

The Community Press (CW)  
February 26, 1975  
~~Alan~~ / ~~Alan~~ / Sue / Reggy

## Blacks, gays criticize police treatment

PORTLAND—Portland Police were criticized for slurs against blacks and insensitive treatment of homosexuals at the Feb. 19 meeting of the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission.

Bettie Overton, 3325 N. Missouri Ave., reported on a complaint registered with Portland Police Chief Bruce Baker after she monitored an Aug. 26 police dispatch on which a com-

munications officer referred to "some nigger males in a black Buick."

She listened to a tape of the dispatch with two witnesses and all agreed the word used was "nigger," she said. Baker disagreed, and sent the tape to Dr. Fausto Poza of the Stanford Research Institute.

Dr. Poza pondered and decided the word was really something like "nigra" the

southern pronunciation of "negro." To wit: "a common variant of the word 'negro' listed on page 556 of the 1965 edition of Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary under the word Negro."

Ms. Overton did some research of her own and said the officer in question is not from the South ("He's lived here all of his life") and said the "variant" mentioned by Poza is not

listed in five more recent editions of the same dictionary. With members of NAACP, The Urban League and two Albina groups she registered a complaint with the mayor's office. MHRC offered its support.

MHRC also censured the bureau for "lack of judgment and insensitivity" shown in their use of a cartoon on the front page of Rap Sheet, official publication of the Portland Police

Association and the Oregon Council of Police Associations. The cartoon showed a male officer cuddling up to an angry squad mate with the caption "Dammit, Percy, when they started hiring you guys, I knew this would happen."

MHRC's sub-committee on police community relations plans to meet with Chief Baker to discuss discrimination problems.

# Tuesday

## *Snowballer Stabbed*

A Cleveland High School student, Robert J. Hunter, 16, of 424 SE 11th Ave., remained in critical condition Tuesday at Good Samaritan Hospital from a stab wound suffered Monday following a snowball fight near the school.

Charged with attempted murder in the incident is Eugene J. Howard Jr., 21, of 2334 NE 8th Ave. He is being held at Rocky Butte jail in lieu of \$20,005 bail.

Hunter was among a group of youths throwing snowballs at motorists at SE 28th Avenue and Franklin Street, police said. One car stopped and an argument began.

*She*  
**MAYOR'S OFFICE**

BUREAU OF POLICE  
PORTLAND, OREGON

**RECEIVED**

JAN 17 1975

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: January 15, 1975

**MAYOR'S OFFICE**

To: Lt. Frank E. Daggett, Cmdr.  
Internal Affairs

From: Sgt. T. Ford Bracy  
Internal Affairs

Subject: Citizen's complaint #75-6 - Eugene Howard, Jr.  
Involving Officers Michael Johnson and  
Robert Gross, North Precinct

Sir:

Mr. Howard contacted the Mayor's Office and related an occurrence which brought him into contact with Officers Gross and Johnson. Within his communication, he alleges the use of excessive force by the Officers, questions his incarceration, and claims to be the object of "racist statements and abusive language. The details of his allegations are as follows: After presenting his Operator's License as the Officer requested, Officer Johnson threatened Mr. Howard that if he did not get out of his car, the Officer would break the glass and pull him out. Mr. Howard then claims he voluntarily began to get out of the car and was thrown to the ground, handcuffed, and while on the ground one Officer stepped on his leg and another Officer "stuck a flashlight in his ribs." He further alleges that at the Rocky Butte Jail he was shoved into a wall which culminated the brutality on the part of the Officers. His claim of abusive and racist statements by the Officers occurred while at the scene.

Mr. Howard also advised the Mayor's Office there were six or eight witnesses to the excessive force. I made contact with Mr. Howard's father who was the custodian of the information about the witnesses and found out, in fact, his father - Willie A. Innis - and a Flynne were the only witnesses to the alleged misconduct. The accounts of these "witnesses", however, are inconsistent with the details furnished by the complainant.

Mr. Howard's father, who arrived at the scene of the arrest some 15 minutes after the initial contact by the Police, alleges that he observed his son being struck with a flashlight and kicked by the second Officer when Eugene Howard, Jr. was being handcuffed outside the police car. Mr. Howard, Jr. alleges that the misconduct by the police occurred after being taken from his car some 10 to 15 minutes earlier and alleges no misconduct at the time he was in or about the police vehicle.

Green & Innis stated they were driving southbound initially and observed the police take Eugene Howard from the car. At that point they observed no misconduct. However, upon returning some five minutes later, they say they observed Mr. Howard being struck by a flashlight while he was standing by the police car after being handcuffed.

Lt. Daggett

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All three versions - Eugene Howard, Jr., Mr. Howard, Sr., and the account by Innis and Green - are not only inconsistent perceptions of the same incident, but seem to be gross deviations from the basic allegation by Howard, himself.

The Officers in their written report of the arrest and their verbal report to me concerning the complaint were very explicit in their account and did not avoid describing the physical contacts they had had with Howard. The Officers recount that on approaching the vehicle in their initial contact, Howard refused to roll down his window or display a Driver's license. This account would be more consistent with the allegation by Howard that the Officers stated they would "bust the glass."

The Officers further state that it was necessary to physically take Howard from the car because of his refusal to offer an Operator's License, identification, or cooperate with their official requests. The Officers and Howard agree that he was not handcuffed at this time, but was taken to the police car where his Operator's License was finally presented and Mr. Howard was asked to wait in the police car. The Officers related that during this time, while checking his record, Howard was making obscene statements directed toward the police and due to the fact that Howard had been reluctant to offer any identification or a Driver's License, and because the Officers did not know Howard from any prior encounters, it was their belief that he may have offered a false Driver's License or would not appear regarding the citation he was issued. They therefore made a decision to take him to a holding facility requiring Howard to post bail on the violations.

At this point, Howard was taken from the police car and handcuffed. The police and Howard agree that there was no resistance on Howard's part when he was handcuffed. The discrepancy falls, however, in the account of Mr. Howard, Sr. and the other two witnesses in that they claim this is where the excessive force was used and yet the complainant's account is that he was handcuffed when taken from the police car and that the excessive force occurred on the ground next to his vehicle, rather than at the police car.

Concerning the aspect of the complaint where Howard claims he was shoved into a wall, the Officers agree that at the Rocky Butte Jail, Howard attempted to kick Officer Johnson and in order to avoid this, Johnson pushed Howard and he fell back against the wall.

None of the witnesses claim to be present during the course of the discussion between the Officers and the arrested subject.



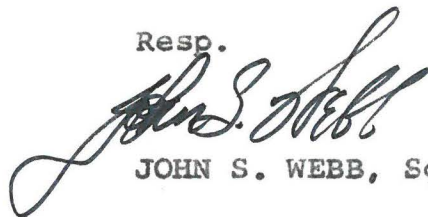
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I therefore recommend that the allegations concerning abusive and racist statements be classified as Not Sustained. Due to the gross disparity in the accounts of the complainant and the witnesses, I recommend that the complaint concerning excessive force be classified as Unfounded, and the final aspect that the subject was shoved into a wall, I recommend the finding of ~~Exonerated~~.

UNFOUNDED W

Telephone contact was made with the complainant to advise him of the outcome of this investigation.

Resp.



JOHN S. WEBB, Sgt.

JSW:nb

cc: MAYERS OFFICE

January 3, 1975

Neil Goldschmidt via Susan Kerr

Chief Baker

Portland Police Bureau

Citizen Charge of Excessive Force: Eugene Howard, Jr.  
2334 N. E. 8th Avenue  
(282-1114)

Mr. Howard contacted this office to report what he feels to be the use of excessive force by two Portland Police officers (#16 and #158).

Mr. Howard alleges that around 1:55 a.m., January 1, 1975, while driving his car, he was stopped by a patrol vehicle on N. E. Union at Fremont for running a red light. He continued that he remained in his car and presented his operator's license to the officers when asked. One officer then, according to Mr. Howard, indicated that his license was "no good" and threatened that if Howard did not get out of his car "in three seconds" he would "bust the glass" and pull him out.

Mr. Howard claims that when he began to exit his vehicle, he was cuffed and thrown to the ground. While on the ground, he reported, one officer stuck a flashlight in his ribs while the second officer stood on one of his legs. Throughout the alleged thirty minute duration of this incident, Mr. Howard claims that he was "bombarded" with abusive language and racist statements by the officers. At one point, I was told, two other officers arrived at the scene in support.

Mr. Howard continued to report that he was arrested, taken directly to Rocky Butte Jail where he claims to have been "shoved into a wall," injuring his shoulder. Mr. Howard further claims that he at no time offered any resistance to his arrest.

Mr. Howard continued by saying that he is to appear in court on January 16, 1975, for the aforementioned traffic violation and that he is charged with no other violation.

Mr. Howard closed his remarks stating that the names and appropriate data of five or six witnesses to the alleged incident may be obtained from his father, Eugene Howard, Sr., at 282-1114.

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Please investigate these allegations, have someone contact Mr. Howard, and copy this office with your report.

Thank you.

NG:rmc



AREA OF COMPLAINT Police - Brutality DATE 1/2/75  
NAME Engineer ~~Howard~~ Howard Jr. ADDRESS 2334 N.E. 8th  
PHONE 282-1114 CONTACT BY:  phone  letter  person

lic suspended  
police gave him ticket for red light run

Officer claimed his lic. "no good"  
#16 #158 pulled out car  
30 min on street pushed him to ground  
Traffic Court 1/16 9:00 fleshlight in arched, taken to Rocky Butte  
Court 1/16 9:00 foot on leg had cuffed shoulder  
I support officers verbally abusive offered no resistance  
racist

1/1/75 1:55 A.M. on Union at Armond

witness: Engineer Howard, Sr.  
5-6

1/15/75 - He called 10:15 AM -  
Left message at 1:20 pm to mother

1/16 - He called early - 8:50 AM left message to mother, he went to  
traffic court.

November 19, 1974  
3326 N. Missouri  
Portland, Oregon 97227

Ms. Susan Kerr  
City Hall  
1220 S. W. Fifth Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Ms. Kerr:

This letter is in regards to a complaint I made to Chief Baker regarding a Communications Officer in the Police Department. On August 25, 1974 at 6:30 p.m., while listening to Police calls, the Dispatcher summoned Police Officers to go to Southeast Portland in the "twentysome" hundred block, "some nigger males in a black Buick" were shooting up each other." This is what I heard!

In talking with Chief Baker, I was allowed to come in and listen to the transcript with two other witnesses. The other two witnesses agreed that they heard the same thing.

Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence that I received from Chief Baker on the matter. Is it not amazing that Dr. Fausto Poza of the Stanford Research Institute would use as a reference the 1965 edition of Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary, when since then, five updated editions have been published in 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972? Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary published in 1972 does not list the "common variant" referred to in Chief Baker's letter. Rather, Webster's lists "Negro/'nē-(.)grō, esp South 'nig-(.)rō-rə/", NONE OF WHICH IS PRONOUNCED /nig-ər/.

Even though Dr. Poza states the ten year old reference he used lists this "common variant", I should hope that appearance in the dictionary is not the only criteria used by the Portland Police Department in determining the appropriateness of language usage. I suggest that Messrs. Baker, Bates, Cullivan, Gowing and Dr. Poza acquaint themselves with the English language as it is written and spoken--now, today, here in America.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Bettie Lou Overton

BLO:gpw

enclosure

THE CITY OF  
PORTLAND



OREGON

BUREAU OF  
POLICE

NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT  
MAYOR

B. R. BAKER  
CHIEF OF POLICE

222 S.W. PINE  
PORTLAND, OR. 97204

November 15, 1974

Mrs. Betty Overton  
3326 N. Missouri  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Overton:

Thank you for being so patient. I have just received the opinion regarding your complaint. Dr. Fausto Poza of the Stanford Research Institute states: "I have listened to the recordings carefully and have made and examined spectrograms of the relevant speech material. As a result of these observations it is my opinion that the officer was pronouncing a common variant of the word 'negro'. This variant is listed on page 556 of the 1965 edition of Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary under the word Negro. It is especially common in the south and it appears in Merriam-Webster pronunciation symbols as /nigrø." "

If you have any questions regarding his reply, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

B. R. BAKER  
Chief of Police

WAC:ms

cc: Officer Bates  
Sgt. Cullivan  
Lt. Gowing

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AREA OF COMPLAINT Police - racial DATE 11/19/74  
NAME Betty Overton ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE 284-5689 CONTACT BY:  phone  letter  person

Talked to Baker - There was a derogatory comment on dispatch - Tape was made.

officer Bates - want to talk to him - Central.  
Concerned with Chief Baker for not helping.

Trying to cover up?



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**BUREAU OF POLICE**  
PORTLAND, OREGON

**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Lt, Frank E. Daggett, Cmdr.  
Internal Affairs

SUBJECT: Citizen's Complaint #1167  
THOMAS GREEN (Chas. Paulson)  
Off. Inv. Tony Newman & Michael Martin  
DATE: October 14, 1974

FROM: Sgt. Michael Cullivan  
Internal Affairs

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Sir:

MAYOR'S OFFICE

This complaint was received through channels from the Mayor's Office in the form of a Certified Letter sent from Mr. Charles Paulson who represents THOMAS GREEN. In this letter Mr. Paulson is giving notice of an impending claim for false arrest and assault and battery arising out of Mr. GREEN's arrest on Wednesday, July 24, 1974 at approximately 8PM.

Mr. PAULSON alleges that Mr. GREEN, who is 13 years old, was playing ball in the street when Officers Newman and Martin interrupted his activity, physically abused the boy, threw him bodily to the street, and threw him bodily into the back of the police car, without any lawful justification or excuse.

In his notice of claim, Mr. PAULSON also requests that this incident be investigated by the Mayor's Office and that appropriate action be taken.

On Friday, October 11, 1974 I contacted Mr. PAULSON's office and left a message for him to contact me regarding this case.

On October 14, 1974 at approximately 9:40AM I was contacted by Mr. PAULSON. I identified myself and the purpose of my call and asked permission of Mr. Paulson to speak with THOMAS GREEN and any family members who might have been a witness to this alleged incident. Mr. PAULSON indicated that he would allow me to interview THOMAS GREEN and appropriate witnesses only if he was furnished a copy or an interview summary of these interviews. After conferring with Lt. DAGGETT, I re-contacted Mr. PAULSON and informed him that this procedure was not possible under the policy of the Internal Affairs Division. I again asked Mr. PAULSON for his permission to interview the witnesses and complainant. However, Mr. PAULSON denied this permission, again stressing permission would only be granted if he were issued copies of these interviews.

Since any contact with pertinent witnesses and the complainant is impossible due to the mandate from Mr. Paulson, I request that this complaint be classified as Unfounded until such time as a civil litigation process makes available testimony from the complainant and witnesses which would facilitate the further investigation of this incident.

Resp.

*Michael F. Cullivan*

MICHAEL F. CULLIVAN

MFC:nb

cc-mayor's office

IF REPLY REQUESTED— SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE

Suite 1605

STANDARD PLAZA BUILDING

CHARLES PAULSON

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P. C.

1100 S.W. SIXTH AVENUE • PORTLAND, OREGON 97204

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PHONE  
(503) 226-6361

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GEORGE YEAMAN, AUDITOR  
CITY OF PORTLAND, ORE.

BY *elw*

July 29, 1974

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

City Auditor, City of Portland  
City Hall  
1220 S.W. Fifth Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Re: NOTICE OF CLAIM

Claimant: Thomas Edward Green  
Date of Birth: 12/24/60  
Address: 3126 N.E. 14th Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97217

Gentlemen:

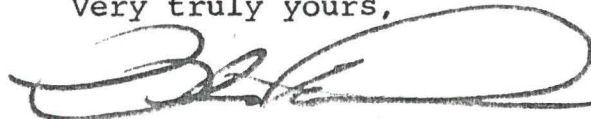
Please regard this as Mr. Thomas Green's Notice of Claim for false arrest and assault and battery arising out of his arrest on Wednesday, July 24, 1974, at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Green had been playing ball in the street and Officers Newman and Martin interrupted this activity, physically abused the boy, threw him bodily to the street, threw him bodily into the back of the police car, without any lawful justification or excuse.

In addition to regarding this as a Notice of Claim under the Oregon Tort Claims Statute, we are also requesting that the Mayor's Office carry out an investigation of this incident and that appropriate action be taken.

In addition, certain remarks made by Officer Newman to his partner with regard to "This is how you have to treat these people" leaves one with the conclusion that perhaps this officer is in need of further orientation and training in the field of community relations.

Very truly yours,



Charles Paulson

CP:jmi

Bill

Date 7/31/74

From the office of

PROPERTY CONTROL DIVISION

To Mayor's Office

ATTN: Bill Scott

\_\_\_ Please obtain report and return to this office.

\_\_\_ Referred for your information and files.

\_\_\_ Referred for your information. Please return.

\_\_\_ Please return with additional information as noted below.

XXX Forwarded for handling.

NOTE: Please refer to attached.

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JUL 31 1974  
MAYOR'S OFFICE

*Donald W. Eckton*  
Donald W. Eckton  
Property Control Officer



October 7, 1974

Rachel James  
415 North Jarrett  
Portland, OR 97217

Dear Ms. James:

Thank you for your letter regarding an alleged attack on Cedric Johnson, which I received in my office in late August. I am sorry for the delay in my response. Your letter was forwarded immediately to Chief Baker on August 26th asking that it be included in the investigation already proceeding as a result of Mrs. Johnson's and Mrs. Strong's complaint registered with this office regarding the same incident.

This type of complaint is one that I take most seriously. I am sorry that your letter was put aside temporarily after a copy was sent to the Chief. As I understand it, both Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Strong have been ordered by their attorney to refuse to talk to any representatives from the City. Therefore, the complaint which these women registered with my office has been suspended by the Police Bureau until such time as they are able to cooperate in the investigation -- this is a possible course of action after the case is tried.

once again, I want you to know this type of complaint is one which my office takes most seriously and in cases prior to this we have requested a re-investigation and a thorough examination of all possible leads and will continue to do so in the future.

Thank you for sharing your opinions with me. If I can be of any assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Neil Goldschmidt

NG:skc

THE CITY OF  
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NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT  
MAYOR

B. R. BAKER  
CHIEF OF POLICE

222 S.W. PINE  
PORTLAND, OR. 97204

September 17, 1974

Mr. John Toran  
234 S. W. Salmon  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mr. Toran:

Thank you for your written response to the telephone calls from the Internal Affairs Division. Contrary to information which you may have, the investigation which is being conducted by the Internal Affairs Division was instigated by your client Mrs. Dorothy Johnson and not by the Police Bureau. Our officers will, therefore, not submit to depositions or oral statements to you regarding this case. Further, due to the lack of cooperation by your client, her relatives and witnesses in this case, our investigation will be suspended on the basis of a finding of unfounded until such time as such evidence or information for a thorough, complete, and impartial investigation is made available to us.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 226-7551, ext. 461.

Very truly yours,

FRANK E. DAGGETT, Lt.  
Commander  
Internal Affairs Division

JSW:ms

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CHIEF OF POLICE

222 S.W. PINE  
PORTLAND, OR. 97204

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September 17, 1974

Ms. Rachel James  
415 North Jarrett  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Ms. James:

The Internal Affairs Division of the Police Bureau instigated an investigation into the alleged misconduct of two members upon the request of Mr. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson.

During the process of this investigation, however, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Strong, Cedric Johnson and other witnesses to this alleged misconduct refused to give statements or other evidence which would lead to the completion of the investigation.

Due to this fact, this investigation has been suspended with the finding of unfounded and will remain so until said witnesses and principals agree to facilitate the investigation.

In response to your letter, it is the goal of the Police Bureau to offer professional police service to every segment of the community. It is, however, impossible for the Internal Affairs Division to be effective in its efforts to give guidance to the ideal of professionalism without the support of the community it serves.

Very truly yours,

B. R. BAKER  
Chief of Police

JSW:ag



September 5, 1974

Neil Goldschmidt via Susan Kerr

Chief Baker

Portland Police Bureau *Brutality*

Citizen Complaint: Intent to Sue

Attached is a copy of a Notice of Claim from Charles Paulson, attorney for Thomas Edward Green. This is for your information only -- George Russil, administrative assistant to the Mayor, feels that since Green is planning on suing that an investigation beforehand would be unnecessary.

NG:skc

Attachment



August 26, 1974

Neil Goldschmidt via Phil McLaurin

Chief Baker

Portland Police Bureau

Citizen Complaint: Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, 625 N. E. Webster  
284-4516

Mrs. Joanne Strong  
1003 N. E. Sumner, 281-7029

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Strong came into this office to report an incident that occurred in front of the Johnson residence around 10:00 p.m., August 12, 1974.

It seems that a burglar alarm sounded nearby, earlier that evening around 9:00 p.m., because someone had thrown a rock through a Highland Baptist Church window. This alarm, apparently, is not unfamiliar to local residents as it sounds quite often according to Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson reported that when four officers arrived on the scene to investigate the circumstances of the alarm, they approached and detained Cedric Johnson, eighteen years old, as a suspect. "One held a shotgun on him and two others beat his head against the car after cuffing him," Mrs. Johnson said. Cedric's jaw, I was told, was broken, and when he was formally arrested, charged with resisting arrest, he apparently received no medical treatment.

Mrs. Johnson feels that her son is being unduly harassed by the officers in her district. She continued to report that on their rounds, certain officers call out to Cedric and call him "Chester." It seems that Chester is Cedric's older brother and is serving time in the State Penitentiary. Mrs. Johnson contends that Cedric is being persecuted and provoked because of his brother's criminal record.

Please investigate, have someone contact Mrs. Johnson and copy this office with your report.

Thank you.

August 26, 1974

*Police  
Racial  
Brutality*

Neil Goldschmidt via Phil McLaurin

Chief Baker

Portland Police Bureau

Citizen Complaint: Miss Rachel James, 415 N. Jarrett  
289-3413

Attached for your information is a copy of Miss James' letter ostensibly regarding her feelings of discrimination and brutality being directed at the black community on the part of the Police Bureau. The specific incident alluded to at the top of her letter regarding the apparent beating of Cedric Johnson comes in support of the accompanying memo of complaint by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Strong, Cedric's mother and sister respectively.

Please have someone respond to Miss James' opinion, copying this office with your response. Thank you.

NG:rmc

Attachment

BUREAU OF POLICE  
PORTLAND, OREGON

*Webb*

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SEP 3<sup>U</sup> 1974

Date: September 4, 1974

MAYOR'S OFFICE

To: Lt. Frank E. Daggett  
Commander, Internal Affairs

From: Sgt. John S. Webb  
Internal Affairs

Subject: Case #1068; Co-complainants: Dorothy Johnson  
JoAnn Strom

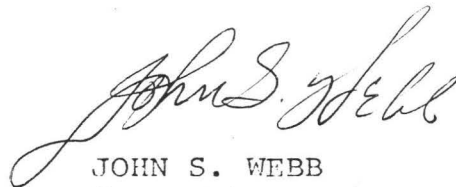
Sir:

This case was re-opened upon the receipt of interoffice correspondence from the Mayor's Office indicating that the two complainants had been to the Mayor's Office complaining of police action in the matter. As was indicated in the interoffice memo to the commander of this division on August 16th, 1974, both complainants refused to give statements to the police investigators. On this date Sgt. Davis and myself went to the residence of Mrs. Johnson at 625 NE Webster and Mrs. Strom of 1003 NE Sumner. Both indicated they had given statements to their attorney and refused to talk to any representatives from the Police or the Mayor's Office. I asked if they would submit statements upon the approval of their attorney and they stated they would. I asked for his name and they gave it as John Toran.

At 11:00 AM on this date, I contacted Mr. Toran at his business office and he stated that they would give no further information until after the case was tried.

I, therefore, reiterate my request that this complaint be deemed unfounded and suspended until such time as the complainants are willing to cooperate in the investigation.

Respectfully,



JOHN S. WEBB  
Sergeant  
Internal Affairs Division

JSW:ca

cc: MAYORS OFFICE



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AUG 23 1974

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Mayor

A week ago a young black man by the name of Cedric Johnson took a brutal beating at gun point by four Portland Police Officers. His head is badly bruised, there are signs of a concussion and even possible brain damage, ~~and~~ this type of thing can't go on any longer. He was charged with resisting arrest along with a few other of the usual trumped up charges that resulted purely from their harrassment. For years black people in the Albina area, have been bullied and victimized by our so called law-men, but what it all really boils down too is that, were living in a day and age when we ourselves as blacks, must protect our own from the very law who vows its protection. It's sickening, and for years I've heard of such incidents, but I can assure you it's not just hearsay any longer. First their abducted, then beaten, in an alley, or in the back seat of ~~any~~ patrol car, then their taken to a jail cell there again beaten and kicked in the ribs. I've seen the results along with the doctor bills, eyes swollen so thick they can't open, teeth knocked out, taped ribs and their hair shaved in spots so doctors could attend cuts and bruises in the scalps. It seems as if anytime <sup>a Police</sup> ~~one of them~~ gets <sup>the</sup> ~~an~~ urge to punch something, they snatch the first available black man they see, and use him to satisfy their savage egos. Either you in authority get up off your back sides or this too may become a battle ground, as Watts, Detroit, and Jersey City did. There's know law in existance that gives a man the right to beat another man so severe that at times he looses control of his emotions. ~~and~~ **A**s things are today any black man without a gun is a damned fool, **W**ere tired of being accidents and justifiable homicides,

there's only one way to remedy this **S**ituation either you enforce  
all the laws as they stand or the "HELL" with any of um.

Miss Rachel James

*Miss Rachel  
James*

*415 W. Janett*

*97217*

AREA OF COMPLAINT

Father - Bunkit

NAME

Joseph Strong

ADDRESS

1037 E. Summit

DATE

8/13/94

CONTACT BY: phone letter person

PHONE

981-7009

10:00 p.m. 8/12

984-4516

Joseph Johnson (mother)

1037 E. Summit

Had photo taken of her  
by her father

Had account in  
her name

30 years - had affair with her  
father

Edna Johnson

18 years

changed cell  
number

Business development of church  
members that work the entire  
group

direct office call out to Edna - call her  
often

not thin to hospital

Edna Johnson  
(other location)  
member  
Attn: (P)

CITY OF PORTLAND  
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
(NOT FOR MAILING)

Neil

December 11, 1975

Susan - what am I  
supposed to do at this  
point or is this just  
for my info?

From

Susan *Susan*

To

Neil

Addressed to

Subject

Response to Interrogatory No. 8 in Sherman Edward Jackson v. Bruce Baker et al, No. 74-429 U. S. District Court

Sherman Jackson came into this office on November 27, 1973, to lodge a complaint against the Portland Police Bureau. According to Mr. Jackson, he had spoken to Lt. Brown, who at that time was the Commanding Officer for the Internal Affairs Division, just prior to his visit to my office.

I talked to Mr. Jackson in the small office across from the Mayor's personal office and there were no other staff people present. I took notes on what Mr. Jackson had to tell me and then drafted a memorandum, dated November 27, 1973, from Neil Goldschmidt via Susan Kerr to Chief McNamara. I am enclosing a copy of that memorandum.

I do not remember whether this particular memorandum was sent through Neil's office for his signature or not. I do not forward every single police complaint for Neil's signature, prior to sending it to the Police Bureau.

We received a copy of the report from Sgt. John Webb to Lt. Frank Daggett, dated May 20, 1974, regarding citizen's complaint #583, Sherman Jackson. After reading through the report and attached memorandum, I closed out my file feeling that the Police Bureau had investigated the complaint thoroughly. Again, it is possible that I mentioned something regarding this case to Neil in passing, but I have no formal record of communication with him.

I hope this information is adequate and answers your concerns and those of Mr. Williams in the City Attorney's office. If I can elaborate any further, I will be most glad to do so.

SK:cc  
Enclosure



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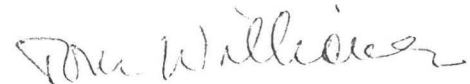
*From* Thomas R. Williams, Deputy City Attorney  
*To* Office of the Mayor  
*Addressed to* Mayor Neil Goldschmidt  
*Subject* Draft Response to Interrogatory No. 8 in Sherman Edward Jackson v. Bruce Baker, et al, No. 74-429 U.S. District Court

Dear Mayor Goldschmidt:

You have forwarded to this office copies of the interrogatory directed to you in the Jackson case. The interrogatory seeks to determine your personal knowledge of Mr. Jackson's original complaint of police harrassment and the extent of any action you may have taken pursuant to that complaint. In discussing the matter with Susan Kerr, it has become apparent that you may have never been appraised of the complaint since she handled it routinely with a memorandum to Chief McNamara inquiring into Mr. Jackson's allegations. She closed her file on the basis of the Internal Affairs report which maintained that the police activities directed toward Mr. Jackson were justified by his known activities as a narcotics trafficker and his record of driving suspensions.

Roland Johnson of Hershiser, Mitchell and Warren, who is representing the city defendants in this case, has requested a response be drafted as soon as possible. A statement describing the situation as outlined above should be satisfactory.

Very truly yours,



THOMAS R. WILLIAMS  
Deputy City Attorney

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encl. - File retd.

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*DRW*

HERSHISER, MITCHELL & WARREN

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mayor Neil Goldschmidt  
City Hall  
1220 S.W. Fifth Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204

RE: Sherman Edward Jackson v. Bruce Baker, et al  
Civil No. 74-429

Dear Mayor Goldschmidt:

Plaintiff's counsel has filed a second set of interrogatories to be answered by you in connection with the above-captioned case. I am enclosing a copy of the interrogatories for you to examine and to prepare rough drafts of what you consider to be appropriate answers. Upon completion of this, please forward your answers to me and I will put them into the appropriate form for filing in Federal Court. Of course, upon receipt of your proposed answers, I will review them in detail and we may want to get together to discuss the entire incident, prior to putting the answers in final form.

If you have any questions, please notify this office. I would appreciate it if you could get the rough drafts of the answers back at your earliest convenience as these should be filed as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

HERSHISER, MITCHELL & WARREN



Roland A. Johnson

RAJ:vlt  
Enclosure

AREA OF COMPLAINT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 3/21/75

NAME Eric Smith

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE 221-0460

CONTACT BY: phone letter person

Hershiser, ~~the~~ Mitchell, & Warren law  
firm: Represent the City - (Edstrom)  
5609

Sherman Jackson filed a motion to  
compel discovery certain documents -

Came to agreement - the law firm  
above is <sup>agreed</sup> to look it over, (ail) & give  
them what they can see.

To Marta Acker, attorney,

1039 Georgia Pacific

980 SW 5<sup>th</sup>

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BUREAU OF POLICE  
PORTLAND, OREGON

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Date: May 20, 1974

To: Lt. Frank E. Daggett                      From: Sgt. John S. Webb  
Commander, Internal Affairs

Subject: Citizen's Complaint #583, Sherman Jackson  
Officers Involved: Jimerfield, East Precinct  
Guinn, Chief's Office

Sir:

Complainant Jackson came to the Internal Affairs Office November 21, 1973, stating three specific allegations.

- 1) He is being harassed by Portland Police, specifically by Officers Jimerfield and Guinn, and that he has received a number of traffic citations from both.
- 2) He states that on November 10, he was struck with a flashlight by Officer Jimerfield and Officer Guinn.
- 3) On November 19, he was told by Officer Guinn that he would be promoted if he arrested Jackson enough and that the police were going to get all of the black people out of their big cars. The third aspect to the allegation of the 19th was that Officers Jimerfield and Guinn referred to Jackson as a "niger"<sup>9</sup>.

Investigation revealed that Officer Jimerfield and Officer Guinn work separate precincts and do not work together; that upon the occasions of issuing citations to Mr. Jackson they were working with different partners in different districts.

Because of Mr. Jackson's activities in terms of narcotics, prostitution, the fact that he has been suspended and reinstated some twelve times, he is recognized by most police officers. Since driving while suspended is a violation, the officers would be remiss if they did not stop any subject and check his status.

Both officers deny using any physical force on Jackson regarding the night of November 10, and it was apparently that night when Officer Jimerfield, with Officer McDaniel, issued a citation for driving while suspended. It would then be impossible for Officer Guinn to have struck Jackson on that night. Jackson states there were no witnesses to this occurrence, that he did not seek medical attention and had no physical evidence of such physical abuse, specifically, no marks, cuts, or abrasions which would be

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Citizen's Complaint #583  
May 20, 1974  
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caused by being struck with a flashlight. Regarding the night of November 19, Officer Jimerfield was not present but Jackson was stopped by Officer Guinn who states he was not aware of Jackson's arrest of 11/10/73, however, again would have been remiss had he not checked the subject for his operating status, as he has been suspended so many times prior.

Guinn states that Jimerfield was not present in the arrest of Sherman Jackson on 11/19/73, that he did not require Jackson to lay on the ground, nor did he strike him with his flashlight or anything else, nor did he observe Jackson struck. Officer Guinn relates that the statement regarding the number of arrests in relationship to promotion was made by Jackson and that these statements are not uncommon when arresting subjects. Furthermore, it is not the policy of this Bureau to make promotions on the basis of number of arrests, but follow civil service requirements regarding written and oral tests.

Guinn relates there was a discussion regarding capitalism; however, this was not instigated by the officer but that Jackson accused the officers of being capitalists. Guinn states he did engage in a discussion regarding capitalism, however, it was only that and not an effort in cynicism or harassment toward the complainant. Officer Guinn further denies making any racial remarks toward Jackson or any other ethnic group, and did not hear any racially directed remarks made on that night.

Although the complainant states there were no witnesses on 11/19/73, Officer Guinn states that after making the stop, Federal Bureau of Narcotics officers arrived and witnessed the issuance of the citation, narcotic officer specifically being Mike Garland. I made an attempt to contact Garland but learned he was enroute to Washington, D.C. for six months special training. I will therefore seek a written response from him regarding the occurrence of that night.

The evidence at this point, however, fails to substantiate claims made by Mr. Jackson and I recommend this case be filed as not sustained.

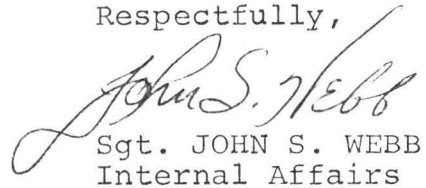
In February of this year I was contacted by Mr. Jackson's attorney who stated that due to the number of citations which have been issued to Mr. Jackson, he felt this constituted harassment. I advised him of his legal recourse

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to the court regarding this matter and he subsequently petitioned court action for having all cases heard at one time and seeking a dismissal of all those which would be termed as harassment. The court, in reviewing his petition, rejected his motion and declared that each case would have to be heard on its own merits and that there was no indication of harassment. I advised his attorney that this office was interested in receiving any evidence or information they had concerning such harassment and invited him to send it, which he stated he would do. I have, however, at this time not received any correspondence from him.

Respectfully,

  
Sgt. JOHN S. WEBB  
Internal Affairs

JSW:ms

BUREAU OF POLICE  
PORTLAND, OREGON

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date:

From: M. D. GARDNER #912

ADULT PRESENT

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Subject: COMPLAINT BY SHERMAN E. JACKSON

2007 9TH AVE.

835-5592

THE CITIZEN'S COMPLAINT MADE BY SHERMAN JACKSON IS  
INVALID FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

I, ALTHOUGH I DID CITE AND ARREST SHERMAN JACKSON FOR  
SUSPENDED ON 11-19-74, I WAS NOT PRESENT FOR HIS  
ARREST ON 11-10-74 AT 9TH AND STANLEY, FURTHERMORE,  
I WAS NOT AWARE OF JACKSON'S ARREST ON 11-10-74, NOR  
HAVE I WORKED WITH OFFICER SIMENFIELD SINCE WE ARE  
ASSIGNED TO DIFFERENT PRECINCTS.

II, OFFICER SIMENFIELD WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE ARREST OF  
SHERMAN JACKSON ON 11-19-74, I DID NOT REQUIRE JACKSON  
TO LAY ON THE GROUND NOR DID I STRIKE HIM WITH A  
FLASHLIGHT OR ANYTHING ELSE, I DID NOT OBSERVE JACKSON  
STRUCK BY ANYONE ELSE NOR DID I SEE HIM ENTER LINDS  
ON THE GROUND,

III, THE STATEMENT THAT IF WE ARRESTED JACKSON OFTEN  
ENOUGH THAT WE WOULD BE PUNISHED, AS ALLEGED BY  
JACKSON, WAS IN FACT A STATEMENT MADE BY JACKSON, FURTHER,  
SIMILAR STATEMENTS ARE COMMONLY MADE BY ARRESTED PERSONS,

IV, JACKSON ACCUSED OFFICERS OF RACIAL CAPITALISM, I EXPLAINED  
TO HIM THAT WE LIVE IN A CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM, I POINTED  
OUT TO HIM THAT HE WAS A PART OF THE SYSTEM EVIDENTLY,  
BECAUSE HE WAS OPERATING A BUSINESS AND EXTENSIVE ADVERTISING,  
I DID NOT TELL HIM THAT WE WERE GOING TO GET ALL OF THE  
BLACK PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR BUS CARS, NOR DID I HATE IT.  
THE DISCUSSION WAS GENERALLY NOT INTENDED TO HARASS JACKSON,  
BUT MERELY TO EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT  
HE WAS TALKING ABOUT,  
V, I HAVE NEVER DIRECTED RACIAL REMARKS TO JACKSON OR ANY  
OTHER AGENT, I DID NOT HEAR ANY RACIAL REMARKS MADE  
BY OFFICERS ON 11-19-74. RESP.

M. D. Gardner



BUREAU OF POLICE  
PORTLAND, OREGON

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: January 1, 1974

To: Lt. Haven

From: Sgt. Scoumperdis

Subject: Citizen's Complaint Re: JACKSON, SHERMAN IAD #583, EP# 129, KHS # ???

Sir:

Regarding attached complaint of Mr. Sherman Jackson (criminal and driving records attached) against Officer Jimerfield, #168, of East Precinct and Officer Guinn of North Precinct, the following information has been developed from interviews with Officer Jimerfield:

I. Paragraph I of Jackson's complaint.

- A. Jackson has been suspended on numerous occasions with a partial reinstatement to drive to and from work.
- B. Officer Jimerfield wrote Jackson a citation on November 10th for Suspended Op and he was taken to Jail (Officer McDaniel, #417, was Jimerfield's partner on that date).
- C. Officer Jimerfield has never worked with Officer Guinn and is uncertain if Officer Guinn covered the arrest of Jackson on November 10th.

II. Paragraph II of Jackson's complaint.

- A. Officer Jimerfield categorically denies hitting Jackson with a flashlight on November 10th or on any other occasion.
- B. Officer Jimerfield did not observe any other officers hitting Jackson.
- C. Officer Jimerfield categorically denies making any statement about being upset over another matter, and states that he was not upset over any matter.
- D. Jackson directed racial slurs at the officers, calling them "mother-fucking white honky, redlegs".
- E. There were civilian witnesses to this incident -- a male Negro (possibly Larry Johnson, approximately 23 years) and a female Negro, early twenties. Both stood by during the entire incident. The Negro female had asked the officers for directions and the Negro male was apparently just curious.

III. Paragraph III of Jackson's complaint.

- A. Officer Jimerfield has never worked with Officer Guinn.

- B. Officer Jimerfield categorically denies ever seeing Jackson "on the pavement", wet or dry.
- C. Officer Jimerfield categorically denies ever talking to Jackson about promotional requirements, big car economics, or capitalism.
- D. Officer Jimerfield categorically denies ever referring to Jackson in racially derogatory terms (including "nigger").

IV. Conclusions and Recommendations.

- A. Mr. Jackson is known to writer and other officers as a prominent fringe member of the criminal element in the Albina area.
- B. Officer Jimerfield admits Jackson's allegation that Jimerfield was carrying out his sworn duties by issuing the suspended operator's license citation. Officer Jimerfield categorically denies all allegations of misconduct -- his denial is supported by Officer McDaniel, his partner during this tour of duty.
- C. In addition to a lack of witnesses or physical evidence, Jackson's story contains several obvious inconsistencies.
- D. Recommend that this complaint be classified as Unfounded concerning Officer Jimerfield and forwarded to North Precinct for completion of the investigation.

Respectfully,



Sgt. K. H. Scouperdis  
A Relief

CONCOR =

LT Ross G. Heven

" = W.L. Sullivan

November 27, 1973

Neil Goldschmidt via Susan Kerr

Bureau of Police

Chief McNamara

Citizen Complaint: Sherman Jackson

Mr. Sherman Jackson came into this office on November 27, to complain about an alleged case of police brutality. His story is as follows:

He complains that he has been stopped in his car by police officers nearly every day since September, who search his car. When he asks what the charge is, some officers have replied, "we'll make one up." He drives a 1973 Lincoln Continental.

At the moment he has a special driver's license with a restriction on it until January 29, 1974. He uses it only to drive to and from work, Monday through Saturday, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. No social driving is allowed.

On November 19, officer Jimmerfeld and his partner stopped him, as they allegedly do quite often. This time they searched him while making him lie face down in muddy water. He alleges that they hit him on his hand, and twice on the back of the neck with a flashlight. He says he offered no resistance. In addition, he is claiming that these officers stepped all over the corduroy cushions inside his car. His insurance company is planning on filing a complaint with the Police Bureau over this, according to Mr. Jackson.

He also claims that the officers called him "nigger" and "punk", told him that they were capitalists, and that, "if they couldn't have a car like his, then he couldn't either."

He thinks maybe these officers think he is dealing dope, which he denies. He showed me I.D. cards from two places of business--Owens-Illinois Glass Co., and House of Sound--and said that holding two jobs enabled him to get that car.

Memo to Chief McNamara  
Citizen Complaint: Sherman Jackson  
November 27, 1973  
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This ends his story as presented to this office. I am including a copy of two tickets he received from these officers. Please investigate these allegations and report back to this office.

Thank you.

NG:skd

Enclosures (2)



TO:

Date 11-21-73

CHIEF OF POLICE \_\_\_\_\_

ASSISTANT CHIEF \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY CHIEF OF: FIELD OPERATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_

EJ #129

PRECINCT/DIVISION C. O.

Captain Sullivan, East Prec.

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COMMENT:

Return to INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Disposition File \_\_\_\_\_

BUREAU OF POLICE  
PORTLAND, OREGON

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: November 21, 1973

To: Donald I. McNamara  
Chief of Police

From: Lt. Brown

Subject: Complaint by Sherman E. Jackson  
2707 NE 9th Avenue  
285-5542

I  
Mr. Jackson came to this office today to make a complaint. He alleges that he is being harassed by the police and by Officers Jimmerfield and Guin in particular. He showed me a number of traffic citations he's received in the last two months. One of the citations was written by Jimmerfield and one was written by Guin.

II  
Jackson says that on November 10th when Jimmerfield cited him at NE 7th and Stanton for a suspended operator's license both Guin and Jimmerfield hit him with their flashlights. He said each officer hit him about three times and that there was no reason for it. Jackson alleges that Jimmerfield said they hit him because they were upset about another matter not connected with Jackson. Jackson did not go to a doctor and says that there were no witnesses to this incident.

III  
Jackson further alleges that when Guin cited him on November 19th for driving with a suspended operator's license, he (Jackson) was forced by Guin and Jimmerfield to lay on the wet paving while they searched his car. Jackson claims that at that time the officers told him that if they arrested him often enough (meaning Jackson personally) they'd be promoted. Jackson further states that he was told by the officers that they were capitalists and that they were going to get all of the black people out of their big cars. *Jackson says there were no witnesses to this incident, either.* Jackson further alleges that on both of these occasions, Officers Jimmerfield and Guin referred to him as a "nigger".

LB/ch

#583

from the desk of  
NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT

Officer Marie

" Stout.

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Is it policy for  
pedestrian violators  
to be taken to  
jail on weekends



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JACKSON, SHERMAN EDWARD  
2707 NE 9TH AVE

PORTLAND OREGON 97212

NO: 285734 LI TY: DR SPL ISS: 01-17-73

EXP: 09-27-74 RES: 9 DOB: 09-27-48

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REIN FULL 11/18/70

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REIN FULL 11/18/70

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REIN FULL 11/18/70

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REIN FULL 11/18/70

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REIN PAR 11/18/70 @ 05/07/71

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REIN @ 05/07/71

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REIN FULL 12/10/71

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CONV 03-06-71 03/30/71 IMP LFT TRM

245029 M-PORT MV

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REIN @ 05/07/71

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REIN @ 05/07/71

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328026 M-PORT

SUSP 100271 INDEF DRIVER SUS

REIN FULL 12/10/71

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PRU 02-27-72

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*Sgt*

*This is the other  
part of his record.*

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PD PORTLAND

REUR 0107 ATTN SGT SCOLMPERDIS/EAST PREC RUSH\ RUSH\

SHERMAN EDWARD JACKSON 2707 NE 9TH AVE PORTLAND OREGON 97212  
OREGON DRI LIC 285734 EXP 9-27-74 DOB 9-27-48 HT 5-7 WT 180

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PD PORTLAND

ATTENTION TELETYPE

To Phil ~~et~~

Date 3/21 Time 11:00

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

M Phil Margolin

of \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 248-0731  
Area Code Number Extension

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Message Please call before 11:45 or after 1:30.

Re: Police harassment of one of his clients

\_\_\_\_\_  
Operator iks

*Sherman Jackson*

(Trial)

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AREA OF COMPLAINT Police - (Brutality) <sup>Ecessive force</sup> DATE 11/27/73

NAME Sherman Jackson ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE 285-5542 CONTACT BY: \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ letter  person

He already spoke to Lt. Brown, come from there -  
Special restriction until 1, 29, 74 - to + from work,  
M-S 3pm - 11 pm no social driving -

Nov. 19

Stepped all over <sup>cordroy</sup> seat cushions, insurance people  
are going to file complaint, hit him with  
flashlight - witnesses upon request. No  
resistance. Hit on hand + twice on back of neck.  
made him lay in water, flat, when he was frisked.  
Jimmiefield + Givins are together, both worked  
both tickets.

If we can't have car like Mr. Jackson's, then you  
can't. Called names - nigger, punk - They were  
capitalists. Going on since September.

'73 Lincoln Continental.

He is stopped "every day". search his car -  
what is charge? "will wake up one" -

They think he is ~~dealy~~ <sup>dealy</sup> ~~assaulted~~ <sup>assaulted</sup> dope -  
working 2 jobs - owns - Illinois Glass Co +  
Home of Sound.



November 29, 1973

Susan Kerr, Mayor's Office

Chief McNamara, attn: L.R. Bennett #560, D.G. Koch #7

Portland Police Bureau

Complaint against my memo to Chief McNamara re: Mr. Eddins

There seems to be a misunderstanding about how the Mayor's office is presently handling police complaints which come to the attention of this office. I am charged with the responsibility of handling citizen complaints regarding every branch of City Government, including the Portland Police Bureau, which come to the attention of this office.

As Police Commissioner, the Mayor receives police complaints daily. My agreement with Lt. Brown of the Internal Affairs Division and Deputy Chief Smith is to take down as much information as possible regarding a citizen's complaint, write it up as clearly as possible, and send it in requesting an investigation. In some cases, people are merely requesting assistance or information. Upon receipt of their report, I then report back myself to the complainant.

My memo to the Chief regarding Mr. Eddins is similar in length and detail to other memos I have sent. I requested an early report per the request of Mr. Eddins, although I have since learned that this timing was not in fact important. Mr. Eddins approached me as a person who was trying to stay out of trouble, and he stated that several times. Not having police records immediately available to me when I talk with complainants either in person, or more often on the phone, I feel that it is my job to indicate to the Police Bureau how a person presents himself or herself to this office, and that it is up to the Internal Affairs Division to determine the accurateness of a complainant's statement to me.

A good Police Bureau is essential to the quality of life in a city. Therefore, I will do everything I can to cooperate with the Bureau, to be impartial in my reporting, and to support the officers and the Bureau. I'm sorry that this particular memo was construed as an attack.

I was requested to route all my communication through Chief McNamara for the entire Police Bureau. Therefore I was surprised to receive a direct communication from these officers. I am wondering if this is standard operating procedure, and if so, why it is not reciprocal.

SK:dkr

*Deputy Chief Smith called me + suggested  
he talk to the officers - + not to send the memo -  
I have mixed feeling about it.*



BUREAU OF POLICE  
PORTLAND, OREGON

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: November 15, 1973

To: Mayor Goldschmidt  
Via Susan Kerr

From: Deputy Chief Smith *ps*

Subject: Complaint of Warren Eddins

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Attached is a memo from Officer Bennett, #560 and Officer Koch #7 North Precinct Night Relief. They are taking exception to Susan Kerr's personal comments regarding the complaint of Mr. Eddins. OFFICE

Part of their complaint is due to a misunderstanding of the relationship between the Mayor's Office and Internal Affairs. Susan Kerr handles the complaints from the public regarding the various branches of City Government for the Mayor's Office. In a discussion between Mrs. Kerr and Lieutenant Brown of Internal Affairs, it was requested that she get as many facts as possible regarding a citizen's complaint. The complaints received by Mrs. Kerr are forwarded to the Internal Affairs Division for investigation. I am sending a copy of this report to the officers at North Precinct so that they will be aware of Mrs. Kerr's function. The officers' complaint regarding Mrs. Kerr's personal opinions seem to be valid. It is suggested that Mrs. Kerr refrain from editorializing or making personal observations when she takes a citizen's complaint. The officers must have confidence in the Police Bureau's complaint process. The complaint investigation process must be impartial from beginning to end. The officers must feel that they have the complete support of the Mayor's Office and the Bureau when they are performing their duties on the street.

PLS/ch

BUREAU OF POLICE  
PORTLAND, OREGON

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: 11-12-73

To: Susan Kerr

From: L.R. Bennett # 560 D.G. Koch #7

Subject: Memo to Chief McNamara dated 10-24-73 from Neil Goldschmidt via Susan Kerr.

This memo is being written as a complaint against the memo written on 10-24-73 by Neil Goldschmidt via Susan Kerr, concerning a complaint against us by Mr. Eddins. The purpose of the memo written on 10-24-73 is not clear to us. Is the mayor's office now in the business of interviewing complainants to start an investigation, or is it that they have no faith in the internal affairs office of the Police Bureau? We feel it would be important to let the men in the Bureau know which of the above is true. If neither is true then again we fail to see how or why the memo was called for. We can understand and appreciate the mayor's office assisting people by telling, showing, and even helping people fill out the Bureau's complaint forms. We cannot understand a two page memo coming from the mayor's office, unless it was an attempt to give Mr. Eddins's complaint more weight than some other complaints get, or an attempt to rush through an investigation to help one man and maybe damage the lives of two others.

We object to the entire memo but most of all to paragraphs 7, 8, and 9. These paragraphs are uncalled for. Paragraph 7 tells how Mr. Eddins doesn't want to jeopardize his chances of staying out of trouble. If his concern for staying out of trouble was so great why is it that on 9-24-73 at appx. 1:00 a.m. he wasn't so concerned about staying out trouble. Mr. Eddins made our appearance at the apt house sound almost mystical. It wasn't. He had originally been violating a couple of traffic laws. He passed within three feet of us at one point, and speeded his borrowed auto up when we turned around. We reached him just as he reached an apt. in the complex. We didn't just ask him for I.D. we asked him for a driver's license, to which he promptly answered, "I ain't showing you mother fuckers nothin." We asked him for a license at least two more times. We even told him why we wanted to see it. ORS # 482.300 section 2 indicates that a person operating a motor vehicle must show his driver's license upon demand of a policeman. At this point, Mr. Eddins must have forgotten about not wanting to jeopardize any chance he might have at staying out of trouble.

Paragraph # 8 mentions how Mr. Eddins wanted to take a lie detector test, he must have taken it as he pleaded guilty to the charge of resist arrest. Paragraph # 9 indicates to us the exact tone of this whole memo, and is the paragraph that we ~~object~~ object to the most. It was not one man's word against another. We were both with Eddins all the time except when I went to call for another car. When at the courthouse I did go back to the car to get someone to open the door of the building but officer Bennett and Eddins were in my sight. When we were outside the apt Eddins started to take his jacket off in a manner to suggest he was going to fight. That's when I went to ask for another car. The two of us probably could have managed to take him into custody, but with one or two more policemen there would be no doubt about it. Three or four policemen can take a person into custody without anyone being seriously injured. Before our cover arrived we asked Eddins several times

to come along with us as he was going to go and it was up to him if he wanted to go quietly or the hard way. Each time he refused to come quietly. Once more the idea of staying out of trouble must have slipped his mind. We told Eddins several times that all we required was a driver's license or I.D. showing us who he was. We also told him, had he produced either he would simply have been issued a citation and released.

Now, just as a matter of keeping things straight. After a person is under arrest, as Mr. Eddins was we can follow him anywhere even inside an apt. his or someone elses. Mr. Eddins is correct when he said we didn't advise him of his rights. The reason we didn't is because it wasn't necessary. The only time these rights must be given is when you are asking questions concerning a crime. We didn't ask him anything about a crime. We didn't have to ask him if he was going too fast or if he went through a red light, because we saw him do both. We did ask him for a driver's license or I.D., we are not yet required to advise a person of his rights before we ask for either.

We feel that if there are to be any further memos from the mayor's office they should be a little more objective. We also think that before opinions on how things should be handled are given out, it might be wise to wait until all the facts are in.

Thank You,

*L. R. Bennett*

L.R. Bennett # 560  
North Nights Unif.

*D.G. Koch*

D.G. Koch # 7  
North Nights Unif.

*noted 11-13-73  
F. Waggett  
Lt. Frank E. Daggott*

Arrest Record of Warren Calvin Eddins  
P.P.D.# 53945  
OSB# 0313420

8-2-63 Larc.  
12-12-64 BNID  
8-20-65 Larc. from store  
10-7-65 Larc. from store  
7-18-66 Rec. and Con.  
1-3-67 Larc. Auto  
3-8-68 BNID  
8-7-68 Curfew  
8-12-68 Curfew  
8-22-68 Dk. on St.  
4-10-69 CCW  
5-1-69 Assault and Rob.  
9-12-69 KUPFBC  
9-12~~6~~ 69 Assault with intent to kill



BUREAU OF POLICE  
PORTLAND, OREGON

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: November 6, 1973

To: Lieutenant Brown

From: Sergeant Foss

Subject: Internal Affairs Investigation #547

Witness:

DeNorvel Mathews  
811 N. Amesworth  
289-5683

Sir:

At 1:40 P.M., November 6, 1973, I contacted Mr. Mathews by telephone at his residence. I asked Mr. Mathews if he had been a witness to the arrest of a Mr. Warren Eddins on 9/24/73 at approximately 1:00 in the morning. Mr. Mathews stated that he was. I asked Mr. Mathews to relate to me what he had witnessed on that morning. He stated that he had opened the door to his apartment and saw Mr. Eddins and two police officers standing on the front porch. He stated before he had a chance to say anything or before anybody entered the apartment, one of the police officers shut the door. Mr. Mathews then stated that Mr. Eddins reopened the door and at that time did a two step past one of the officers and entered the apartment. Mr. Mathews went on to say that at that point, Officer Bennett put his foot in the door, stopping it from being closed by Mr. Eddins and then entered the apartment with the officer. Mr. Mathews stated that an argument ensued in which the officer told Mr. Eddins that he was under arrest and that he was going down to jail. And Mr. Eddins stated that he wasn't going with the officers and he wasn't going to jail. Mr. Mathews states at this point he went back to his bedroom for a moment, came back out of his bedroom, shutting the door behind him. Mr. Mathews did not care to explain what he had done this for. However, he stated upon re-entering the living room, Officer Bennett had asked the other officer to get additional assistance and the other officer left for a moment and returned with another police officer. Mr. Mathews stated at this time the officers grabbed Mr. Eddins by the head and shoulders and by the feet and carried him out of the apartment. I asked Mr. Mathews if Mr. Eddins was resisting at this time and Mr. Mathews first said no he was not resisting at all. I asked Mr. Mathews whether Mr. Eddins was kicking. And Mr. Mathews said, well, yes he was kicking. And that he kicked the door sill as the officers took him out the front door. I asked Mr. Mathews if he'd seen Mr. Eddins bite anybody. And he stated no, that he had not seen that but he couldn't see Mr. Eddins head so it was possible that he could have bitten somebody. Mr. Mathews stated that outside the door the officers dropped Mr. Eddins in the sawdust which is near the front porch of his house and that some wrestling went on in that. And after the officers picked Mr. Eddins up again they took him to the police car and put him in. He stated at this time he went

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back into his apartment and called Mr. Eddin's mother and told her that Warren had been arrested. Mr. Mathews said that this is all that he had been a witness to. I asked him if he'd seen anything that happened before the door was opened to his apartment and he stated that he had not.

At 2:00 P.M., 11/6/73, I contacted the on-duty nurse at the Multnomah County Emergency Hospital in the County Booking Facility. I asked her to supply me with the information contained in the log maintained at that facility on prisoners with the information regarding Mr. Warren Eddins. She stated that Mr. Eddins, when admitted into the booking facility, had a slightly skinned nose in the bridge area. That it was not tender to the touch and that it was clean. She went on to say that Mr. Eddins denied any other injuries or abnormalities and he was treated for nothing else.

It is this investigator's conclusion upon reading the police officers reports, talking to Mr. Mathews, and reviewing the medical report in the county booking facility and going through Mr. Eddin's record, that his complaint against the police in regards to excessive force is unfounded.

MF/ch

*Noted + forwarded*  
*Donald J. Mc Namara*

73-65405 (2)

11-82-16

# CUSTODY REPORT

City of Portland, Bureau of Police

### COMPUTER ENTRY

PERSONS   
VEHICLE   
CRIME   
PROPERTY   
BOOKING

### DISTRIBUTION

Central  Dets  DA  
 East  JUVS  Ident  
 North  WPD  Prop Room  
 Traffic  Vice  O.S.B.

A. Case Number  
**73-65405**  
B. Classification  
**VIO ROAD LAWS**  
C. Booking Number  
D.  Juvenile  Adult  
E. Accompanying Reports  
Veh.  Prop.  Special   
Crime  W. Doc.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Opr. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Reported Date **9-24-73** 2. Time **PATROL** 3. Arrested/Referred Date **9-24-73** 4. Time **1:00 AM.** 5. Location of Occurrence **811 N. AINSWORTH** 6. Computer Entry #

7. Last Name **EDDINS** Warren First Middle **Calvin** 8. Res. Address **4065 N. GANTENBEIN** 9. Res. Phone **281-0722**  
10. True Name (if different) **WARREN** First Middle **Calvin** 11. Moniker/Nickname  
12. Sex **M** 13. Race **N** 14. D.O.B. **11-03-50**

15. Ht. **6'1"** 16. Wt. **175** 17. Hair **BLACK** 18. Eyes **BRN.** 19. Physical Identifiers  
20. Occupation **PAINTER** 21. School or Business Address **UNEMPLOYED**

22. FBI # **834756 G** 23. Social Security # 24. Local I.D. # **PPD # 53945** 25. Operators License #

26. State I.D. # 27. State 28. Signs of Illness/Injury **BRIDGE of NOSE SKINNED** 29. Examined By

30. Charge #1 (Include Warrant or Citation #) **CARELESS DRIVING C 25089** ( ) Code  Local  State  
31. Charge #2 (Include Warrant or Citation #) **RESIST ARREST** ( ) Code  Local  State

32. Bail **\$53** 33. Court Appearance: Date **9-24-73** Time **2:00 PM.** 34. Bail **\$505** 35. Court Appearance: Date **9-24-73** Time **2:00 PM.**

36. Arrest/Referral Reviewed By **SGT. LUCIANO** 37. In Custody of/Referred To **COURTHOUSE JAIL** 38. Lieu of Custody Citation #

39. Father's Name **N/A** 40. Residence Address 41. Res. Phone 42. Notified Date and Time

43. Mother's Name **A** 44. Residence Address 45. Res. Phone 46. Notified By

47. Signature of Private Complainant 48. Residence Address 49. Res. Phone 50. Sex 51. Race 52. D.O.B.

53. Details: **CHARGE #3 : NO OP. LIC. # 27 9-24-73 2:00 AM. C 25090**

\* EDDINS has long RECORD for ASSAULT, ASSAULT w/INTENT TO COMMIT murder, CCW, and ARMED ROB.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY Jail Medical Services Courthouse

Reporting Officer(s) **D.G. KOCH #7 / R. Bennett #560** Off. I.D. Number **560** Prec/Div **NORTH** Relief/Shift **NIGHTS** Assn/Dist **UNIF 560**

Radio Call Times REC: **PATROL** ARR: **1:00** CLR: **11:49 AM** Approved By **[Signature]**

73-65405

SIR: While on routine patrol E. on N. AINSWORTH near ALBINA, we observed the defendant, EDDINS, drive ('59 Pontiac 10RE 1R-8961) past us W. bound at a fast rate of speed and disobey the traffic signal at the intersection of ~~main~~ AINSWORTH and ALBINA. EDDINS continued through the intersection when the signal showed solid red and turned sharply into a parking lot (apartment house) just W. of ALBINA on the N. side of AINSWORTH ST. We immediately changed our direction of travel and pursued EDDINS as he hurriedly got out of his car and walked briskly to Apt. # 811. Just as EDDINS was about to enter the apartment, we informed him loudly to "stop" and produce an operator's license. EDDINS instantly became very cocky and antagonistic and stated "I ain't showing you motherfuckers nothin". We asked EDDINS a second and third time for an oper. license and each time EDDINS responded by abusing us verbally and shouting threatening remarks such as "you touch me motherfucker, and I'll knock you out." EDDINS was informed that he was under arrest for Careless driving and promptly responded by pushing me aside and entering the apartment. I followed the defendant into the living room of the apartment, while Officer KOCH quickly called for a cover unit. As soon as a cover car arrived, EDDINS again was informed of his arrest, and as we attempted to escort him from the apartment, EDDINS began swinging and kicking wildly. We managed to wrestle EDDINS to the ground just outside the apartment and handcuff him for transportation. Officer KOCH sustained several bruises on his shins and upper leg as EDDINS tried desperately to land a " " in the groin. I sustained a small break in the skin on the middle finger of my right as EDDINS attempted repeatedly to bite me. EDDINS was transported to the courthouse jail. WERE COVERED by SGT. LUCIANO, OFFICERS HREN, FALCONER, DICK & HOLMES. RES P;



8/20/65 LK 5583 LARC FR STORE/OK JUV. ARR  
ARR: EDDINS, WARREN CALVIN  
60 NE MONROE NBC, 14 YRS. PPD 53945

SEE COMPL: KIENOW'S FOOD STORE

DATE 4-2-71 BY 9592

12-13-64 LJ 56863 B&E STORE, JUV ARR OK  
PERRY'S SECOND HAND STORE 3913 N MISSISSIPPI  
3913 N MISSISSIPPI  
ARR: EDDINS, WARREN CALVIN, 14 PPD 53945  
~~3418 N MONTANA~~  
187-0648

4:30PM 12-13. BROKE WINDOW OUT AND STOLE TRANS  
RADIO BATTERIES. SENT TO JDH ON CHARGE OF BNID.

DATE 4-2-71 BY 9592

8/2/63 LH 62969 LARC OF BIKE OK  
ARR: DANIELS, DONALD HILL, 16 NBC 1310 N FAILING  
3042 N MONTANA  
ARR: EDDINS, WARREN CALVIN, 16 NBC PPD 53945  
3042 N MONTANA

ARR 8/2/63 CHG POSS STLN PROP. TO JUV DIV

SEE: WENDT, ROBERT F.

CRISS, ORN 9592  
DATE 4-2-71 BY 9592

CITY OF PORTLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

(NOT FOR MAILING)

October 24, 1973

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REC'D  
CHIEF'S OFFICE

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

From Neil Goldschmidt via Susan Kerr  
To Chief McNamara  
Addressed to Portland Police Department  
Subject Complaint of Warren Eddins

Mr. Warren Eddins called this office originally on Sept. 25. He came in and talked with Ron Buel on Sept. 27. I called him back to complete the complaint procedure from this office and got no answer on October 9. On October 12 someone answered and took a message for him. On October 16, someone else answered, an old woman, and took the message, said she would try to contact him.

On October 24, Mr. Eddins came into my office and we had our interview then, in company with his roommate, Mr. DeNorvel, at about 10:00 a.m.

His complaint is about alledged police brutality. His story is as follows:

On September 24, 1973 at 1 a.m., he drove up in a borrowed car to 811 N. Ainsworth, an apartment house, and parked his car. He went up to the door, and rang the doorbell where Mr. DeNorvel lives, since he had forgotten his key. 2 officers came out from around the building, and asked him where he was going. He asked them why. They said that they wanted to talk to him, and asked for I.D. He wanted to know if he was being arrested, and they didn't answer, asked again for I.D. He said he didn't have any, and started to go inside. Officer Bennett stuck his foot in the door, and Eddins asked him to leave, unless he was going to arrest him. Eddins accused him of illegal entry, and still no warrent, no arrest statements. De Norvel was on the couch, and witnessed everything that happened inside the apartment. Bennett came into the apartment, grabbed him by the neck, and was assisted by his partner. They dragged him outside, threw him down in some sawdust outside the building, and handcuffed him behind his back. Bennett alledgedly said, "Let this one eat dirt" and slammed Eddins face down into the sawdust. HE was frisked, grabbed by the hair, slammed into the car side, and pushed inside. On the way downtown he was verbally abused. The Courthouse door was locked, and one officer went back to the car to get someone via the radio to open up. Officer Bennett was talking to Eddins, and pulled his shirt around his throat. One of the buttons popped off, or it would have really hurt him.

Memo to Chief McNamara  
Oct. 24, 1973  
Complaint of Warren Eddins

Inside the jail, he stumbled down the stairs into the main floor, Officer Bennett slapped him, and slapped him again in the elevator. (There was an operator present) The officer also slapped him and slammed him against the wall after they got out of the elevator.

The nurse told him that he was bleeding from his nose, and he said to her "Ask the officer" how it happened. No one told him of his rights. The County took over, he was in a cell all night, arraigned the next day. He was charged with a traffic violation, and resisting arrest.

That ends his story of the events leading to his complaint. He is on parole, and is concerned that this trial on November 8 may jeopardize any chances he might have had to get out of trouble. His probation officer is Larry Rutter, East Side. The Court appointed attorney is Kenneth Mead.

Mr. Eddins wanted to take a lie detector test, and if it showed that he was guilty, he would plead guilty and forego the trial. However, he also wanted Officer Bennett to take a lie detector test. Evidently he has asked for this, and the DA has refused.

As a layman, this certainly sounds like a good idea to me, and since it is one man's word against another essentially, would be one way to clear this up, since this man's future life rests to some extent on the outcome of this trial.

In any event, please try to investigate this one as soon as possible. I would like to have a report back on this by the 1st of November if possible.

Thank you.



AREA OF COMPLAINT Police - Brutality DATE 10/24/73

NAME Warren Eddins ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE 289-5683 CONTACT BY: \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ letter  person

Sept. 24, 1AM - <sup>→ 811 N. Ainsworth</sup> Ainsworth + Albina, N.

Got out of car, parked, was going to apt.

Rang doorbell - 2 officers came round corner of building - "Where are you going" - Why -

We want to talk to you. I.D. He refused & went in. Officer Bennett - stuck foot in door - walked in - Eddins called for illegal entry. Refused to leave, no warrant. DeNorvel was on couch -

2 more officers came in - Bennett grabbed him by neck - His partner assisted - threw them down in sawdust, handcuffed "Sit him sat mud" - Slammed face in sawdust. Padded him down -

Grabbed him by hair, slammed him on car, + inside - Downtown - stopped at court, door was locked. One officer went to car to call court, Bennett

was talking to Warren. He pulled his shirt around his throat - Verbal abuse on way down -

Inside jail, Warren stumbled down stairs, Slapped him (he has scar) Slapped him in elevator (operator was present) down corridor - He tried to slam Eddins against the wall -



AREA OF COMPLAINT Warren DATE 9/27  
NAME Warren Eddins ADDRESS 4065 N. Lancaster  
PHONE 281-0722 CONTACT BY:  phone  letter  person

Arrested Traffic violation -  
Sunday Nite - 1a.m (Mon)

Beat me up on the spot  
Took me to jail, beat me up

Officer Bennett - Nick's

Why beat

Ring.ing doorbell

Where you going in such a hurry

He said come here

→ I said "Fore what"

I wasn't speeding  
careless driving -- didn't

No citation - I walked in house

No -

Refused to let me close door

You're going with me -- to + going anywhere

Slapped me in face  
called me nigger  
+ BeStaked

Tried to ram face  
into fall  
scar across nose --

Bennett  
grabbed  
me neck

threw me  
down -  
slammed my  
head into ground  
+ into car

could  
have seen  
me commit a  
violation  
possibility

AREA OF COMPLAINT Police DATE 9/25  
NAME Warren Eddens ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE 281-0722 CONTACT BY:  phone \_\_\_\_\_ letter \_\_\_\_\_ person \_\_\_\_\_

5:45 - no answer / ask Ron

10/12/73 - person took message

10/16/73 - person took message, an old woman.  
She remembered my name + said she would  
try to get ahold of him, to see if he still  
needs help.

# Police - Brutality

1123 S.W. Jefferson Street  
Portland, Oregon 97201  
28 May 1973

Donald McNamara  
Chief of Police  
209 S.W. Oak Street  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Chief McNamara;

Friday, the 18th of May, 1973, at 4:45 pm, I witnessed an assault by a police officer upon a seventeen year old boy who had jaywalked from our shop on Jefferson Street between 11th and 12th Avenues.

The severity of the handling of this young man was unbelievable. He had called across the street to us that he was being taken downtown when the officer slammed him from behind onto the hood of the car and twisted his arms up over his back and then repeatedly grabbed his hair and slammed his face onto the hot hood of the car. The temperature that day was in the 90's. This plus the heat of the car engine was burning the young man's face so naturally he tried to keep his face up off the hood.

There was no reason for the officer to use any force at any time. There had never been any indication to warrant anything but discussion. Two other police cars had been called. For what purpose I don't know except that he was drawing a crowd by his attitude and actions: snatching a cigarette out of the young man's mouth. Naturally the people who were seeing a person get a jaywalking ticket were surprised at the way the way the officer was handling it. People up and down the block were more than shocked and appalled when they saw the reaction. Several stopped to comment to us. My brother could hardly believe his eyes and called the police station as he was watching the assault. I myself then called the Mayor for fear of what might happen later to the young man while he was being held. The people above our shop were also concerned and offered us their assistance. Others offered to be witnesses.

I am extremely disturbed by the actions of this officer and even though a week has passed, the memory of it still enrages me. I am also somewhat dismayed by the other officers who should have at least said something to their colleague to help him cool down a bit. The action didn't end with the handcuffing but continued as the officer literally yanked the young man's arms up over his shoulders as he was leading him to another car. After putting him in the car he sped off in a reckless manner, squealing his tires as the crowd looked on in amazement.

I have had my faith in the Portland Police badly shaken by this "man." I hope I see justice done in this case or what is the purpose then of police? I even thought perhaps the officer might have come bay the next day and made some amends. That would have made me a believer in justice. Perhaps it is not too late.

Sincerely,

  
Roger Troen

cc: Mayor Goldschmidt  
Larry Sokol, Attorney-at-Law