



Transcript of the Deposition of
William Carter

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1 A. I'm scared to share that on the record for my
2 own safety. Who need to know where my mama stay at? You
3 all got that. The system could go and look up that. I'm
4 not sharing that for safety of my mother and my own
5 safety so Watts and nobody else won't retaliate on me,
6 possibly be waiting on me.

7 MR. FLAXMAN: Let's take a quick break. Okay?

8 MR. STEFANICH: All right. Thanks, Joel.

9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All right. We are going off the
10 record. The time is 10:28 a.m.

11 (A short break was had.)

12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record. The
13 time is 10:33 a.m.

14 BY MR. STEFANICH:

15 **Q. Okay. Mr. Carter, we were talking a little**
16 **bit about your family. Do you have any siblings?**

17 A. Yes.

18 **Q. What are their names?**

19 A. Angela, Patrice, and Anita, Karen, Darnella,
20 Cory, and Cornell.

21 **Q. Okay. What's Angela's last name?**

22 A. Carter.

23 **Q. Okay. Then the second one was Patrice, you**
24 **said?**

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1 **that incident; you just heard about it?**

2 A. Correct.

3 **Q. Okay. Did you hear about it from your mother?**

4 A. Eventually, yes.

5 **Q. Okay. Can you approximate when she told you**
6 **about that?**

7 A. When I got knowledge of it, man, to tell you
8 the truth, it had happened -- man, it probably happened a
9 month or two. Some time had passed, because, like, in
10 boot camp, I think you get a phone call once a week or
11 something. So you don't even be having access to just
12 get on the phone and stuff. For the most part, I don't
13 need to get on the phone. I got time to do what I see.
14 I got on the phone, but I really wasn't trying to be on
15 the phone and stuff like that. But when I did get on the
16 phone, it was usually bad news, like, "Your grandma
17 died." "Your great-grandma died," some crazy stuff. So
18 me and the phone, we friends.

19 **Q. What did your mother tell you about this**
20 **incident?**

21 A. Excuse me?

22 **Q. Say that again.**

23 A. No. I'm trying to see what was the question.

24 **Q. Oh. What did your mother tell you about this**

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1 **incident? What do you recall --**

2 A. She said that she was visiting the building
3 that me and my auntie -- our family stayed in. My auntie
4 was a known candy lady. When it's hot outside, sometimes
5 when it's a little cool, she bring her cooler, whatever,
6 set up. My mama was over there with her. They were
7 selling cigarettes or something. And, no, I'm just
8 telling you what it is. And the police did one of
9 them -- Watts and them -- "somebody ain't paying me"
10 things. My mama had no information because, of course,
11 she don't reside there. She just was there visiting her
12 sister and spending some time, trying to help her sister
13 out or whatever.

14 But other than that, she don't know what the
15 hell going on there, what cleanup mean, how to move or
16 nothing. So when the police came, my mama, she is my
17 mama, so you could tell me, like, I ain't doing nothing
18 and you just come upon me with some bullcrap, that would
19 be a problem.

20 So she just told me that the police came over
21 there, round up people, grabbed her, and was asking her
22 something about who she was working for, something about
23 some drugs or something. And she wasn't cooperating with
24 them because, of course, she don't have any knowledge,

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1 and some officer slammed her back, like, to the crease of
2 the elevator, whatever. She had to have like a
3 30-something-thousand-dollar operation for it.

4 Q. So you said she didn't live at that -- the
5 Ida B. Wells, correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Okay. When she was telling you what happened,
8 did she say Watts was involved?

9 A. She did say -- she said -- she told me
10 something about how she cussed Watts out, that he was on
11 the scene. I think she said it was a white person or
12 something initially. But Watts was initially on the
13 scene, and he supposedly came over there and supposedly
14 cussed some of his team members out and all type of crazy
15 stuff like that.

16 Q. So she told you that the person that pushed
17 her was a white officer; is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]