

New Evidence Proves Innocence of John Snowden

To the Editor of the Afro-American:
Sir:

John Snowden lies buried, but there remains a great responsibility resting upon the shoulders of all those who still believe he was innocent of the crime of which he was accused. While, for obvious reasons, it is impossible to give any names, I wish to tell the readers of your paper that sworn statements are now in the possession of Mrs. Grace Humiston and myself, to the following effect:

1st: That sounds of an unmistakable struggle were heard in the Brandon house the night before Mrs. Brandon was found dead.

2nd: That moans were heard in the Brandon house the next morning.

3rd: That Mr. Brandon was known to have come out of his house about seven o'clock the morning of the murder, and to have come down from Second St. across the vacant lot back of his house, apparently burying something and subsequently climb his own back fence.

4th: That Mrs. Brandon did not come to the door to bid her husband good bye, as usual, when he left the house about eight o'clock, the morning of the murder.

5th: That the house was closed absolutely all day.

6th: That Mrs. Brandon was not seen at her door about ten-thirty the morning of the murder, picking up her newspaper, but the day before.

7th: That the Brandon's front window was tightly closed all day.

8th: That a large sum of money was in the hands of one of the principal parties concerned.

9th. That two well known white men stood within a few feet of John Snowden the day of the murder and saw no scratches on his face.

10th: That the evidences of skin under Mrs. Brandon's nails was an absolute fake.

11th: That a number of proofs of callous behaviour can be brought out about Mr. Brandon's general bearing.

12th: That Mr. and Mrs. Brandon were not happily married.

13th: Fresh evidence to show that Mr. Brandon had various reasons for being jealous of his wife.

14th: That evidence showing that no robbery was committed in the Brandon house, and that valuables, including jewelry and a dollar bill were found near the body and given to Mr. Brandon, was suppressed in the trial at Towson.

15th: That Sand's ice wagon delivered ice along Second St. at the usual hour between eleven and twelve the day of the murder, and not about one o'clock as alleged in the trial at Towson. That said ice wagon stood directly in front of the Brandon house at a little before ten minutes of twelve o'clock that morning.

These are only some of the fresh evidences. It was impossible for Mrs. Humiston to remain longer than eight days in Annapolis and Baltimore, I remained ten days longer than I conveniently could. If all who are interested in clearing the memory of John Snowden will continue to give their co-operation, money, and work to this case it is perfectly possible to carry on the matter to a satisfactory conclusion. Such vital truths and far-reaching details as are connected with this matter cannot be choked into silence to please either race prejudice or political influence.

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