

SAFE STREET CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM MISCONDUCT INTERVIEWS

Interview date: April 6, 2006

Safe Streets Interviewer: Althea Francois

Interviewee/ Complainant: William Tanner

Date Of Birth:

Race/Ethnicity: Black

Phone: Home# 504-362-6458, Cell# 504-339-3920

Address:

Occupation:

Alternative Contact: Catrina Tanner

Alternative Contact's Phone: 504-362-6458

Other:

Location of Incident: Havens School, West Bank, NOLA

Date of Incident: September 4, 2006

Officer:

Witness Name: Edward "Kevin" King, Baton Rouge, La., Kevin's uncle

Witness Phone:

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office of family services

Alleged Police Misconduct: Harrassment , Abuse , Car Theft , and Murder

Alleged OPP Misconduct:

Court/Indigent Defense Experience:

Prior Arrests and Convictions:

Complaint 1 Details: On April 6, 2006 I interviewed Mr. William and Mrs. Catrina Tanner of Algiers. Mr. Tanner's story begins on September 4, 2005 at 2:45 in the afternoon.. His family was already evacuated before the hurricane. He remained in the city alone. He was driving on Westbend near the corner of Sage when he heard a gunshot. Almost immediately he was confronted by Kevin King, his uncle (whose name I did not get), and his brother, HENRY KING, who had been shot.

Henry's pulse was very low. Mr.Tanner knew that Havens School was being used as a Police compound and they had medical care there. He drove directly to the school and pulled up asking for help. Kevin yelled, "My brother's shot!" Mr. Tanner, Kevin King, and Kevin's uncle were handcuffed and taken into custody. They were each asked questions like if they were married and had any children. When Mr. Tanner responded that they were there seeking medical help for Henry King he was struck on the side of his face with the butt of an M16 rifle.

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Mr. Tanner observed officers remove jumper cables, his tools in a Stanley Tool Box, his gas can, and fire extinguisher from his car and put them all into a boat. They then took pictures of his car all around and inside including the body of Henry King in the back seat. He then observed a "Tacticle" uniformed cop with 2 flares in his pockets take the key to his car and drive away.

The interrogation and abuse continued until a female officer recognized Mr. Tanner as the man who assisted her and some other policemen 2 days earlier when they were having car trouble. He was then released. He started walking towards the gate and stooped down and picked up his keys where the "Tacticle" uniformed cop had dropped them when he took the car key from the ring. It was now 5:30 in the evening and he proceeded to walk home. On the way home he went to Kevin's girlfriend to let her know he was being held by the police at Havens School.

His wife returned to the city to take him to Bossiere City. He reported his car stolen to Progressive Insurance on September 9, 2005. His claim was denied because he was told if the police confiscated the car it was not stolen.

Mr. Tanner and his family returned to Algiers on September 29, 2005 and proceeded to search for his car. He and his wife went to the 4th District Police Station, to Havens School, and all along the River Road. No one knew the whereabouts of the car. Luckily they stopped a Homeland Security Patrol and told them they were searching for the car. Homeland Security later (I did not find out how many days later) came to their home to inform them that they had located the car. The car was found (and may still be there) behind the levee behind the 4th District Police station.

When the Tanners went to the location they were stopped by an elderly gentleman who lived next to the Police Station. They told the man they were there because they were told their car was behind the levee. The old man said that he saw the police drive the car back there and continued with, " that's the car the dead guy was in." The car was spray painted in what was supposed to be gang graffiti and then burned. Mr. Tanner thinks that some type of accelerant was probably used to make the fire burn as hot as indicated by the remains. He also thinks that Henry's body was still inside the car when it was torched. He's if testing is done for DNA it will be found in the back seat area of the car. Mr. Tanner took lots of photos of the burned vehicle, 6 of which he gave us to keep in our files. He is now paying 2 car notes because the insurance company refused to recognize his claim.

I spoke with Mr. Tanner earlier in May and he told me he had just attended a funeral that was held for (corrected name) Henry H. Glover, born October 2, 1973. The obituary was in the Times Picayune on May 1, 2006. He was buried on May 2, 2006 at 11:00 am. Davis Funeral Home officiated. Henry has a brother, Edward King, in Baton Rouge. I don't know if this is the same person previously referred to as Kevin, but I think he is. Henry's mother, Barbara or Brenda King, is still residing in Algiers and has asked to talk to Mr. Tanner regarding her son's death. Mr. Tanner is convinced that an empty coffin was buried because the body was burned in his car.

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Miscellaneous: