

INTERVIEW THAT BEGAN INVESTIGATION OF LUCAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Hours after former Lucas County jail corrections officer Tina Hill told top department officials in a March 10, 2008 disciplinary hearing that she had witnessed a murder at the jail, sheriff's investigators interviewed her at her home about her claim.



Tina Hill

Interview with Tina Hill at her residence
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Det. Mark Woodruff / Det. Cathy Stooksbury

Mark Woodruff: Okay, we want to talk to you. I guess you had something downtown today. In the process of that, you said you had information on some murders.

Tina Hill: Carlton Benton is an inmate, and he was at St. Luke's or St. Vincent's Hospital and when they brought him back because I guess he was irate or whatever this incident was at the hospital they brought him back. He was butt naked head to toe hand-cuffed, like hog tied like this. The deputies picked him up and they were like slamming him into the wall and slamming him into the bars and slamming him into the elevator. And I was working the booth.

Tina Hill: ... I left my station because I told them he is not on this floor, he's down in medical. They left the floor. They went and took him down to medical. So I went down stairs to see what was happening, because of what they were doing to him. In the lobby was totally uncalled for. So I said I'm gonna go see because they are going to kill this man...
...he was in medical number one. I'm not lying to you this poor man was laying butt naked on his stomach on the bed, and the officers were jumping and jumping, and stomping and kicking and punching and smothering his face and choking him. I mean brutally beating this man. So I'm standing there watching and saying to myself, Oh my god I can't believe they are doing this and I told the nurse, you guys somebody's gotta stop this, they gotta stop this. They wouldn't stop, finally they, everybody comes out...
...he was laying on the bed, just like this. Not moving, not breathing. I went to the door and I looked and I came back and I said, that is a dead man, that man is dead.