

### Affidavit of Vincent Smothers

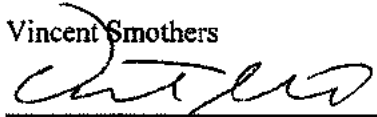
BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary, on December 21, 2016, personally appeared Vincent Smothers, who being by me first duly sworn, on his oath, deposes and says:

1. My name is Vincent Smothers, and I make this affidavit from personal knowledge of the matters addressed herein.
2. On September 6, 2004, I committed the murder of Jamal Segers, a man known to me by his street name of "Q". I did not know Mr. Segers personally, I knew him by sight and through his reputation as one of the major drug dealers in the City of Detroit.
3. The murder happened in the area of Conner Street and Whithorn Street in Detroit, near the entrance to Detroit City Airport.
4. I was driving northbound on Conner with an associate, Jeffrey Daniels, when I spotted Jamal Segers behind the wheel of his Corvette. He was facing southbound and was stuck in traffic because of a large party that was going on at the airport.
5. I knew that Segers was likely to have cash on him because he was a drug dealer and I decided to rob him. I drove one block to the north and parked my car at Conner and Findlay. Jeffrey Daniels and I got out of the car and started walking towards Segers' Corvette to rob him. We both had handguns, a 40 caliber and a 45 caliber.
6. As I approached the rear of Segers' Corvette it appeared to me that he might have spotted me through his rear view mirror. I fired about three shots at Segers from the rear of the Corvette. I continued walking toward the driver's side door and fired about 3 more shots. When I arrived at the driver's side door I fired a single shot at Segers' head. Segers had money in his hand. I reached into the car and grabbed the money out of his hand. There was a passenger in Segers' car. Jeffrey Daniels was on the passenger side of the car and fired at least one shot into the air, but did not shoot at the passenger.
7. At this point, an unmarked police car, trying to get to us, got into a crash. The passenger got out of the police car and opened fire on us but neither of us was hit. The driver of the police car appeared to either be hurt or trapped inside because he never got out.
8. Jeffrey Daniels ran up Conner to Findlay to my car. I ran up Whithorn behind a gas station and then to Findlay where my car was parked and drove off with Daniels in the car.
9. I gave my gun to Jeffrey Daniels and told him to get rid of both of them. About two weeks later Jeffrey Daniels was murdered.

10. When I was in prison, after the murder, I heard through other inmates that a person I knew as "Skinny Man" was locked up for the murder of Jamal Segers. I later learned that this person's real name is Thelonious Searcy. I did not know Searcy personally, only by reputation through the streets. I wrote Searcy a letter admitting to him that I had committed the murder that he was locked up for.
11. I decided to come forward because prison is extremely difficult even when you're guilty and it has to be more so when you're not. I know first hand how bad prison is and I don't think someone should suffer through prison for life if they didn't commit the crime.
12. I have not been pressured, bribed, threatened, or in any way forced into signing this statement. I have no reason to lie in this statement. I am willing to testify under oath in a court of law to the contents of this affidavit and to the truth of my involvement in this murder.

FURTHER, YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

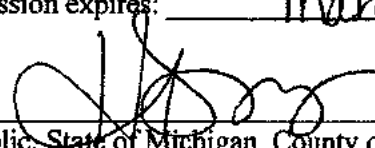
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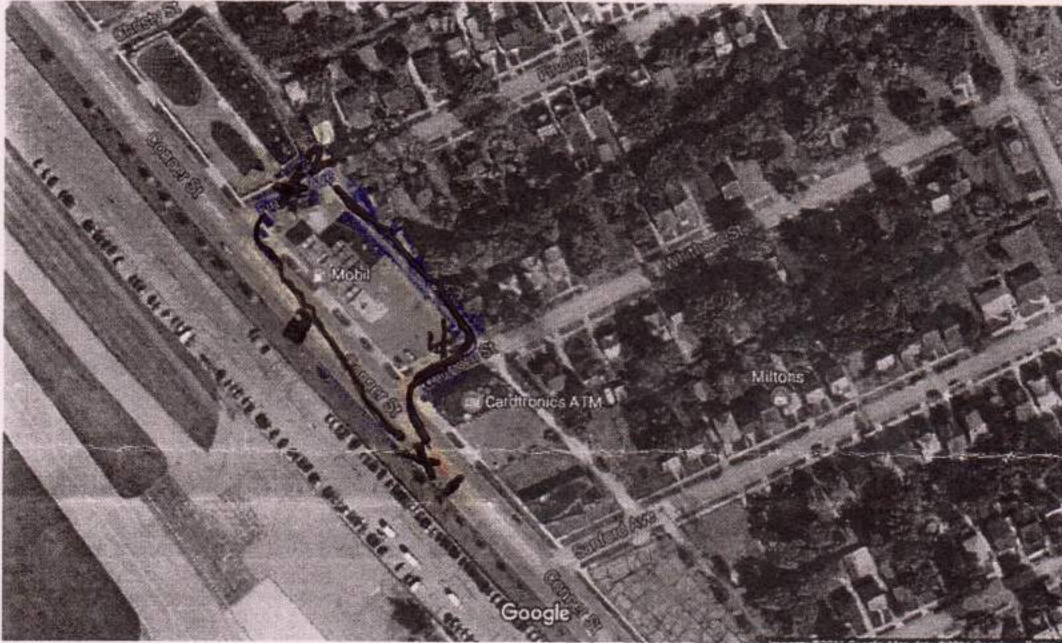
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 21, 2016 in  
Macomb County, Michigan.

My commission expires: March 20, 2022

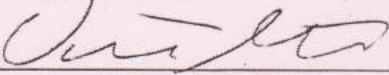
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1. This is the spot where Jamal Segers' car was parked when I shot him.
2. This is where I parked my car when I walked to Segers' car and shot him.
3. This is the route that Jeffrey Daniels took to my car after the shooting.
4. This is the route that I took to my car after I shot Jamal Segers.

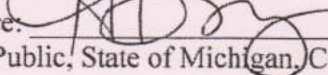
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