When I was running, they backed up. I ran into the police uniform store and told the officer what I had just seen.

Question: Did you see anybody in the victim's car?

Answer: I didn't see if anyone was in the car. I know that he (the victim) had family members who showed up later screaming that they were going to get whoever did it.

They were there by the time the police officer and I walked out toward the gas station and the shooting victim. He, (the victim) was surrounded by family members who were shouting. We were in the uniform store about 5 minutes before walking to the gas station.

Question: Which way was the shooter facing when he shot the victim? Which way was his back facing?

Answer: The car was facing toward the South and his back was to the North. He (the victim) was pumping gas. His back was toward the alley where the van was parked. He (the shooter) came out of the side of the van. He was facing the street, looking out toward the street when he shot the guy. The shooter came from the North and was facing south when he shot. Both the shooter and the victim were facing toward the South.

Question: Did you tell the police that you thought the shooter has a mask or a scarf on covering his face?

Answer: I told the police he had a mask. He looked like one of those swat people in the police. I call it a skullcap with the holes in face for the eyes and mouth.

Question: Did the police write down your statement about the shooter having a mask on?

Answer: Yes, and I called it a skullcap. The shooter was wearing all black.

Question: Do you remember the names of any of the officers who interviewed you?

Answer: I don't remember any names. One of the officers was black. They told me the victim was a drug dealer and he had a bullet-proof vest on.

Question: Was the shooter shorter or taller than the victim?

Answer: I know he wasn't really tall. He tiptoed. I know he wasn't tall or really big.

Question: Was the shooter taller than the victim's car?

Answer: I don't remember the victim's car. I know the shooter wasn't tall or really big.

Question: Was the shooter shorter or taller than you? How tall are you?

Answer: The shooter was taller than me. I'm 5'3" tall.

Question: Do you know whether the gas station attendant witnessed the shooting?

Answer: I'm not sure. I have no way of knowing. The man in the apartment saw it all.

Question: Do you remember if the gas station attendant gave a tape to the police?

Answer: We were in the station with the attendant but I don't remember what he said and I don't recall him handing a tape to the police.

Question: Do you remember who the first officer on the scene was? Was it a man or a woman?

Answer: No, I don't.

Question: Do you remember who the officer was that you spoke to when you went to the business next door to the gas station?

Answer: He was a black guy. He told me he was an officer or worked for the police. He did not have a uniform on. I wanted to go home and he said that I needed to tell the

police what happened. I said I was afraid the guy (the shooter) would come back get me. If the officer gave me a name, I don't remember.

Question: From where you were positioned, if a person was coming toward the gas station on Oakland Avenue would you have been able to see them coming from across the alley?

Answer: Absolutely! I did not see anyone. I was the only person there on the street and I was only steps away. I didn't see anyone out there. The gunman, after he shot him (the victim), he was so focused on shooting that guy and I was looking around to see where I was going to run. I would have seen somebody if they were out there. I did not see whoever was in the windows of the apartment building looking out.

Question: Could the first shot fired have struck the victim in the face?

Answer: If it was it could have been in the side of the face, because the guy was shooting him in the back. It was not in the front of the face.

Question: Did the victim ever see the shooter?

Answer: The victim never saw the shooter. He never saw it coming. He was still pumping gas when he shot him in the back and then he just dropped.

Question: What address did you give the police?

Answer: 2500 West Grand Boulevard, tenth floor apartment.

Question: When did you move from that address?

Answer: I know I left Detroit in 2006. After the shooting I moved to a suburb of Detroit. I don't recall the name because I'm not originally from Detroit. It might have been Oak Park. I only lived there two months, then I moved back to Kansas City to help my mom who had cancer. I'm not sure how long after the shooting I was at 2500 West Grand Blvd. I checked myself into the hospital for depression at one point. It wasn't because of the shooting or drugs or alcohol. I don't use either. I was in the hospital for depression.

Question: Did the police ever contact you about testifying?

Answer: I think they did. I think I got a letter. I think I was living in the suburb by then. I decided not to respond because I heard that most of the police were crooked and I was concerned about my safety.

Question: Which way was the gunman facing, and how close were you to him when you looked at each other?

Answer: I was facing the North. The gunman was facing the South. When he came out of the van he didn't look at me. As I started walking across the street he came out with the gun. I backed up to the sidewalk after he shot.

Question: How long after the shooting was it that the police took you to the station?

Answer: Right away, about ten minutes after I got to the gas station. I told the officer that I didn't feel safe. He told me to get into the police car. Shortly after that, they took me to the station and I signed something.

Question: Did you see whether they took the cashier to the station?

Answer: No. I believe there were two males and myself sitting on a bench waiting to be called back to give our statements. I think one was possibly Arabic or had a darker complexion but he was not black.

Question: Would you be able to come back to Detroit to do a video deposition?

Answer: I would have to think about that. I hate Detroit.

This concludes our report
Scott Lewis Private Investigations LLC

