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Springfield Police Department  
Detective Bureau  
Statement

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Spfld, Ma  
Date: 4-30-11

Time: 3:10pm

My name is Linka Baukman and I'm giving this statement to Det. Cass and MSP Trooper M. Trombly regarding an incident that occurred at my mother's house at 46 Burr St.

I live at [redacted] with four of my five children. I spend a lot of time at my mother's house, because she is on dialysis and she just had surgery, where a pacemaker was inserted into her chest. She has a lot of medical issues and can't be left home alone. She lives with my little sister, Nykiesha Baukman, but Nykiesha is away at college, right now in South Carolina. My friend Lakeanna Carter helps out with my mother, when I'm not able too. Tawanda Knighton is a family friend, who also helps out with my Mom's care.

Today, my mother left for dialysis treatment on Main St around 10:30am. She got picked up by a medical transportation van. She was supposed to be home around 4:00pm. She goes to dialysis about three times a week. I waited for her to return home at the house on Burr St. Around 11:00am, my Uncle Clifford Baukman came by the house and took the three of my kids for a few hours. The fourth was with his father today. He takes my kids from time to time to give me a break. After the kids left, the only people left in house were Lakeanna, her four month old baby, a girl named Caroline and our friend Tawanda. Lakeanna has been my best friend for years. Lakeanna is a hair stylist and does a lot of girl's hair styles. Today she was styling this girl, Caroline's hair, because I was told Caroline had a wedding to go today at 3:00pm. I never met Caroline before. Tawanda was helping my mother this morning and she left the house a few minutes after my Uncle picked up the kids.

A little bit after 12:00pm, the three of us and the baby were all sitting in the living room. Lakeanna was doing Caroline's hair and I was rocking the baby to sleep in my arms. I know it was a little after twelve, because that is when the TV program "In the Heat of the Night" comes on and I watch that show all the time. Today's episode had just started. While watching the program, I heard the back door open and I assumed it was Uncle Clifford with the kids. Sometimes he takes them on short trips to the corner store. I heard the door close and was surprised when a Black man walked into the living room, from the kitchen. I noticed immediately that he was waving a gun that he was holding in his hand. I was terrified. I never saw this guy before and I had no idea why he had just entered my Mom's house with a gun. He looked to be in his twenties with an average build. He was wearing a dark hooded

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sweatshirt and a black baseball style cap. I think he was wearing black gloves too. He was pointing and waving both hands at the three of us. He actually might have had a gun in each hand, but I definitely saw at least one gun. He was out of breath and excited. He told us, "ya better not tell or I'm gonna kill ya all!" I didn't know what he wanted and I didn't know what to do. He then said something like "I'm going out!" He seemed real nervous. I didn't want to get killed and I was concerned for the baby I was still holding. I jumped off the couch and ran up the stairs to the second floor. Lakeanna and Caroline followed me. We went into my little sister's room. We closed the door behind us and it didn't sound like he followed us up the stairs. I could hear him walking around downstairs. None of us brought our cellular phones with us upstairs. I started praying. I was so scared and now knew that we couldn't even call for help. We were huddled together for what seemed like several minutes. Suddenly I heard several "pops" It sounded like firecrackers. I figured they were gunshots and I dove to the floor. Lakeanna had the baby now. There were a lot of gunshots. When the gunshots stopped I got off the floor and went to the window. I saw the police were outside. I heard the police yelling if there was anyone in the house. I yelled out to the police that there were three ladies and a baby in the house. I saw the police were with a B/M that was lying on the ground. He looked like the guy that had come in the house with the guns, but I didn't see the black hooded sweatshirt. He looked like he was wearing just a white t-shirt now. I was relieved that the police were already here and they had the guy that had the gun, but I was still shaking with fear. We met the officers downstairs and we told them what happened. We then came to the police department, where I met Det. Cass and MSP Trp. Trombly.

During this interview, Trp. Trombly and Det. Cass explained to me the proper procedures of viewing photo arrays. I understood the procedures and signed two Photo Array summary forms.

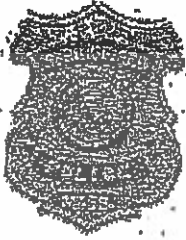
Trp. Trombly then showed me a photo array of eight similar looking black males. I viewed all the pictures and explained to the Officers that I only recognized one of the men. I recognized photo # 8 as "Chicken". I'm not sure of his real name, but he's always walking around the neighborhood. I don't get along with him too well, but he knows my Mom and he's always hanging out on the corner of Burr and Cambridge Sts, where my mom's house is located. He's also always hanging out at the store at corner of Burr St and Oak grove Ave. I told the Officers, that he wasn't the guy that came in my Mom's house today and that I last saw him in the beginning of the week at the store by my Mom's house. I signed, dated and timed the image. I was told by Det. Cass that I identified Trevin Smith, DOB [redacted] of [redacted] St. Last I knew, he lived on Maynard St.

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I was then shown a second set of eight photographs of similar looking black males. I viewed the array and recognized one of the males. We went to school together, his name is Barry something. I told the Officers who Barry was and that he wasn't involved in the incident today. Barry was photo # 1. I told Trip Trombley and Officer Cass that photo # 2 looked like the guy that came into my Mom's house. I can't be positive but he looks similar to him. He had the same big eyes as the guy with the guns today. I told the Detectives that I was only about 40% positive it was the same guy. I didn't get a real good, long, look at his face. I was concentrating mostly on his hands and the gun he was waiving around. The officers had me sign, date and time the image that looked like the guy that came into my Mom's house today. I also put a "40%" on the top of the picture. Det. Cass told me that I had recognized a photo of Tamik Kirkland DOB [redacted] of [redacted] St.

Det. Cass showed me one single photo of a black female, but I didn't recognize the girl. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and I'm willing to assist the Police and District Attorney's Office in this investigation.

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Witness: E. E. Cass

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