

SIXTH HIGHWAY PATROL
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Post: District 4 Warren

Case No. 400-62A-132

Date May 2, 1970

Radio Message No. _____

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Lab. No. _____

SUBJECT Riot at Kent State University

June 1, 1970

I, Terrence Norman, do hereby make this voluntary statement to Sergeant D. C. Wells of the Ohio State Patrol at O.S.P. Headquarters Kent State University at 10:00 AM, Monday, June 1, 1970. I have been fully advised of my rights and have waivered them.

Q What is your full name, age, and address?

A Terrence Brookes Norman, Age 21, DOB 4-30-49, 175 North Portage Path, Akron, Ohio. Public Service #762-4024 - Work 836-5098

Q What is your occupation?

A Student at Kent State University, Junior year, Law Enforcement Major.

Q Were you at Kent State University on Monday, May 4, 1970?

A Yes

Q For what reason were you there?

A Classes mainly. I was also taking pictures. I had my camera with me.

Q For what purpose were you taking pictures?

A Basically, it was free lance but, the Campus Police and people of higher offices were getting a hold of these pictures for prosecution purposes. I can't say who the people are, they are doing an investigation of their own too. BM

Q For what reason, personally, were you taking these pictures?

A The Agency was giving me film.

Q For how long had this arrangement been going on?

A Since about April 12, 13, or 14 of 1970. Since Jerry Rubin was on campus. I've been shooting pictures for the Campus Police for about two years.

Q Between May 1, 1970 and May 4, 1970, during what periods of time were you active in your capacity as a photographer?

A On Saturday night about 10:30 PM, I started. I continued off and on through Monday, May 4, 1970.

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- Q How many photographs did you take ?
A Between 50 and 150.
Q Where are the films ?
A In the hands of this particular agency.
Q Were you present during the shooting incident ?
A Yes, I was approximately 150 to 200 feet due south of the Guardsmen when the shooting occurred.
Q How did you come to be in that position ?
A I was trying to stick pretty close to the Guard line feeling that was the safest place to be. The Guard moved down to the practice football field and I was at the extreme south end of the practice football field. There were two or three other photographers there also. We were being stoned from at least two directions, it seemed that the main direction was from the west which was the grassy area to the south of Taylor Hall. At that time, I decided I was going to try to get some good pictures of the people who were throwing rocks. I took a string of several pictures in being extremely careful to get the proper focus and the correct amount of lighting. Upon finishing this string of pictures, I turned around and noticed the Guard was at the North end of the practice field. At that time, I sought refuge in the crowd. Shortly thereafter, I noticed that some of the Guardsmen were leveling their rifles instead of carrying them in the up position. I heard what seemed to be either a small arms weapon report or possibly a firecracker. Right after that the Guard opened up. I hit the dirt because I heard the sound of bullets going over my head.
- Q What happened after the shooting ?
A I stood up and saw people running all over the place. I proceeded toward the police station. As I was going toward the police station, I was in the area between Stopher and Johnson Hall. Somebody ran toward me and grabbed my gas mask with one hand and my camera with the other and tried to grab them both.

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Somebody at that time yelled, "He's a Pig Photographer." Also someone grabbed my left arm and tried to pull me to the ground. Again at that time, someone yelled, "Kill the Pig, Kill the Pig!" Someone then clipped me behind the knees and I fell down. There was chanting going on "Kill the Pig." Then someone said, "Stick the Pig." This meant to me that someone had a knife. At that time, I drew my weapon and said something to the effect of "Get out of here." They scattered. I proceeded toward the KSU police department at a high rate of speed, this was also toward the National Guard lines. Somebody was throwing rocks at me, more than one person. None of them hit me, but I saw people around me being hit. I got my press pass out and held it high in the air. There was a colored man chasing me saying that I had shot somebody or words to that effect. I was stopped at the Guard line by the Guardsmen. Patrolman Hal Rice of the Campus Police said, "Do you have a gun?" I said, "Yes." He said, "You better let me have it." So I gave it to him. I then went up to the police department with Patrolman Rice and Detective Tom Kelly. I gave them a statement. Major Shimp and some General from the ONG gave me a ride home in an army vehicle.

Q Where did you get the gun?

A I traded with a guy named Bruce for it in August of 1969 or early September.

Q What type of gun was it?

A Smith & Wesson, Model 36, .38 caliber, nickel plated, two (2) inch barrel with custom grips and a trigger shoe.

Q Was your weapon loaded?

A Yes, with four (4) rounds of Super Val and one of Armor Piercing.

Q Did you fire it that day?

A No.

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- Q Why were you carrying a gun ?
A The previous day several threats were made to me, like, "We're going to get you, if you keep on taking pictures, it could be un-cool for you and your health." I was carrying it for protection.
Q Where were you carrying the weapon ?
A On my left side, cross draw in a semi shoulder holster.
Q Was your gun concealed ?
A Yes.
Q Describe exactly what you saw when you first took notice of the Guardsmen on top of the hill next to Taylor Hill.
A I was 150 to 200 feet away when I first took notice of the Guardsmen. I noticed at that time or shortly thereafter that several of the Guardsmen had leveled their weapons toward the crowd. A short time after that, I heard what seemed to be a small caliber weapon or a firecracker. Right afterwards, the Guard opened up. I hit the dirt and waited until the shooting ceased. BM
Q Toward the front center of the Guard line, what did you see ?
A I saw one person who apparently had a hand gun. He seemed to have taken part in the original firing. The actions of this particular person caused me to hit the dirt. BM
Q Was this person firing his weapon ?
A I don't remember, but I saw his hand go backward. BM
Q Which hand ? BM
A His right hand. BM
Q Can you describe the person ?
A No. BM

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Q From what you saw, what did it appear that the students were doing in relation to the guard.

A Closing in.

Q Prior to the shooting, had you seen the Guard aim their weapons at the crowd?

A Yes, twice. BM

Q Did you see the person you described aim the hand gun which you described prior to the shooting?

A No. BM

Q To what type of action had the students subjected the Guard to, prior to the shooting?

A Verbal abuse, rocks being thrown including large rocks.

Q From what you saw, were they in danger of losing their lives?

A Yes.

Q Is there anything you have forgotten?

A Yes, After the firing had ceased, I got up off the ground and walked toward the police station and I saw a boy fall over. I asked him if he was OK, he replied that the gas had got to him.

Q Can you identify this boy?

A No.

Q Were you injured in any way on May 4, 1970?

A Yes, but not extremely. I was kicked several times in the side. I was also struck above the right ear. I went to Doctor Oberholz of Akron and he said my right ear was clogged with wax. I assume this was from the kick in the ear.

Q Can you identify any of your attackers?

A One guy had a long page boy hair cut. That's all I remember. BM

Signature Sgt. D. C. Wells U. 728

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Q Is there anything you wish to add to this statement ?
A No.

Signature _____ Sgt. D. C. Wells

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