

## BEFORE THE SHOOTING

# Bobby Lambert's death: The moment the gun was fired

Pastel paths show movements before Lambert was shot

Lambert Killer Amos

**A** Bobby Grant Lambert carries a bag of groceries from a Safeway store at the North Freeway and Gulfbank.

**B** Daniel Grady sees Lambert walk in front of his car.

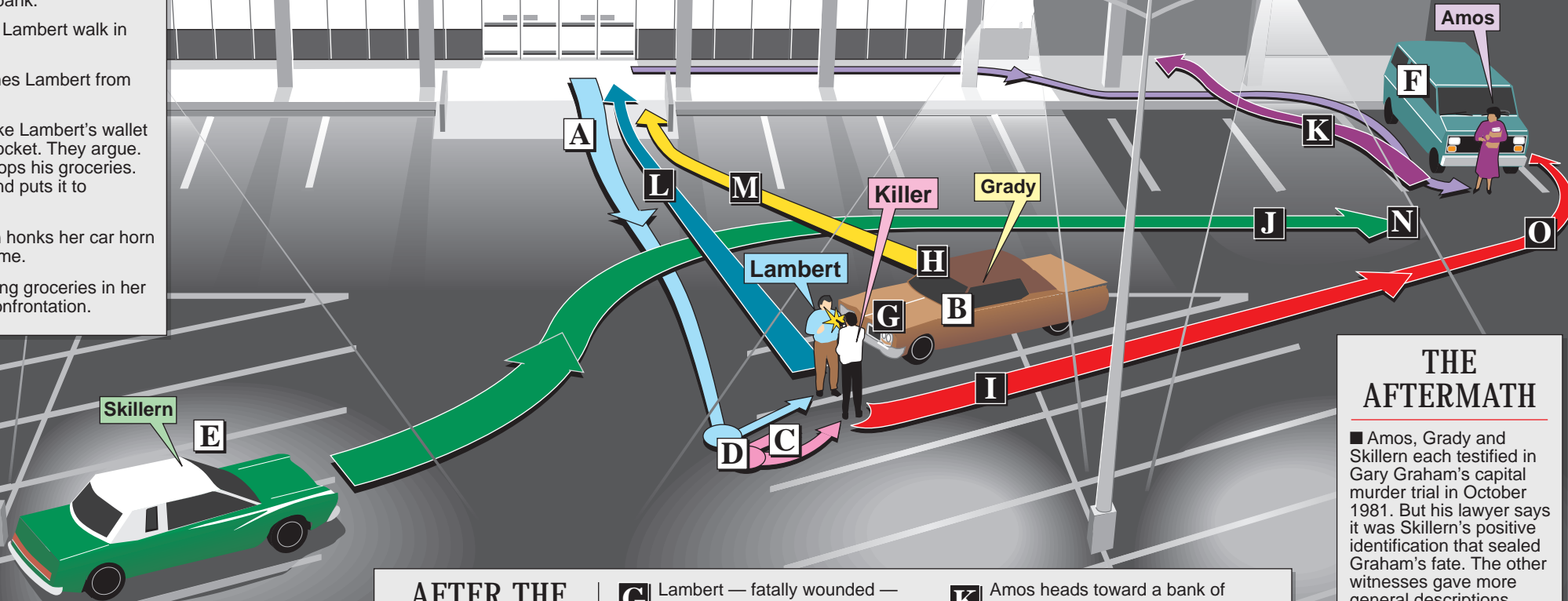
**C** The killer approaches Lambert from behind.

**D** The killer tries to take Lambert's wallet from his left back pocket. They argue. They scuffle. Lambert drops his groceries. The killer draws a gun and puts it to Lambert's head.

**E** Bernadine Skillern honks her car horn to try to stop the crime.

**F** Wilma Amos, loading groceries in her van, watches the confrontation.

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## THE AFTERMATH

Amos, Grady and Skillern each testified in Gary Graham's capital murder trial in October 1981. But his lawyer says it was Skillern's positive identification that sealed Graham's fate. The other witnesses gave more general descriptions.

Two supermarket employees, bag boy Ronald Hubbard and cashier Sherian Etuk, were never called to testify. Although neither actually saw the shooting, they do believe they saw the suspect. They say it was not Graham.

## AFTER THE SHOOTING

Deeply colored paths show movement after Lambert was shot

Lambert Killer Skillern Grady Amos

**G** Lambert — fatally wounded — falls to the hood of Grady's car.

**H** Grady dives to the floor of his car and out the passenger-side door.

**I** The killer walks quickly away from the scene.

**J** Skillern follows the killer in her car. She gets a closer look at the killer's face as he crosses in front of her car.

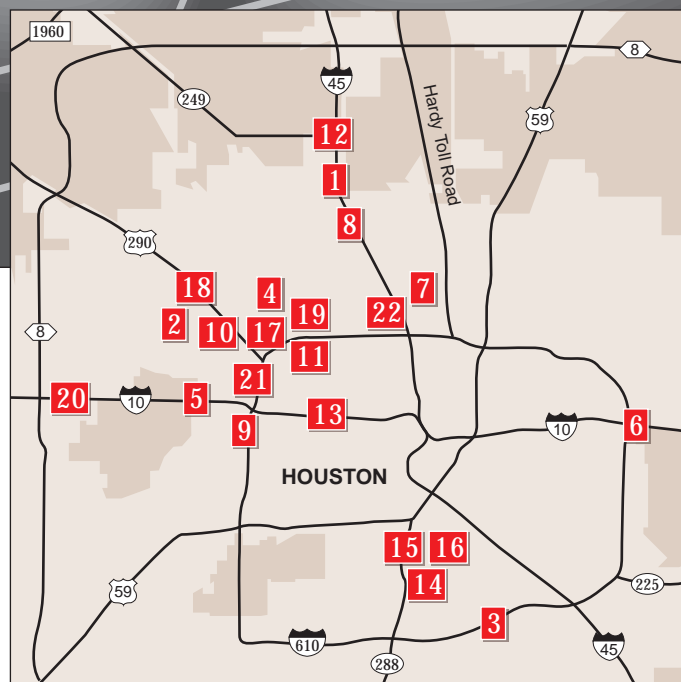
**K** Amos heads toward a bank of telephones outside the store.

**L** Lambert staggers into the store, where he collapses face-down.

**M** Grady follows Lambert into the store.

**N** Skillern follows until her screaming children make her stop.

**O** The killer disappears into the night.



## Gary Graham's crime spree

On May 13, 1981, Bobby Grant Lambert was killed in the parking lot of a Safeway supermarket at Gulfbank and the North Freeway. On May 20, Gary Graham was arrested and charged with the aggravated robbery and rape of a taxi driver. Police traced 22 crimes to Graham, beginning with Lambert's murder and ending with the attack on the taxi driver.

Source: Eyewitness testimony and Owens, Martin & Cain

### Wednesday, May 13, 1981

**1** 9:35 p.m. Capital murder Bobby Grant Lambert, 53 8935 North Freeway at Gulfbank **CONVICTED**

### Thursday, May 14, 1981

- 2** 3:35 p.m. Auto theft 795 Blankenship
- 3** 5:30 p.m. Aggravated robbery 5900 South Loop East **CONVICTED**
- 4** 9:15 p.m. Aggravated robbery Auto theft 3400 34th St. **CONVICTED**
- 5** 10:45 p.m. Aggravated robbery Victim shot 1000 Wirt **CONVICTED**

### Friday, May 15, 1981

- 6** 1:30 a.m. Aggravated robbery 10155 East Freeway
- 7** 2:15 a.m. Aggravated robbery Airline at Tidwell
- 8** 5 p.m. Aggravated robbery Auto theft 400 Parker
- 9** 9 p.m. Aggravated robbery Auto theft 710 North Post Oak **CONVICTED**
- 10** 9:15 p.m. Aggravated robbery 10300 Northwest Freeway **CONVICTED**
- 11** p.m. Aggravated robbery Victim shot North Loop West at Ella **CONVICTED**

### Saturday, May 16, 1981

### Saturday (continued)

- 12** 2:20 p.m. Auto theft 9351 North Freeway
- 13** 10:45 p.m. Aggravated robbery Victim shot Katy Freeway at Shepherd
- 14** 10 p.m. Aggravated robbery Auto theft 6715 Lozier
- 15** 11 p.m. Aggravated robbery Auto theft 3101 North MacGregor **CONVICTED**
- 16** 11:20 p.m. Aggravated robbery 3761 Odin Court
- 17** 11:30 p.m. Aggravated robbery 3000 North Loop West **CONVICTED**

### Monday, May 18, 1981

### Tuesday, May 19, 1981

- 18** 3 a.m. Aggravated robbery Auto theft Northwest Freeway at 43rd
- 19** 6:15 p.m. Aggravated robbery 2800 North Loop West **CONVICTED**
- 20** Around 7:30 p.m. Aggravated robbery Memorial City Mall
- 21** Around 7:30 p.m. Aggravated robbery 1111 West Loop North
- 22** 3:30 a.m. Aggravated robbery Victim raped North Freeway at Crosstimbers **CONVICTED**

### Wednesday, May 20, 1981