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Briefed by Terry Hadley on Crime Scene & statements of Witnesses, William & Joan. Upon entering the front door of the store, Mrs Edwards was found by a couch on the left front side of the store. Eunice was found in the kitchen area. Both had been shot. Mr. Edwards was found in the rear center of the store & May was found in the office area. Both had been shot & beaten. There was evidence of a scuffle in the area where May was found. A bullet was found lodged in the desk. A live .22 cal round was found on the floor. May had a lenoxum crank under his right hand. The phone was off the hook & covered with blood. Money was scattered on the floor. May's hand was wiped with Zeigler receipts in his pockets. A trail of blood led from the office to a chair in the front of the door & then outside.

NOTE: Statements of William & Joan are not clear at this point. Basically, they met Tommy at his home. Tommy put a paper bag containing pistols in Curtis' car & followed them to a grove, south of Hwy 50 to test fire the guns. All were fired by the 3 men but Tommy wore gloves during this time. They finished & drove back to the store. Joan went to the front door while ~~Tommy~~ William went to the back. As William

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went through the door, Tommy pointed
a pistol at him, pulled the trigger 3 times
but it misfired. Tommy then gave William
the gun to prove that he wasn't trying
to kill him. William then jumped the fence,
pistol in hand + ran to the Police Station.
In the meantime, Foster saw the body of
a woman in the front of the store +
ran toward T & Y in the Toy City Shopping
Center.

A clock inside the store stopped @ 7:25 PM
because of a gun shot. Mr. + Mrs. Dick Smith
saw a dark older model car parked at the
store w/ its front wheels on the walkway @
7:57 PM. Edwards car was parked to the
North of it. Lee Jones, Orange Federal
Deputy + Loan also saw the car at
about the same time. Earlier, Don
Reavis reported to Chief Jirka that he saw
a dark older car w/ 3 black males drive
past the Ziegler residence during the
afternoon of Christmas Eve.