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COUNTY OF WAYNE )

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After being duly sworn deponent, Mrs. Marion Grier, who formerly lived at 5843 Beaubien at the time of the riot, but now resides at 3044½ Stanley, states the following.

Paul Grier, my husband, works at Bohn Aluminum Plant #1, on the afternoon shift. He worked on Sunday, June 20, and was home at 11:30 P.M. On Monday morning my husband and I heard a loud commotion outside and as we peered out of our window we could see people throwing bricks and other missiles at cars as they passed down Beaubien street. Sometime between 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. my husband and I left our house to go to my girlfriend's house at 271 Hendrie. While sitting and talking we heard something that sounded to us to be a crash. We looked out and saw a great deal of smoke coming from a car at the corner of Hendrie and Beaubian streets. My husband and I left the house to see what had happened. On our way to the scene we met a man coming from the corner. This man had blood stains on his shirt and hands. Someone said to this man, "Did you get him?" He replied, "Yes we got him allright."

By the time we got to the corner the occupant of the automobile had been removed. We later found the occupant to be an Italian doctor, who had been killed by the mob. Police officers were standing guard at the doctor's car and were ordering the people to keep moving as they walked up to the scene. At this time my husband and I left the scene and went to my aunt's house at 953 Hendrie. After staying a short time, we left for home. My husband and I went to bed at 9:30 P.M., Monday evening.

On August 18, about 8:00 P.M., my husband was taken from his job at Bohn Aluminum by Sargeant Charles Buckholdt of the Homicide Squad and placed under arrest. My husband usually returns from work at 11:30 P.M., and on this date when 1:00 A.M. came naturally I became worried. At 8:00 A.M. the following day I called the plant to find out what time my husband left work. They informed me that

my husband had worked the night before, and they didn't give out any other information by telephone. I called the Receiving Hospital, Police Headquarters, and other agencies but was unable to get any information whatsoever.

Thursday morning, August 19th, I went to police headquarters and a police sargeant informed me that my husband was picked up by one of their men and was placed under arrest pending further investigation. One of the officers told me to go to the homicide squad to get any other information. When I got up there they informed me that my husband had been charged with murder. I went back to police headquarters on Saturday morning. It was at this time that an officer of the homicide squad told me that someone had called headquarters reporting that my husband was the man who killed the doctor. I was allowed to talk to my husband and he explained to me that five men had been there and identified him as one of the men who took part in killing the doctor.

Mrs. Marion Dries MRS. MARION GRIER

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 24th day of August, 1943.

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