

1 350 Spring...  
 2 A No, because I felt, "If you want me, you come and  
 3 see me." I have no intention of seeing him. The only  
 4 reason I am here, I don't think you would come.

5 Q Did he come back to see you?

6 A He came back with the paper already, the white  
 7 paper. It was all in order.

8 Q Did you read it? business yourself?

9 A Yes, sir, to make sure what I said was on that  
 10 paper, there was nothing added or left out. I made sure  
 11 it was right.

12 Q Is your husband a Negro?

13 A Yes. you operated the business elsewhere in

14 Newark? CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Anything else, gentlemen?

15 A Yes. Thank you very much, Mrs. King.

16 Q What address was that? (Witness excused)

17 A 150 Wavely Avenue -- and 124 Wavely Avenue.

18 Whereupon, How long have you resided in Newark?

19 A Oh, practically all my life. ELMO J. SESSOMS

20 called as a witness, first duly sworn, testified as follows:

21 A About CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Thank you for coming here,

22 Q How long have you been in business in Newark?  
 23 Mr. Sessoms.

24 totally? EXAMINATION

25 left A By Mr. Fortunato:

Q Can you tell us your home address?

for A 281 Belmont Avenue. My business address is

1 350 Springfield Avenue.

2 Q What business do you operate?

3 A Century Appliance Service.

4 Q Can you describe the business there?

5 A Repair of refrigeration and all appliances, major  
6 domestic and commercial refrigeration.

7 Q And you own the business yourself?

8 A I am the owner.

9 Q How long have you operated that business at that  
10 particular address?

11 A About four years.

12 Q Have you operated the business elsewhere in  
13 Newark?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What address was that?

16 A 150 Wavelly Avenue and 124 Wavelly Avenue.

17 Q How long have you resided in Newark?

18 A Oh, practically all my life.

19 Q How many years is that?

20 A About 37.

21 Q How long have you been in business in Newark  
22 totally?

23 A Six years.

24 Q Do you have any incident or incidents to describe  
25 for us that occurred during the disorder in July?

1 A Yes, I have.

2 Q Can you tell us what that is?

3 A Do you want to start with the day it started and  
4 what occurred until the time the damage was done to me?

5 Q What damage was done to you?

6 A Well, as far as the store is concerned the damage  
7 that was done is that the windows were broken on a Sunday  
8 afternoon after five o'clock. They were broken by pool  
9 balls, bricks and shells from State Troopers' guns.

10 Q What were you doing Sunday? Did you work in your  
11 store on Sunday?

12 A I was allowed to go in my store and work until  
13 five o'clock.

14 Q How did you get permission to do that?

15 A Because I reside at the store at times when I am  
16 working. When I am working late, then I am there. I am  
17 mostly there at night due to the fact that a lot of my calls  
18 are done outside during the day and my work is done in the  
19 shop at night.

20 Q Were you there that Saturday evening?

21 A I was there from Wednesday until Saturday evening  
22 at seven-thirty, and I was back there at nine o'clock and I  
23 left --

24 Q Back there at nine o'clock Saturday evening?

25 A Saturday evening. Then I left. They required me

1 not to be there. Sunday morning I was back there at ten  
2 o'clock with an escort. They escorted me into the store  
3 to be sure that I brought nothing in. They gave me  
4 privileges of doing my service calls outside of the area.

5 Q What was the condition of your store at that time?

6 A At ten o'clock in the morning?

7 Q Yes. only thing I saw, who fixed photo into the

8 building in the morning.  
9 A It was still intact.

10 Q Did you have any sign in your window? I would like

11 to -- A I had signs on the windows.

12 Q You put them there? in the building.

13 A I put them there. damage?

14 Q What were those? in the front of the store?

15 A They were Soul signs. They are still there.

16 Q You indicated that you stayed in the store until  
17 five o'clock? anyone tell me?

18 A That's right.

19 Q Then what did you do? the people in the building

20 next door. A Then they told me I had to leave.

21 Q Then did you leave?

22 A And I left.

23 A The man's name was Mr. Pangel.

24 Q When was the next time you saw your store?

25 A Nine o'clock Monday morning. the sign was

Q What condition was it in then?

A The windows were all shattered. The refrigerators

1 were shot into and the pool balls were right in the front  
2 of the refrigerator. The bricks and the shells were embedded  
3 in the wall behind the refrigerators.

4 Q Did you see who did this?

5 A Did I see who threw the balls? No.

6 Q Any of it.

7 A The only thing I saw, who fired shots into the  
8 building on Friday night.

9 Q We will come to that in a moment, but I would like  
10 to -- Q Did she tell you?

11 A This is when I was in the building.

12 Q Can I finish this damage?

13 A In the front of the store?

14 Q Yes. Did anybody tell you they saw anyone do this  
15 damage to your store?

16 A Did anyone tell me?

17 Q Yes.

18 A That they saw them? The people in the building  
19 next door.

20 Q And who are they?

21 A The man's name was Mr. Pompei.

22 Q And anyone else?

23 A And the people on the side of the street over the  
24 tavern, I don't know what their name is.

25 Q How about Carol Sadowski?

1 A She was out of the building. She was escorted  
2 out of the building by the State Troopers and the Newark  
3 Police and the fire department at my request.

4 Q At your request?

5 A At my request, and at their request that they  
6 wanted to get out of the building.

7 Q But did she tell you that she had seen who broke  
8 up your store?

9 A Did she see it?

10 Q Did she tell you?

11 A Not on Saturday. No, it didn't happen on Saturday.  
12 She was out on Sunday morning.

13 Q She was out on Sunday morning?

14 A They were escorted out of the building on Sunday  
15 morning.

16 Q Tell us, then, what you did see with regard to  
17 shooting and what time was this?

18 A Well, Thursday and Friday, or Wednesday, Thursday  
19 and Friday I was working in the store and up until ten  
20 o'clock. Then they told me I had to put my lights out in  
21 the store. I told them that it didn't make sense for me to  
22 put them out because I was going to continue to work. There  
23 wasn't nobody bothering me. So they said I had to put the  
24 lights out. So I put the lights out in front of the store,  
25 and I go to the rear of the store to work in the back, in

1 my shop in the back.

2 During the period of time that I was working there  
3 Friday night -- this was around between ten and ten-thirty  
4 -- the girl came downstairs. She ran downstairs and she  
5 was calling and calling. Other people in the building were  
6 calling. I run upstairs and find out what it is. She said,  
7 "They are shooting in the house upstairs."

8 So as I go up to the top floor and I wanted to see  
9 where they were shooting, she said, "In the living room."  
10 I said, "Where are the kids?" She said one kid was on the  
11 couch and one kid was in the crib. So I said, "Get the kid  
12 off the couch and I will get the one out of the crib and  
13 we will go downstairs into the store."

14 By the time she got the kid off the couch and I got  
15 the other baby out of the crib, right through the couch  
16 where the kid was laying the bullet came, right to the couch,  
17 through the room and into the outside wall past the crib  
18 where I had just taken the other kid.

19 We got down to the second floor and the lady on the  
20 second floor said, "Come in here. They are firing everywhere."  
21 So we got inside and she said, "Where are they firing from?"  
22 I go to the window to look. I didn't actually go completely  
23 to the window, but I could see from each corner each side  
24 of the street where the shots were coming from.

25 Just about that time I said, "They are firing from

1 Bergen and Springfield Avenue and right across here at  
2 Hurterdon Street." She said, "Who?" I said, "The State  
3 Troopers is up on the corner there." Just as I said, she  
4 said, "Get down." Right through the window it came right  
5 above my head.

6 I crawled back. As I crawled back she said, "Why are  
7 they shooting?" I said, "I don't know." There is only  
8 women and children in the building. I am the only man in  
9 the building.

10 MR. MEYNER: This was Friday night?

11 THE WITNESS: This is Friday night.

12 MR. MEYNER: About what time?

13 THE WITNESS: Between eleven and twelve  
14 o'clock Friday night. Just about that time then  
15 the whole building, they began to really rattle  
16 the whole building on both sides. There is an  
17 empty building that was over the cleaners there.  
18 The building was boarded up, and they were saying  
19 well, they are getting fire from the building.  
20 No one was firing there. They just kept right on  
21 for a period of two and a half hours and then  
22 continuously for every half hour or three quarters  
23 of an hour the troopers would come by again. Then  
24 they would jump off the half tracks or off the  
25 trucks there and started to aim up and started



1 firing into the building. On the left side of our  
2 building they just kept right on. It so happened  
3 there was a woman that had just left out of the  
4 building that afternoon, and they were firing right  
5 through her bedroom.

6 So this was up until around one o'clock. Then  
7 around three o'clock they started firing again and  
8 right in the building. Everybody was huddled up  
9 on the floor. These shots was coming through from  
10 the empty building all the way through those walls  
11 and into our building. We couldn't stay in the  
12 front; we couldn't stay in the back because they  
13 started firing from Sixteenth Avenue side.

14 There was a big parking lot there by the bank.

15 They could fire right from the bank side which was  
16 a clear opening to us.

17 Each time that they would come by they would

18 jump off the truck and aim the rifles and if we  
19 went to the windows, they would fire at us at the  
20 windows. They wanted us to get back. On each

21 window the women had requested me Friday afternoon  
22 or Thursday night and Friday morning to do

23 something about the windows there because in the

24 street, building there was one girl, Sadowski, the only

25 white girl that lives in the building. This was

1 "Down the really the main reason for us staying so close  
2 shells right and not getting out of the building until Sunday,  
3 further. because of the fact that she was in the building.  
4 side of We were trying to protect her from the people and  
5 didn't also from the troopers or Guard or whoever it  
6 might be.

7 We requested, tried to get in touch with the  
8 firehouse to let them there know somebody was in  
9 the building firing, and only women and children,  
10 that the kids couldn't sleep or go anywhere. We  
11 were all huddled on the floor.

12 By Mr. Fortunato:

13 Q Why did you call the Fire Department rather than  
14 the Police Department?

15 A We couldn't get into the Police Department. I  
16 called the police. We called the Police Department quite  
17 a few times to tell them. We called them Friday night  
18 when they first started firing. They said they were getting  
19 fired on. The report from Central Communications is that  
20 they were getting fired from that side of the street and  
21 there was no firing. But what it was, the National Guard  
22 were firing at a building on Sixteenth Avenue side. By  
23 the troopers coming down Springfield Avenue across Bergen  
24 Street, seeing them firing, they jumped off and I heard  
25 this trooper ask, "where is the fire coming from?" He said,

1 "Down there" and then that's when they started lobbing  
2 shells right from the corner. They didn't come down any  
3 further. They started firing all the buildings on that  
4 side of the street. The other side of the street they  
5 didn't touch.

6 MR. MEYNER: What were they firing with?

7 THE WITNESS: In my opinion, and I have  
8 asked about the type of shells that they were  
9 firing, and it looked like those .30-.30 heavy  
10 copper jacket shells.

11 MR. MEYNER: From a gun?

12 THE WITNESS: No, these were from rifles,  
13 high powered rifles. I was told these shells  
14 they were firing were supposed to have a  
15 twelve-mile range to them. You can believe me,  
16 they had it.

17 By Mr. Fortunato:

18 Q Do you have any of them?

19 A I left this afternoon in a hurry, coming from one  
20 job and trying to get here on time, and I left it all right  
21 here at the store.

22 Q Would you make those available to us?

23 A I am going to make the pool balls, the bricks, the  
24 shells, all of that available to you.

25 MR. GIBBONS: There is a pool room in the

neighborhood?

1  
2 THE WITNESS: No. The pool balls came from  
3 the barber shop across the street directly in  
4 front of my store. This is what the other people  
5 had stated on Saturday afternoon at the time. I  
6 had left to go to the hospital to see my father.  
7 By the time I come back the National Guard had  
8 broken into the restaurant across the street.

9 They had taken the bayonets and pried the lock  
10 out of the door and they went in. They started  
11 cooking the food and they were eating. Then they  
12 made everybody come out of the barber shop which

13 These windows adjoins the restaurant, and during this time they  
14 went in there and slopped up the place there and  
15 broke out the window and the door. That Sunday  
16 morning when I came down the owner of the barber  
17 shop asked me could I help them board up this  
18 door to the restaurant because he didn't want  
19 anybody going in there to take equipment or  
20 damage anymore property. So I helped him board  
21 up the door on a Sunday. At the same time he  
22 noticed that the pool table, this recreation  
23 table they have in there some of the balls were  
24 missing off of there. One of the balls was found  
25 in the cleaners at that time. Then on Monday

1 morning these same balls -- this is the only place  
2 that had the pool table other than the tavern on  
3 the corner, and the tavern on the corner had been  
4 stripped. These pool balls came from the barber  
5 shop directly in line with the barber shop right  
6 into the window and into the refrigerator. I have  
7 pictures to show here. This window here was the  
8 two shots, and the brick. This window here is the  
9 pool ball.

10 By Mr. Fortunato:

11 Q Can you tell us who took these photographs?

12 A These were taken the day after the curfew came off.

13 These windows are in the same shape right now.

14 MR. MEYNER: This is probably Wednesday?

15 THE WITNESS: This was on Tuesday.

16 MR. MEYNER: Are these photographs available  
17 to us? Can we mark them for identification?

18 THE WITNESS: I would like to hang on to those  
19 until I can get some of the others back.

20 MR. GIBBONS: Did you give others to someone  
21 else?

22 THE WITNESS: Yes, I did, because, see, I  
23 have no insurance and my landlord has no insurance.  
24 They had cancelled his insurance out about six or  
25 eight months prior to this. I have been trying to

1 to make a print of the... I have tried to get fire  
2 we could get plateglass insurance. I have tried to get fire  
3 A insurance and any other kind of insurance that was  
4 available since I have been there, and I have never  
5 been able to acquire any insurance and I have been  
6 burned out. I had to remodel the store myself at

7 my own expense. This was a couple of years ago,  
8 and even after that I couldn't get insurance. I

9 Q got one company to write a policy on it and they  
10 incident? charged me top premium only for two months later to

11 A cancel it out as a risk. From thereon in I have

12 Q never been able to acquire insurance. Only after

13 A a riot did I know that the landlord's insurance  
14 adjusters had been cancelled. I have to do all of this  
15 been around myself now in order to get my business going again.

16 Q By Mr. Fortunato: to anyone about your situation?

17 Q To whom did you give the other photographs?

18 A This was given to my attorney.

19 A I will MR. GIBBONS: Who is your attorney?

20 fact of the THE WITNESS: Irving Mandelbaum.

21 to try By Mr. Fortunato: and trying to find a way of

22 gett Q Would these photographs be available to us to make  
23 a print for ourselves and then return them?

24 stay A Sure. There are better ones than this.

25 rough Q Would you mind if we put an identification mark  
on them and then you can take them back and we'll arrange

1 to make a print, or you could leave them with us and then  
2 we could make a print and give you back these.

3 A That is okay.

4 MR. FORTUNATO: Mark them in evidence, please.  
5 (EXHIBITS NOS. C-45, C-46 AND C-47 WERE RECEIVED IN  
6 EVIDENCE.)

7 By Mr. Fortunato:

8 Q Were you asked to give a statement about this  
9 incident?

10 A Sure, quite a few times.

11 Q How did that come about?

12 A Because of the fact that they had insurance  
13 adjusters, the state adjusters, and everyone else who has  
14 been around and wanted to know why, what happened.

15 Q Did you complain to anyone about your situation?

16 A Oh, sure.

17 Q To whom did you bring it up?

18 A I was referred to Legal Services because of the  
19 fact of the insurance part of trying to get reestablished  
20 to try to reopen the business and trying to find a way of  
21 getting back into it. I am not a guy that gives up. Rather  
22 than lose my location of my establishment, I would rather  
23 stay in. If I have to do it myself, I will try, but it is  
24 rough. It has been rough all the way. Trying to make a  
25 living this way normally then to have some other thing come

1 up where you can't see really, and it is either do it or go  
2 out of business, and I refuse to go out of business.

3 CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Any questions, gentlemen?

4 MR. GIBBONS: Did you give a statement to the  
5 Newark Legal Services Project?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, I did.

7 MR. GIBBONS: Did they solicit that statement  
8 from you, or did you go to them?

9 THE WITNESS: They had spoken to me and I  
10 went to them, or they had spoken about what procedures

11 -- I asked them what procedures could be taken in  
12 view of the fact that I had no insurance. I had

13 no coverage at all, and I had no funds compensating  
14 the damages or to try to straighten the place out.

15 So they said, "Come down and we will try to get  
16 you an attorney or we will try to see what can be  
17 done about it."

18 Along with the Springfield Avenue Association,

19 which I am a member of, we all were together. We

20 are trying to -- some of those that had insurance

21 were just as much involved as those that didn't

22 have, and as an association we tried to come

23 drinking, eating, and then they began to start up and say,  
24 together and try to acquire things that normally

25 one man can't do. Through an association we can

do a lot. So Legal Services said there is nothing



1 barber that can be promised, but in one way or the other  
2 in the bar they will try to get some underwriter to write us  
3 He said some group insurance or something like that to  
4 him. One compensate, to take care of future things.

5 that night. What I am concerned about now is what is

6 Q happening, who is going to compensate me for the

7 A damages that were done not by the people but by

8 what had the state themselves.

9 Friday By Mr. Fortunato: Like I say, in this building

10 if it Q Going back to that damage done by the state, who

11 told you it was the state that did the damage to your store?

12 A Mr. Pompei.  
with the people in the building on Sixteenth Avenue, which

13 is a Q What did he say to you?

14 because A He lives on the second floor of the building next  
15 to me and he remained. He was the only one that remained  
directly over into our building.

16 in the building after Sunday. The only reason that he wasn't

17 killed was for the simple reason he states that he hugged  
18 the walls and on the floor and he moved from side to side  
19 while they fired through.

20 Q Did he tell you what he saw?

21 A He saw the people, he saw the troopers sitting in  
22 front of the restaurant with the stools out of the bar,  
23 drinking, eating, and then they begin to shoot up and say,  
24 "We are Soul Brothers" and they started to laughing and  
25 started to throwing the balls from the pool table, from the

1 barber shop, and they threw the processing stuff they use  
2 in the barber shop. They started throwing that all over.  
3 He said they were having a pretty good time until they saw  
4 him. Once they saw him then they started to firing again  
5 that night. This was Sunday night.

6 Q When did Mr. Pompei tell you this?

7 A He told me this on Tuesday because we didn't know  
8 what had happened to him because we didn't see him from  
9 Friday morning until Tuesday. Like I say, in this building  
10 if it hadn't been for the fact that the woman and her  
11 grandson had left out of there on Friday morning to stay  
12 with the people in the building on Sixteenth Avenue, which  
13 is a brother-in-law, she would not be here today either  
14 because the shells that came through her building came  
15 directly over into our building.

16 Q Is Mr. Pompei Negro or white?

17 A He is Negro.

18 MR. MEYNER: Don't you actually mean they  
19 left Saturday morning?

20 THE WITNESS: No, sir. Sunday morning,  
21 Saturday night I called the fire department after  
22 I left out. They let me back out.

23 MR. MEYNER: You said that you were in your  
24 store Friday night.

25 THE WITNESS: Friday night.

1 MR. MEYNER: And then these people upstairs  
2 were concerned.

3 THE WITNESS: Friday night is when they  
4 started to firing into the building.

5 MR. MEYNER: Then you hugged the floor?

6 THE WITNESS: We hugged the floor on the  
7 second floor.

8 MR. MEYNER: Wasn't it Saturday they left  
9 then?

10 THE WITNESS: No, sir. Saturday they spent  
11 from one-thirty in the morning until seven o'clock  
12 Sunday morning on the floor with the people on  
13 Sixteenth Avenue where you could go out of the  
14 back entrance of our building directly into the  
15 building on the Sixteenth Avenue side, and even  
16 there people were forced, people in the apartment  
17 on the first floor from the street because they  
18 were firing so rapidly into the building there.

19 About every half hour, every three quarters of an  
20 hour -- I was home and I was calling there trying  
21 to get in touch with the Fire Department because  
22 they had made calls to my house to see what could  
23 be done about getting them out of there. One  
24 family had left out on Saturday afternoon with the  
25 people that own the cleaners next door, and the

1 other three families that were left in the  
2 building was trying to get out. They wanted to  
3 get out, but they didn't want to leave this girl  
4 and her two kids in the building by herself.

5 Sunday My purpose was that these people were really  
6 protecting her because her and her kids, for the  
7 simple reason we didn't know how the sentiment  
8 was running, whether some of the people might see  
9 them in there and they might try to stone the place  
10 or try to burn the place down or what have you, or  
11 the troopers or the Guards would see her there and  
12 figure that we were trying to harbor her as a  
13 hostage there. So we were fighting a dual battle  
14 all the way. At ten o'clock I called the firehouse.

15 They said they couldn't get into the firehouse.

16 I called Central Communications. The police  
17 they gave me and I explained who I was, where my  
18 business was in reference to what I was calling  
19 them for. They said they were sorry, they couldn't  
20 get in touch with the firehouse because the  
21 firehouse was under siege, all the firemen were on  
22 the floor, the firehouse had been shot up and that  
23 they couldn't get in touch with nobody in the  
24 firehouse.

25 From that time, from ten o'clock until six

1 o'clock in the morning I periodically tried to get  
2 in touch with them and they wouldn't help me.

3 MR. MEYNER: That is Saturday night?

4 THE WITNESS: This was Saturday night into  
5 Sunday morning. Sunday morning around eight o'clock  
6 I was able to get in touch with Central Communica-  
7 tions again, and then I asked -- that was after they  
8 had called me from the other lady's house on  
9 Sixteenth Avenue and said that the girl had called  
10 me and said everybody else is going out, getting out  
11 of the community; that the lady upstairs directly  
12 over my store, her minister was giving them a place  
13 to stay down in Red Bank, and that the other family,  
14 they were going to be transferred over, they could  
15 get out and go stay with their relatives, but this  
16 girl had no one to go to.

17 I tried to call her mother. Her mother didn't  
18 want her there. I tried to call her brother. Her  
19 brother said they couldn't take her there. So the  
20 only thing that I could do was to call the police  
21 again at the Fourth Precinct and explain to them  
22 why it was so necessary that they get into the  
23 building and get these people out of there because  
24 I didn't want to feel like everybody was leaving the  
25 girl stranded. If they did, then what is she going

1 to do? She has two young kids not even three years  
2 old yet.

3 This is the reason why there was so much on  
4 my part to try to get somebody in there to do  
5 something about it.

6 Then finally when I got to one of the  
7 detectives that knew about the girl being there,  
8 living there, and knew she used to work in the  
9 store for me -- in fact, he knows her personally  
10 -- and he himself got in touch with Central  
11 Communications. Then they in turn connected me  
12 with the firehouse, with one of the firemen that  
13 knows me pretty well. He went in and he checked  
14 to be sure that this is what it was. When he  
15 found out that is the situation, then he, along  
16 with the National Guard and the State Troopers and  
17 the Newark Police, escorted these people out of  
18 the building.

19 The girl was taken to the Salvation Army  
20 Shelter until Tuesday. Then they allowed me to  
21 come back to the store. The building was  
22 completely empty. We went in the building along  
23 with the Guard, and I went all through the building  
24 to show them there was no one, there was no  
25 possible way anybody could get in the building to

1 fire back at them across the street or from any  
2 point. There is no back entrance that they could  
3 get up on the roof to fire. They made sure there  
4 wasn't no one in the building. I said, "I have to  
5 work. I can't be bothered with what goes on here.  
6 I have got a family to take care of. I have got  
7 to work here today."

8 me. They said, "You can work here until five  
9 o'clock. After five o'clock you have to leave."  
10 I worked in the store there until five o'clock,  
11 and at five o'clock I left out. The windows, the  
12 refrigerators and everything was intact downstairs  
13 until five o'clock Sunday afternoon.

14 enforcement They had the street blocked off and there  
15 was no one without identification or even some of  
16 the people that lived there couldn't get back in.  
17 I can't see any way somebody else would shoot  
18 into the building or into the store, not with the  
19 type of shells that was in there.

20 I have tried to replace two refrigerators  
21 because of this fact: I have to either replace  
22 the glass in the front of the store or to find a  
23 new location to establish again. I have to  
24 remodel.

25 CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Any other questions?

1 ~~Whereupon~~ Thank you very much, Mr. Sessoms.

2 MR. GIBBONS: Has any representative of any  
3 police agency been to see you?

4 THE WITNESS: No. If they have, they haven't  
5 been able to catch me. I am constantly in and  
6 out on service work. I have only an answering  
7 service. So no one else has been in touch with  
8 me.

9 MR. GIBBONS: Has your answering service any  
10 record of any call from the State Police?

11 THE WITNESS: No, sir.

12 By Mr. Fortunato:

13 Q Have you reported these incidents to any law  
14 enforcement officials?

15 A No more than --

16 Q Pardon, in July?

17 A No. 352 Springfield Avenue.

18 MR. FORTUNATO: No further questions.

19 CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Thank you, Mr. Sessoms.

20 A I had anticipated moving. Are you speaking in  
21 reference to the riot?

22 Q That is correct.

23 A (Continuing) -- before the riot, and I got my  
24 SBA loan and moved.

25 Q But you didn't move because of the riot?



11 Whereupon,

12 COURTNEY A. WEEKS, JR.,

13 called as a witness, first duly sworn, testified as follows:

14 EXAMINATION

15 By Mr. Fortunato:

16 Q Your home address?

17 A 351 Springfield Avenue, Newark.

18 Q Your business address?

19 A Same.

20 Q What is your business?

21 A Courtney's Very Bright One-hour Cleaners.

22 Q How long have you operated that business at  
23 that address?

24 A Three weeks.

25 Q Where was your business address at the time  
of the disorder in July?

A 352 Springfield Avenue.

Q Why are you no longer in business at that  
address?

A I had anticipated moving. Are you speaking in  
reference to the riot?

Q That is correct.

A (Continuing) -- before the riot, and I got my  
SBA loan and moved.

Q But you didn't move because of the riot?