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[Illegible] rioting and looting broke out during [illegible] march for the sanitation workers led by Martin Luther King, 17 year old Larry Payne was one of the many teenagers involved. The rioting and looting which erupted on Beale Street had begun to spread to many other areas and establishments before the police [illegible] were able to get it under control. [Illegible] street branch of Sears & Loeb [illegible] one of the many establishments out. [Illegible] of the Main Street area that was [illegible] looters.

Seventeen year old Larry Payne and others were seen by the police looting Sears. Payne was seen carrying a portable JV and running toward the Fowler Homes area. After leaving the JV along the way, Payne then ran into the basement of the Fowler Homes. The police arrived moments later and questioned Payne's whereabouts. After being killed, patrolman L.D. Jones got his shotgun out of the car and proceeded to the basement.

The patrolman asked the youth to come out with his hands up. The youth then –

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--- came out with his hands clasped together on top of his head. Jones looked at him for a second or so, and shot him in the stomach. Payne fell to the ground and Jones began to kick him as if to see whether or not he was dead.

By this time the youth's mother had come and Jones ordered her to get back. She fainted and Jones started waving the gun telling everyone to get back and leave. The patrolman was said to have taken his time about calling an ambulance. Payne died within minutes after being shot by Jones. The knife was found in the basement, but apparently Payne wasn't aware of it.

This is an eye witness report of how 17 yr. old Larry Payne was slain by patrolman L.D. Jones on march 28, 2968 during the looting of Sears Roebuck & Co., Third St. branch

--Phyllis Beasles (13 yrs) as told to Elizabeth Doe—

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