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The Death of Larry Payne

The Sanitation Strike has created much high tension. This tension has resulted in many losses, injuries, and one death. Here is an actual account of the death of 17 year old Larry Payne.

Date: March 28, 1968

Time: about 12:50 p.m.

Place: the 878-900 block of the Fowler Homes--Fourth Street--1/2 block across Crump Blvd.--Southbound

Larry Payne, running toward the Fowler Homes on Fourth Street near Crump, made it to a basement compartment in the Homes. Patrolman L. D. Jones ran toward the basement shouting, "Come out, come out, or I'll shoot the 'damn' door down." Larry then came out with his hands behind his head and said, "Don't shoot, I ain't did nothing." Patrolman Jones then looked at young Payne for about 5 seconds and then stuck the shotgun in his stomach and shot him. Young Payne then fell and a lady nearby closed his eyes. Payne's mother fainted. Patrolman Jones pointed the shotgun at some of the young onlookers and told them roughly to go into the house.

As he walked away, Patrolman Jones met another officer and he replied, "Why did you shoot him?" Patrolman Jones then walked to the police car along with the other officer. An ambulance was called.

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Young Payne did not have a knife when faced by Patrolman Jones.

A knife was later found inside the basement. Neither was there any

type of merchandise from looting.

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