

1 Q Did you see **CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Mr. Felix, thank you for**
2 this summer coming here to us.

3 Whereupon, sir.

4 Q At the time of **PEDRO FELIX** did you put any
5 called as a witness, first duly sworn, testified as follows:

6 A Yes, like, "S **EXAMINATION** or something.

7 Q By Mr. Fortunato: is?

8 Q Your home address? break all the glass out, the

9 day after **A 277 South Orange Avenue. I am moving there now.**

10 I was living on 449 South Twelfth. "Soul Brother" or your

11 store. Q In Newark?

12 A Yes. they broke there. Everybody on the block do

13 that. Q Your business address?

14 A 277 South Orange Avenue. before you put Soul

15 Brother. Q How long have you been at that address with your
16 business?

17 A No. They no touch.

18 A About four months. From August the first until
19 now, you referring to the fact that the rioters did not know

20 any stores that was Soul Brother on the window?

21 A August 4th. I saw everybody do it, so I put it

22 in the Q. Where was your business before August 4th?

23 A Right there. I ain't got no more business.
24 everything on the whole block.

25 Q Do you have a store that is called Felix's
Luncheonette located at 277 South Orange Avenue, Newark?

A Right, same place. ain't home.

1 Q Did you have that store at the time of the disorder
2 this summer?

3 A Yes, sir. her name?

4 Q At the time of the disorder did you put any
5 designation on your store? - name of your business?

6 A Yes, like, "Soul Brother" or something. and I

7 have

Q When did you do this?

8 A The day after they break all the glass out, the
9 day after.

10 Q When did you put the sign "Soul Brother" on your
11 store? Are you Negro or Puerto Rican?

12 A After they broke there. Everybody on the block do
13 that. I put it on after. extent of the damage?

14 Q Was your store broken into before you put Soul
15 Brother on the window? like that, \$225, something like that

16 A No. They no touch. insurance?

17 Q When you say, "they," whom are you referring to?
18 Are you referring to the fact that the rioters did not break
19 any stores that had Soul Brother on the window?

20 A I don't know. I saw everybody do it, so I put it
21 in there. Next day when I come they come and break
22 everything on the whole block.

23 Q Did you see anybody break anything? pay attention

24 that A No. The landlady told me, that if I say I see it,
25 I didn't see nothing. I wasn't home.

1 Q Was your landlady home?

2 A Yes. I still do as long as I can.

3 Q What was her name?

4 A I don't know.

5 Q You don't know the name of your landlady?

6 A No, because she take care of the building and I
7 have nothing to do with that.

8 Q Is your landlady white or colored?

9 A White. She is 59 years old. She is German, I
10 think.

11 Q Are you Negro or Puerto Rican?

12 A Negro, Puerto Rican.

13 Q How much was the extent of the damage?

14 A I don't know. They break all the glass. The glass
15 cost \$280 or something like that, \$225, something like that.

16 Q Is it covered by insurance?

17 A No.

18 Q Have you talked to other businessmen in your area
19 concerning this damage?

20 A We was talking together, but what can we do?

21 Q Do you feel it was done by law enforcement
22 officials?

23 A That is what the lady says and the guy upstairs
24 that lives on the top. They saw it. I didn't see it; they
25 saw it. Yes. I looked.

1 Q Are you going to continue doing business in Newark?

2 A Sure. I still do as long as I can.

3 Q You haven't been frightened off by the fact there
4 was a riot?

5 A For what? They didn't do anything, just what
6 happened. I am still watching every night if somebody else
7 come because I got no gate. If I got a gate, I put it up,
8 you know. What are you going to do?

9 Q Are you affiliated with any business association?

10 A No. Like what?

11 Q Any group of businessmen like the Chamber of
12 Commerce or anything on that order.

13 A No. They were shooting and doing this and that.

14 The guy upsta. MR. FORTUNATO: I have no further questions.

15 and the By Mr. Jaffe: The guy on the jeep. "National

16 Guard" Q Could you tell us what the landlady told you?

17 A When somebody went to my house in the morning,

18 that was Saturday night or Sunday. anybody?

19 Q It was Saturday night?

20 A Yes. Now, from the government, I guess.

21 Q Then Sunday morning you went back?

22 A Somebody went to my house to get me after saying
23 they broke everything. So I come.

24 Q That was Sunday morning?

25 A Yes. I looked. Were they from the Newark Legal

1 Q And you went back to your store?

2 A Yes. They called me a couple of times.

3 Q What did you see?

4 A Saw all the windows out.

5 Q Was there anything inside your store, or did you
6 find anything taken out or just the window broken?

7 A No, the window broken, and they go inside but
8 never was much in there.

9 Q Did you find any holes, any bullet holes in there?

10 A No. They say they don't use bullet, something
11 else, hit it with something is what they say. The landlady
12 come over and say, "Look at that. I saw it, I saw it. I
13 have to hide. They were shooting and doing this and that."
14 The guy upstairs told me. I said, "Who?" "State Trooper
15 and the National Guard. The guy on the jeep." "National
16 Guard?" "Yes, yes. Have to hide," but I don't know. I
17 didn't see. That is what she told me. She had to hide.

18 Q Did you go to complain to anybody?

19 A No. Somebody was in there. Somebody looked like
20 -- I don't know, from the government, I guess.

21 Q MR. GIBBONS: When did that happen? When
22 were the men from the government there?

23 THE WITNESS: About a month or two months ago.
24 Two. The whole block.

25 MR. GIBBONS: Were they from the Newark Legal

1 Services Project? (Witness examined)

2 THE WITNESS: They called me a couple of times
3 and leave a card.

4 MR. GIBBONS: Did you ever go there?

5 THE WITNESS: No.

6 MR. GIBBONS: Did you ever sign a statement
7 for them?

8 THE WITNESS: I think I signed something that
9 they wrote. I am not too sure.

10 MR. GIBBONS: They came out to you?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes. They called me to be in
12 there, well one thing is I ain't got much time,
13 you know. So I don't went down there.

14 By Mr. Jaffe: you resided at that address?

15 Q Do you know the name of the man upstairs who said
16 he saw what happened?

17 A He live in there. is at the same address?

18 Q Do you know his name?

19 A I don't know his name because he got a nickname.
20 He got one of those funny names.

21 Q What is his nickname?

22 A Nickname? They call him Ty. He live on top of
23 the restaurant.

24 CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Any other questions,
25 gentlemen? Thank you, Mr. Felix.

1 A Seven years. (Witness excused)

2 Q Can you relate - - - - -

3 Whereupon, I believe the date is?

4 A Well, at all the rioting and

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

6 intercom in my CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Thank you, Mrs. Dixon, for
7 coming to see us.

8 downstairs. The only EXAMINATION

9 By Mr. Fortunato:

10 Q Can you give us your home address?

11 A 258 South Orange Avenue.

12 Q That is in Newark?

13 A Yes. I remember exactly. When the first ring

14 happened. Q How long have you resided at that address?

15 A I have lived there four years, but I have had a
16 business there for seven years. I don't know whether it was

17 a man Q And your business is at the same address? That

18 the people the people went off, the

19 burglar Q What business is that? people across the street kept

20 holler A A restaurant, small restaurant, luncheonette,
21 whatever you want to call it. downstairs to cut the burglar

22 alarm Q How long have you been a resident of Newark?

23 A About ten years. inspecting what happened. There was shots across the

24 windows Q And how long have you operated the business at
25 this address? ends and ends and things were broken from the