

**MINNESOTA GANG STRIKE FORCE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

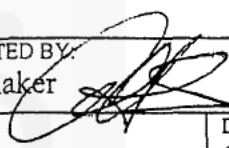
TYPE OF REPORT

- INITIAL REPORT
 INVESTIGATION REPORT
 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
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 GANG IDENTIFICATION REPORT

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- INVESTIGATIVE
 GANG GROUP
 PERSONAL

APPROVED BY: 

GSF NUMBER 02-000504	OFFENSE CATEGORY Investigation of Death	OFFENSE CODE
COUNTY OF OCCURRENCE Dakota	DATE / TIME OF INCIDENT 12/22/02 @ 2143 hrs.	SUBMITTED BY: Shoemaker 
CASE TITLE S. St. Paul Robbery/Homicide	CROSS REFERENCE S.St. Paul P.D. 02-018427	REGION Metro
		DATE / TIME ACTIVITY 01/03/03 @ 2200 hrs.

SUBJECT(S):

- CRI X0164
- VANCE, Phillip Randall, B/M, dob [REDACTED], AKA: FLORIDA, lives at 956 E. Minnehaha, St. Paul. Unkn. if upstairs, or down.
- JOHNSON, Dominick Dwayne, B/M, dob/111582, AKA: STACKS, unkn. address.

SYNOPSIS:

Met with the CRI at CRI's place of business. CRI finished work at 2200 hours. CRI was outfitted with a transmitter, then went to the "Buttery", located at the corner of Robert/6th St., to meet with the above parties and see if CRI could get the above suspects to say anything about the above incident which would indicate that they were involved in the above Robbery/Homicide.

PERSONNEL ASSIGNED:

Shoemaker, McManus, Kennedy, Bautista, Meskan, Freichels, Pinoniemi, Sgt. Pyka - MGSF, Capt. Vujovich - S. St. Paul P.D.

DETAILS:

This reporting Officer (Shoemaker - MGSF #120) is currently assigned to the Minnesota Gang Strike Force, as an Investigator.

From information obtained by the CRI, and a second Concerned Citizen (CC), information was obtained which leads Officers to believe that the above individuals have knowledge of, or were involved in, a shooting incident during the past two weeks.

I was assisted by Officers McManus, and Kennedy. We met with the CRI at 311 Minnesota Street at approx. 2200 hours. The CRI works in the downtown area. The CRI told us that VANCE had stopped by earlier in the evening and agreed to meet with the CRI at the "Buttery" at approx. 2230 hrs. Officer Kennedy gave the CRI a hardwire transmitter, which would allow us to monitor any conversation the CRI had with anyone. We also gave the CRI instructions as to what questions the CRI should ask VANCE or JOHNSON, and several safety rules to follow.

We followed the CRI to the Buttery at 2307 hrs., and observed the CRI enter the Buttery at 2315 hrs. The CRI could be seen through the front windows of the business at the corner of Robert/6th and the CRI was immediately met by two parties the CRI had previously described/identified to us as VANCE, and JOHNSON.

JOHNSON was wearing a white "doo rag" on his head, a black jacket - carharts type, and black jeans. VANCE was wearing a white/beige/brown leather jacket, black pants, and had recently taken the braids out of his hair, making his hair, "stand up irregularly". A third B/M was also with the above two parties. This B/M went by the name of "Rooster" and is believed to be: WILLIAMS, Montrell, B/M, dob [REDACTED], 602, 157#, unkn. address.

The CRI spoke with the above parties while seated near the windows. The CRI and suspects were monitored by all Officers assigned to this detail. Although the conversations could be heard, background noise was so loud that any attempts at recording the conversations would not be successful. At 2342 hrs., the CRI went to the restroom and phoned Officer McManus. The CRI said things were going okay, and that VANCE wanted to go to another downtown bar called, "The Lab". We advised the CRI that it would be okay to take VANCE to that location and that we would provide constant surveillance while enroute there. The CRI left the Buttery with VANCE at approx. 0010 hrs. and arrived at the Lab (actually called the 4th Street Station) which is located at the NE corner of 4th St./Sibley in the Lowertown portion of St. Paul, at 0019 hrs.

The CRI had told us that VANCE was collecting money constantly while in the Buttery. People were giving him \$20 bills and while seated there, VANCE collected what the CRI estimated to be \$300 in cash. VANCE told the CRI that he is a drug dealer, and deals drugs in the Buttery and at, "The Lab". While with VANCE, the CRI saw VANCE with several bags of what the CRI recognized as marijuana, and observed VANCE make several drug sales.

At approx. 0045 hrs., the CRI asked VANCE about guns. The following conversation took place between the CRI and VANCE:

CRI-Do you have any guns? CRI- Will you teach me how to shoot? VANCE-Yeah, I got four of them. CRI-When's the last time you used one? VANCE-Two weeks ago, over south, Boo. CRI-What happened? CRI-What did you do? VANCE-I shot the guy five times in the back. CRI-Didn't you stop to see if he was dead? VANCE-Nope, I just kept going. VANCE-I've shot at lots of people before.

Following the above conversation, the CRI told VANCE that the CRI owned a gun, but didn't know how to shoot it. VANCE told the CRI that he shoots all the time by some railroad tracks. The CRI and VANCE then discussed going shooting the next day. VANCE said he would teach the CRI how to shoot the gun.

The CRI left the 4th Street Station (LAB) with VANCE at 0116 hrs. They walked to the CRI's vehicle together. The CRI and VANCE were still talking about going shooting. VANCE offered to show the CRI one of his guns, and directed the CRI to his "crib", which is a street term for home, or residence. We tailed the CRI and VANCE W/B 4th St. onto N/B Sibley, then E/B on 5th St., to N/B Wall, then E/B I94. The CRI exited at the 6th St./Mounds Blvd exit, then continued E/B on 6th St. to Forest, then N/B Forest to Minnehaha, then E/B a short distance on Minnehaha where the CRI pulled to the curb at 956 E. Minnehaha.

The CRI was told by VANCE to wait outside, he was going inside to get one of his guns to show the CRI. Officers set up in the area, but it was extremely difficult to see up to the front of 956 E. Minnehaha as no street lights or porch lights were on in the immediate area. The CRI waited approx. five minutes at which point we contacted the CRI and told the CRI to leave and meet us at a prearranged location. The CRI pulled away at approx. the same time that VANCE was observed by surveillance Officers to come back out the front door and wait on the steps near where the CRI had been waiting. The CRI cleared 956 E. Minnehaha at 0128 hrs.

Two vehicles were observed parked unoccupied in front of 956 E. Minnehaha and possibly related to that address. Vehicle #1 is a grey Mercury, Minnesota license plate FDX-556. Vehicle #2 is a Minnesota license plate of 363-NUX. Vehicle #1 (FDX-556) lists to a 1985 Mercury 4door, gray, registering to KERAN, Katherine Marie, dob [REDACTED], of [REDACTED] S., So. St. Paul, Mn 55075. Vehicle #2 (363-NUX) lists to a 1989 Ford Tempo, gray, registering to DACCARDI, Robert James and Sharon Marie, of [REDACTED] So, Cottage Grove, Mn. This vehicle is flagged, held for resale, from a dealership.

We met briefly with the CRI after the CRI had left the residence. It should be noted that the CRI told Officers that VANCE was still in possession of several bags of marijuana when he went into the residence at 956 E. Minnehaha.

DESCRIPTION AND CUSTODY OF EVIDENCE:

N/A

CASE STATUS: OPEN CLOSED CONTINUED PENDING INFO

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