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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)