

Date: 12/11/87

To: Sgt. Jim Walters

From: Sgt. L. D. Griffin  
Alabaster Police Dept.

Ref: Homicide Sweeney Residence  
Saginaw, Al.

On December 10, 1987 at approximately 4:30 P.M., Alabaster Police Dispatcher called me on the radio and asked if I could meet a person in the Food Max parking lot, that the person would be in a small brown Nissan Pickup. When I arrived at the parking lot, I found Pat Sweeney there in the vehicle I was to locate. Pat said he asked for me to meet him so he could ask if I would call Columbiana Police and Shelby County Sheriff's Department and have them be on the lookout for a White Chevrolet Corvette around the Shelby area. I asked why he wanted me to do this, and Pat told me that he and his wife were having problems and have been separated for the last few days. Pat then told me that the vehicle (Chevrolet Corvette) belonged to his wife and that she had let her ex-husband Ronnie Pate use the car. Pat said he wanted us to locate the vehicle and stop it, that this Ronnie Pate would be Driving While Suspended and probably be intoxicated.

Pat then told me the reason why he wanted me to do this is that they were still married and the vehicle was in his wife's parents name. He then said he felt if something happened like an accident that he, his wife and her parents would be responsible. He then said if we located the vehicle to call her parents, the Snows, that they were aware of the problem and they would go get the vehicle. Both of us then left the parking lot.

At 9:33 P.M. I was dispatched to the Green house behind the old restaurant on Highway U. S. 31 in Saginaw, that there had been a shooting. When I arrived at the residence, I knew that the Sweeney's had been living there. When Officer Wilder and I approached the house, I could see someone had forced the door open by the molding and the door being damaged. The door was open about a foot, I looked in and could see two people lying on the floor. I then started through the house checking the people and trying to locate a weapon. When I didn't find a weapon, I continued with a thorough search of the complete house.

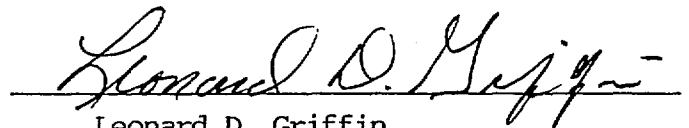
When I completed the search, I went outside to summon the Alabaster Fire Department Medics to check the two people. As the medics and I entered the house, I noticed Robbie Carter standing in the den. When I turned to ask her why she was there, she had sat in a chair. I then reached and took her by the arm and told her she had to leave. Mrs. Carter said to me that she was the one who called, that's why she was there. I then escorted her outside. By the time I was getting her to leave, another person came up, an older lady, and I had to make both of them leave.

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I then noticed Mrs. Snow walking up to the house, and I placed Officer Wilder out front and told him not to let anyone past him. Alabaster Fire Department paramedics then hooked up their life-pak instrument to see if there was life signs to either one of the people. After checking, the paramedics determined they couldn't help the people. At this time Shelby County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Thomas arrived on the scene and I turned the scene over to him.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leonard D. Griffin", written over a horizontal line.

Leonard D. Griffin

Alabaster Police Department