
Statement of officer Rollins typed on 05-16-04 at 1800 hrs regarding ccn 04-117071.

While driving squad 410 with my partner Officer Smelter, we heard dispatcher send squad 460, officers Ulberg and Heiple, an unknown trouble call from the Flower shop at 3300 Lyndale Av n. We started towards this location and the call was updated to a Robbery of Biz with shots being fired.

We were the first squad to arrive on the scene from NB Lyndale, and as I pulled up to the front of the Flower Shop, a w/f, later id/d as Witness 1, Cynthia McDermid, came running out of the yard at 3210 Lyndale N stating her brother in the flower store may have been shot. Myself and Officer Smelter immediately ran into the store where we observed the vict, Harry Sherer, lying on the floor with a large pool of blood forming around his body. We immediately ordered rescue/ambulance code 3, as other squads started arriving on the scene. Rescue arrived and determined the vict DOA and ambulance was then cancelled.

I attempted to get susp information from W1, and was able to get a very limited description which I aired. She then gave the following scenario. While both W1 and V1 (sister and brother) were working at the store, the susp walked in and ordered a flower arrangement. W1 stated the susp was very polite, but was talking a lot in a nervous type of way. She stated that the vict came out front and also spoke with the susp and when the vict turned to walk to the rear of the store and was out of sight of the susp, W1 looked up and the susp was pointing a large silver handgun towards her. (it is unknown if W1 was standing behind the counter at this time or not). The susp demanded all the cash in the register and the video tape for the camera. W1 told the susp that there was no video tape and he could have all the money in the register.

It was then that V1 walked into the front room again, and when the susp turned towards V1, W1 ran out the front door and as she did so, she heard 2 shots fired. W1 ran N/B to the nearby address of 33 Lyndale, which is the home of OT1, Etta McCabe. 911 was called from this address. W1 further stated as she jumped the fence on the south side of McCabe/s yard, she observed the susp walking NB in the alley. She stated he wasn't running, just walking. She then described the susp as a B/M, 22yo, Dark complected with short cropped hair. He was also wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt but may have had a jacket over this sweatshirt, but she does remember seeing a hood. It should be noted that W1 was severely shaking and had a hard time talking.

Car 710, Sgt Keefe, arrived a short while later and the scene had already began to be taped off by other officers. I then was directed by Sgt Kjos to help with perimeter security and stood guarding the alley area just east of the flower shop by 614 33rd Ave n. Myself and other officers also searched the alley and garbage cans for any possible evidence.