



GOTHAM CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

FOUNDED 1820



INCIDENT REPORT # 6-39-0013

10.211 - Armed robbery
10.245 - Assault w/ deadly weapon
10.187 - Homicide (double)

6/27/1939. 1:20 AM

RESPONDING OFFICER: James W. Gordon, F.B.

At approximately 10:47 PM on the night of Monday, June 6, during the course of my regular foot patrol along Park Row, I was alerted by the sound of a gunshot emanating from the vicinity of The Monarch Theater. It was followed within five seconds by a second shot. I approached the front of the theater, and, rounding the corner of the alley directly to the west, I observed an anglo male, between 35 and 45 years of age, holding a young boy of about 10 at gunpoint with a revolver. I immediately blew my whistle for back-up, at which point the perpetrator, alerted to my presence, turned and ran up the opposite end of the alley to the north. He was dressed in a gray sweater, brown shoes, dark slacks, and a brown leather driver's cap. He was of average height and wore neck-length scruffy gray hair.

Pursuing on foot, I came upon the scene of the crime about 40 feet into the alley, near the Monarch's western side-exit. There I discovered the bodies of two adult caucasians, one male and one female, lying on the ground to either side of the boy. I elected to stop and render aid. I checked the woman's pulse first, at her neck, and then the man's. Both were apparently dead when I arrived. A large quantity of blood was pooling around the bodies, and about a dozen pearls were scattered about the area, apparently from a broken string in the woman's hand.

Alerted by the sound of my whistle, officer Herbert Winslow arrived on scene to assist, and I directed him up the northern end of the alley in the direction of the perpetrator's flight.

I judged the boy to be in a state of shock. His expression was completely calm, even cold, and he did not seem to understand what had happened. But when questioned, the boy readily identified himself



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as Bruce Wayne, age 8, and the adults as his parents Thomas and Martha Wayne, ages 49 and 31 respectively

The boy explained that his parents had taken him to see "The Mark of Zorro." Per his account, shortly after exiting the theater by the western side-door (which he indicated by pointing), the Waynes were confronted by an armed man who demanded money. I asked whether this was the same man who had run away when I arrived, and the boy confirmed that it was. According to the boy, his father had claimed to be without cash, at which point his mother began removing her pearls, intending to offer them instead. When she held them out, Thomas apparently moved to disarm the mugger and was shot at point-blank range. Martha moved in front of the boy to protect him, and was herself shot a moment later. The bullet apparently severed the string of pearls before striking her in the chest.

As I was recording this account, a radio car arrived on scene and I called for an ambulance. Documents in the male victim's wallet corroborated his identity as Thomas Wayne. The woman was without identification. No money was found on either victim. This information was relayed to the dispatch operator, along with a description of the perpetrator and a request for a social worker for the boy.

Officer Winslow returned to the scene, winded, and reported having lost the perpetrator in the 22nd block of Westmoreland Street. We updated the dispatch operator, and an APB went out almost immediately. I remained on scene and tried to engage the boy in conversation. He was unresponsive to questions not having to do with the crime. When asked whether he saw the perpetrator's face and if he could identify him again the boy indicated in the affirmative.

An ambulance from Gotham General Hospital arrived at 10:58 PM. The victims were loaded into the ambulance, but the driver informed me privately that both of them had been shot through the heart and were surely dead. The ambulance left the scene without activating its siren.

At 11:10 PM, a Ms. Jackson arrived from Social Services and took custody of the boy. Very shortly thereafter, a gentleman in his



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mid-50s arrived on the scene in a black Rolls-Royce limousine. He identified himself as one Alfred Pennyworth and claimed to be the Waynes' manservant. He wanted to take custody of Bruce and there was some disagreement between Ms. Jackson and he regarding whether or not this was proper. While they were arguing, I observed the boy carefully gathering up the woman's scattered pearls and placing them in his jacket pocket.

At approximately 11:30 PM, we received radio instructions that the boy should be released into Mr. Pennyworth's custody. Mr. Pennyworth then approached the boy, who clearly recognized him, and knelt down to embrace him. The boy did not respond to affection. Mr. Pennyworth attempted to lift and carry him to the car, but Bruce shrugged him off and walked on his own. He did not shed a tear from the moment I met him to the moment I saw him drive away in the Wayne family limousine, but the look in his eyes was something I shall never forget.

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I ATTEST THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION, AND DO HEREBY AFFIX MY SIGNATURE BELOW.

*Jim -
this one looks
good. Thanks
for meeting me
halfway.*

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