

January 3, 1966

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Police Brutality

Brenda Johnson

897-1639

5525 Pacific Street

Detroit, Michigan

January 1, 1966

7:00 P. M.

Brenda Johnson states that on Saturday, January 1, 1966, she and two of her cousins, Robert Harris age 17 and Kenneth Harris age 14 were going home from their aunt's house, which was about eight blocks from their home. While in the process of going home they were attacked by a dog. The dog is vicious and dangerous. Brenda picked up a bottle and threw it at the dog breaking the bottle on the street. There were two Policemen in the area, they were from the McGraw Station. They stopped and asked, "if we wanted to pick up the glass". First we said, "that we did not break the bottle", because we did not want to get a ticket. Then we said, "that we threw the bottle

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at a dog". They said, "we did not see a dog". Kenneth said, "I will pick up the glass and throw it into the alley". Harris picked up the glass and threw it into the alley. The police asked for identification and we showed it to them. They said, "that it was not enough and said they were going to take us to the station. I told the police that I was pregnant. They said, "that was no business of theirs. One of the policemen grabbed me and I began to fight, because he was slapping me. I refused to go to the station. They handcuffed me. I fell on the ground and both of them began to beat me. They tore my coat, dragged me to the car, kicked me in the stomach and put me in the car with one shoe on. My face was swollen because they hit me in the face. My wrist was swollen from being handcuffed. After getting to the station I told the Desk Sergeant that I was pregnant. He said, "nothing". I used profane language. I threaten to loose my baby. I stayed at the station for two hours. My mother, Mrs. Ella Reed came for me. I was not charged with anything.