
INITIAL INVESTIGATION

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On 5/16/04 at approximately 1205 hours investigators were advised of a robbery and homicide at 3300 Lyndale Avenue North. Investigators were in separate cars and arrived separately. SGT MATTSON arrived and parked a plain-clothes car south of the crime scene facing northbound on Lyndale but south of 33rd.

SGT MATTSON requested from MECC the weather conditions for a scene report and then verified that officers were securing the scene. SGT MATTSON remained on scene to assist in the initial investigation and identified witnesses.

Meanwhile SGT KEEFE had a K9 and a bloodhound do a track from the flower store. The initial track was conducted by OFFICER STENDER and a subsequent track was conducted by a bloodhound. The bloodhound was from Austin, Minnesota. Both dogs picked up a scent from the green wrapping paper, which the suspect leaned on, inside of the store. The dogs tracked the scent to the rear of 3343 6th Street North. See OFFICER STENDER's supplement and OFFICER WALD's report for further details.

The residents in the lower unit at 3343 6th Street North are as follows: 1) JAMES THOMAS SEATON, DOB [REDACTED] 58, 2) KEITH PORTER, DOB [REDACTED] 65 and 3) WILLIE JAMES WILSON, DOB [REDACTED] 43. The upper unit is occupied by OLIVIA DELORES HARE, DOB [REDACTED] 48 and her daughter SHARON DENISE NEIL, DOB [REDACTED] 66. NEIL has 4 children who also live with her and her mother. 1) SHINIKKA ELLA MARIE NEIL, 2) LASHANDRE DENISE NEIL, 3) RAFEAL DESHAY JONES (18) and 4) DAVID EUGENE NEIL (15). In addition OLIVIA HARE has a son JERRY LEE HARE, DOB [REDACTED] 87, however JERRY is currently in a group home in Golden Valley.

Investigators took into consideration everyone who lived at 3343 6th Street North and upon doing so JERRY HARE's age, height and build were most consistent with CYNTHIA MCDERMID's description. Therefore, MCDERMID was shown a photo lineup of JERRY HARE.

At approximately 1406 hours SGT MATTSON drove witness CYNTHIA MCDERMID to Room 108 for an interview. While at Room 108 MCDERMID was interviewed and then shown a series of 6 individuals photos by SGT ZIMMERMAN. MCDERMID while viewing this photo spread identified two photos of persons who she said looked familiar stating that one of the persons had been in the store as a customer. She was unable to make a positive Id or rule them out at that time. The persons she picked out of this lineup were photo #2 which was noted to be JERRY LEE HARE, DOB [REDACTED] 87 whom MCDERMID stated had been in the store in the past as a customer and looked similar to the suspect and photo #4 whom was identified in booking records as MAX BOLDEN, DOB [REDACTED] 83 whom she stated also looked very similar to the suspect. While she stated that these two individuals looked familiar she did not positively rule them in or out but stated the photos looked very similar to each and to the suspect.

Ms. MCDERMID returned to Room 108 the following day and was shown enlarged photos of the same photo spread and again picked the same two individuals but again stated she was not 100% sure. This photo spread was shown by SGT FOLKENS.

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