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DAVID:

And you say that he was eh, he was intoxicated.

CAPT SMITH:

Eh, he was in an intoxicated state.

DAVID:

How about his wife, where was she?

CAPT SMITH:

She was on the bed. She never did get off the bed.

DAVID:

And was she able to say that she had seen anybody coming backwards.....

CAPT SMITH:

No, she was not able to talk to us.

DAVID:

~~And where is she now?~~

CAPT SMITH:

I have no idea.

DAVID:

Were you able to talk to anybody else around the area who might have seen the person who could have killed Dr. King?

CAPT SMITH:

Well we talked to many people down there. I talked to Solomon Jones, the chauffeur who was standing down there, who eh, was pointing back over towards the building where the shot had come from and eh, at that time there were multiple mulberry bushes upon a hill.....and Solomon Jones told me that he had seen a person running down the bushes. Through the bushes, of course we explored that...

DAVID:

What somebody with a gun?

CAPT SMITH:

No, he didn't say he had a gun, he said eh, he told me that eh, he had turned around and saw a male figure running that was hooded, a white hood on, through the mulberry bushes.

DAVID:

So there were people who said that they thought the shot had come from...  
..from one of the windows, and there was somebody else said that the shot

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CAPT: SMITH:

Not really. We...we were doing our normal thing and then eh, of course the FBI were called in because of the assassination which they would handle. And eh, they took the investigation from here.

DAVID:

X And were you actually prevented from doing things that you would have liked to have done in the normal way?

CAPT SMITH:

No, I...not personally, I was not eh, don't know of anybody that was... I later brought certain people to our homicide office and took statements from them in the presence of the FBI who got copies of our statements, so forth. It's a usual thing when we, when we have anything that the FBI's involved in they like to have our copies and so forth, and it was a normal situation as far as I'm concerned, on that.

DAVID:

So you, all your information went to the FBI. Did you yourself get any of the FBI's information?

CAPT SMITH:

Personally I did not because I was an investigator and not in charge of the homicide squad at that time.

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