

# Youth Claims Police Beat, Insulted Him

The mother of a 17-year-old Eastside boy who said police attacked him after he had attended a high school concert Friday, this week said she has notified the Detroit Branch NAACP and will institute civil action.

Mrs. Irene Williams, of 3143 Ellery, told the Chronicle her son, Kenneth, was beaten as he, a girl companion and three other youths were enroute home near Mack and Belvedere.

Mrs. Williams stated that, according to the boy, the four boys were walking down the street when a team of officers called to Kenneth, who was a few steps behind the other three boys.

He said he heard the officers calling to someone but was not aware of the fact they were talking to him.

He said that when he didn't stop, one of the officers jumped in front of him and asked him where he was going and to show his identification.

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Kenneth said he told the officer he didn't have any identification, and the officer told him he "had better get some."

She said the officer then snatched the boy into a doorway of a vacant store and proceeded to beat him with a blackjack. Mrs. Williams said her son told her he didn't resist the officer, and she could see no reason for the beating.

The boy said that when other youths realized what was happening, they turned around and came back.

Kenneth said he doesn't know what happened when they came back because "the blood was running down in my eyes and I couldn't see anything.

"The officers stopped a passing scout car and put me in it. I asked the officer if they were satisfied they had beaten my head open, and the officer replied, 'Shut up, nigger!' and hit me in the stomach with his night stick," Kenneth said.

After being taken to the seventh precinct, the youth was then taken to Receiving hospital where 30 stitches were taken in his head. He was charged with resisting arrest and was released on \$500 bond.

The arresting officers stated at the arraignment that they had smelled liquor on the boy's breath and this is why they stopped him. Kenneth stated that he had not been drinking.

Mrs. Williams said that she plans to take the matter into court. She has notified the Detroit branch of the NAACP. Civil action will be initiated within the next few days.

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