



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 bullshit, 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.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]