

OFFICE OF THE POLICE DIRECTOR

NEWARK NEW JERSEY

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Lt. ROCCO FERRENTE
Intelligence Unit

FROM: Detective JUNIOUS T. HEDGESPETH

July 13, 1967

SUBJECT: Picketing and start of incident at Fourth Precinct.

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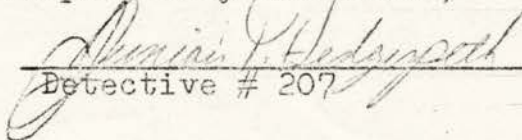
Sir: I hereby report that at 7:30 P.M. this date I responded to the 4th. Precinct after receiving a copy of the attached handbill.

Upon arrival I observed approximately 30 - 40 people picketing in an orderly manner, the following men appeared to be the leaders, #1. Jessie Allen of area board # 3 of the U.C.C., #2. Derek Winans also of the U.C.C. #3. Melvin Higgins also of U.C.C. all three of these men are also members of Newark Community Union Project (NCUP) #4. James Kennedy of Area Board # 2 of the U.C.C.

These men appeared to have pretty good control of the people until Mr. Threatt of the Police Community Relations Program came up and asked them to stop the Picket line and let him make an announcement, Mr. Kennedy stopped the picket line at this time and Mr. Threatt started to tell them that a Negro Police Captain was going to be made, and that a blue chip committee was going to investigate the incident of the day before involving a cabdriver and two white Policemen, with this the crowd started booing and making nasty remarks, at this point Mr. Jessie Allen started to speak, he told them that the Blackman was in a position to seize power in Newark, if he would only get out and register to vote and then vote as a block or group. The crowd responded with yells of we don't want to hear none of that Bullshit we came to fight.

At this time someone in the crowd threw a bottle that hit the wall of the precinct directly over the head of the speakers, and was almost instantly followed by another, and another. Then a barrage of rocks and bottles were thrown through the precinct doors and windows. Windows of all Police Cars outside except 147 car were broken. This all started about 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Detective # 207

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT
NEWARK, N. J.**

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RECORDS AND IDENTIFICATION BUREAU

NAME	John William Smith	COL	Blk	SEX	Male	DATE OF BIRTH	1-27-1927	19
OTHER NAMES USED								

RECORD

- 11-15-1944 Southern Rwy. Co., Greensboro, NC, as John Willie Smith, #8289, Investigation, Released.
- 1-17-1956 Newark, N.J., as John William Smith, Malicious Damage, Arr. 6th. No. 28. On 1-17-1956, Judge Mc Kinley, MC Pt. 2, Not Guilty.
- 4-23-1964 Newark, N.J., as John William Smith, Contempt of Court, (2), Ptlm. Gus Bryant Jr., 1st Pct., Mag. MC Pt 6 Newark, N.J., Compl't.
- 5-22-1965 Newark, N.J., as John William Smith, Traffic Warrant, Ptlm. White, 1st Pct., Magt. Mun Crt. Pt 6, Newark, N.J., Compl't.
- (A) 7-12-1967 Newark, N.J., as John William Smith., A&B on Polke Officer, Ptlm. Pontrell, 4th. Pct., Officer's Compl't.
- 7-12-1967 Newark, N.J., as John William Smith, Resisting Arrest, Ptlm. Vito Pontrell, 4th. Pct., Officer's Compl't.
- 7-12-1967 Newark, N.J., as John William Smith, Loud and Off. Lang., Ptlm. Vito Pontrell, 4th Pct., Officer's Compl't.