

SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
DETECTIVE BUREAU
STATEMENT

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TIME: 3:23/PM

My name is Carolyn Wright, my date of birth is 10/31/1977 and my social security number is [REDACTED]. I live at 34 [REDACTED] St. Ramp with my grandfather, Richard Wright Jr. My telephone number is 203-893-[REDACTED]. I am currently at the Springfield Police Department. I am giving this statement to Sgt. Kevin Devine about a shooting that happened today.

This morning I went over to 46 Burr St. to get my hair done. My boyfriend, Fitzroy Allen, dropped me off there. I met a girl there that does hair. This was the first time I met her, I had never been to her house before but she was looking to make some money and somebody recommended her. The girl set up to do my hair, she told me her name but I just can't remember it right now. There was another girl there also and some other people. I don't know who they were but the girl got set up and she started to braid my hair.

About 5 or 10 minutes after the girl started to do my hair the other people left so that it was just me, the hair dresser and a friend of hers and the hair dresser's baby there. After about 20 minutes and in the middle of the last twisty I heard the backdoor open and close. The next thing I knew a Black guy with braids came into the living room where we were and said, "Don't say shit or I'll fucking kill you." The guy had a Black colored gun in his hand and he was waving it around. The guy waived the gun at me and the hairdresser, and the other girl who was on the coach. The guy waived the gun at us as he was talking his shit.

The guy was dark skinned and he was wearing all Black, Black hoody and Black pants, he had his hair in braids. The guy walked to the middle window and peeked through the mini blinds. The guy was acting like somebody had followed him, and I thought that somebody was going to start shooting at the house. The guy then went over to the front door and looked out of the blinds there. We were afraid and we didn't say anything to the guy. The other girls looked as scared as I was and they didn't act like they knew the guy. The guy paced back and forth in the living room looking out the window and then he went out the back door.

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Me and the hairdresser grabbed our stuff and went upstairs. The other girl who had the baby had put him upstairs just before the guy got in because the baby had fallen asleep. The other girl didn't come right upstairs when we did, I assumed she was locking the doors so the guy couldn't get back inside. Then she came upstairs. We were all saying what the hell was that? Me and the hairdresser went to the window in the back next to the bathroom. I heard a car door close.

I looked out the window I could see a Silver colored car had backed into the driveway. I could see a White Police Officer in regular clothes pointing a gun at the car. I could hear the Police yelling, I can't remember exactly what he said but I do remember he kept verifying he was a Police Officer. I heard the Police Officer yell to another Officer I could not see, "Check the trunk." The trunk opened on the car and I could hear a lot of gunshots.

I ran into the bathroom when the shooting started because there was no windows there and I thought I'd be safe. The hairdresser dropped down on the floor and rolled away trying to get out of the way. I didn't see where the other girl was. The shooting went on for like a whole minute maybe two. It seemed like a long time. I could hear yelling then. Then I heard Cops yelling surround the building and check in the house to make sure there is nobody else there.

Then the cops yelled up to us and had us come down. The Cops checked us to make sure we weren't a part of what happened and then they asked us what happened. The girl in the green told our story and we came to the Police Station to make statements.

Sgt Devine explained a Photo Array Summary Form to me. I was read items from this paper before I looked at some pictures. I initialed the sheet and told Sgt. Devine I understood it and then I looked at 8 pictures of Black guys who looked similar. Picture number 3 is a guy I've seen around my neighborhood, but I don't know his name. I signed the picture. Picture number 4 is guy named Aaron Kelly, he dated my friend. I signed this picture to show I knew him. Picture number 7 looked like the guy I saw with the gun today. I was pretty sure this was him but I told Sgt. Devine I couldn be sure if I saw a side view of his face. I signed this picture also. Picture number 8 is a guy who hung out with Aaron Kelly.

Sgt. Devine took my statement and then showed me 8 pictures, all side views of Black guys. I positively identified the fifth picture as being the guy I saw with the gun today while I was having my hair done. This is the guy who pointed the Black gun at me, the

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hairdresser and the other girl who was holding the baby. This is the guy who I thought was going to shoot us. I signed the picture and put I was 100% sure this was the guy. Sgt. Devine told me that this guy's name is Tamik Kirkland.

I don't know why this guy came into the house today. It was the first time ever I was there. I don't really know the girls that were there either. The guy didn't act like he belonged there. This guy looked like he was there to hide from the cops. I had a chance to read this statement and make corrections.

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Det. Kevin D. Smith

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