

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH : 1357-1359

VS :

MUMIA ABU-JAMAL : 1982

Room 613 City Hall
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 21, 1981

BEFORE: THE HONORABLE PAUL RIBNER, J.

APPEARANCES:

JOSEPH MCGILL, Esquire
For the Commonwealth

ANTHONY JACKSON, Esquire
For the Defendant

MR. JACKSON: Good morning, Your Honor. This is the Wesley Cook case.

Mr. Cook, Your Honor, was shot and injured on December 9th, at or about the time of his arrest. He is now in the Giuffre Medical Center.

THE COURT: We have not had the arraignment, have we, in front of me?

MR. JACKSON: Oh, no, sir. We have not had a Municipal Court hearing; in fact, it's been continued until January 14th.

I would like to have my client photographed, Your Honor. A number of injuries that he sustained are not necessarily relevant to the gunshot wound. I spoke to Mr. Murray --

THE COURT: Other injuries, injuries not related to the gunshot wound?

MR. JACKSON: Yes, Your Honor, some other injuries unrelated to the gunshot wound. I mean, there's a gunshot wound and

there are some --

THE COURT: Let's assume he was severely beaten and acting in self-defense.

MR. JACKSON: Your Honor, there are injuries to his head, back, to his stomach, to his legs. The gunshot wound was in the chest. And we want to take photographs of those injuries, the injuries other than the gunshot wound.

THE COURT: Are they abrasions or contusions?

MR. JACKSON: Some of them have required stitches, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Lacerations?

MR. JACKSON: Yes, sir, across the head. I think there were about eight stitches required to close a wound in the head, one of the wounds in the head. And there are some other injuries around and about his body. And the Commonwealth indicates they have no objection to --

MR. MCGILL: That's true, Your Honor, the Commonwealth has no objection.

THE COURT: These are injuries allegedly sustained after the the shooting, or before?

MR. JACKSON: Certainly not before, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Then they would be totally irrelevant to the shooting incident.

MR. JACKSON: They may have happened at the same time.

THE COURT: They may be relevant in some other proceeding, but if they happened after the bullets were exchanged they

would be totally irrelevant to --

MR. JACKSON: Well, I am simply saying that they didn't happen before the shooting. Whether they happened simultaneously, contemporaneously, I don't know. I'm not in a position to say at this point, Your Honor, when they occurred. But because of that, sir, and because they do exist, I would want to preserve, by photograph, those injuries, because I just don't know --

THE COURT: All right. Who is going to take the photographs?

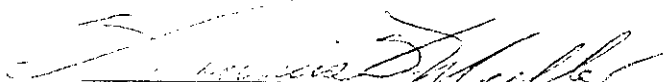
MR. JACKSON: Your Honor, his name is in the record here.

THE COURT: Pardon me?

MR. JACKSON: His name is in the record.

THE COURT: All right.

I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes taken by me on the trial of the above cause, and that this copy is a correct transcript of the same.



Official Stenographer

7/31 19 95

Date

The foregoing record of the proceedings upon the trial of the above cause is hereby approved and directed to be filed.

Judge