Thereupon,

WILLIAM FIELDS

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

EXAMINATION

By Mr. Fortunato:

Q Your residence, please?

A 34 Deacon Street.

Q Your occupation?

A Bartender.

Q Where?

A 31 Club, 33 Deacon Street.

Q In Newark?

A Right.

Q How long have you been a resident in Newark?

A About 39 years.

Q Do you have any incidents to relate to us pertaining to the riots and particular involvement with law enforcement officials?

A Things that I seen.

Q What did you see and, if you can, indicate to us the date and time.

A I don't know the right date.

Q Let me try and orient you somewhat. The cabdriver incident was on Wednesday, July 12, and July 13 -- on a Friday, right?

A Right.

Q That is when the rioting really started. With that in mind, Friday was July 14 and Saturday, July 15. What day was it that the incident that you want to talk about was?

A Friday, July 14, about four-thirty or quarter to five.

Q Can you tell us what it was?

A Jimmy Snead, a cousin of mine, asked me to take his car to inspection that morning when he went to work. So I took his car to inspection. When I came back I told him what was happening, one of the left-hand back wheels was catching. He said, "I can fix that. I don't have to take it to the shop."

He gets out the car to go to fix the wheel. He had fixed the wheel, was putting the wheel back on and a girl by the name of Mabel called and said, "please, he is shot." I said, "He is not shot." She said, "Yes, he is."

I went running over. As I went over I couldn't get to him because the bullets were coming up so fast I had to run back into the hallway and leave him there.

Q Did you see where the bullets were coming from?

A From Springfield Avenue into Beacon Street.

Q Who was shooting the bullets?

A The troopers because I could tell by the stripes on

the side of the pants.

Q Did they have any other identification? Were they wearing anything on their heads?

A I think they had helmets on. I am not sure, but I know they were squatting down, directly up the street.

Q Can you tell me about what time Friday this was?

A Around about four-thirty, quarter to five.

Q That is in the afternoon?

A In the afternoon.

Q What sort of activity was going on at that time on the street?

A Well, nothing on that street that I had seen because everybody was standing outside, kids and everybody. Not on that street, but on Springfield Avenue is where it was going on.

Q How close is the Springfield Avenue area to this area?

A I guess about seventy five - eighty feet, maybe one hundred feet.

Q What were you doing at the time?

A I was sitting there waiting. I had given Jimmy the information about the car, and I was standing there looking at him as he worked on the car.

Q You weren't working?

A No. I was standing on this side of the street; he

color were their uniforms?

THE WITNESS: Grey, I call them grey.

By Mr. Fortunato:

Q You didn't see any police cars?

A No police cars, no.

Q How far were you from the intersection of Springfield Avenue?

A I would say about 80 feet.

CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Any further questions?

MR. GIBBONS: Where is Beacon Street with relation to Norfold Street

THE WITNESS: Between Springfield Avenue and South Orange.

MR. GIBBONS: And is it above Norfold Street or below?

THE WITNESS: Below Norfolk Street one block in. Not a block in, you know.

MR. GIBBONS: A short block?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

MR. GIBBONS: The first street below Norfolk Street between Springfield and South Orange Avenue?

THE WITNESS: That's right.

MR. DRISCOLL: Did you notice what kind of weapons these people were using?