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242 E. Warren Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48201

DETROIT BRANCH _____ 831-5525

COMPLAINT FROM

Date of Complaint May 10, 1966 Age 48
Type of Case Police Brutality
Name Mrs. Thelma Wynn Phone TW. 2-9168
Address 18626 Albany City, State Detroit, Mich. (34)
Occupaton Cleaning Woman - Part Time Employment: Northland Bldg. Maintenance
Date of Incident May 7, 1966 Approximate Hour 10:30 p.m.
Arrest Record of Complainant: Home anytime after 3:30

No arrest record.

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT: Subject states that on the next block from where she resides (Syracuse), there was a group of young people having a party. There became a mis-understanding between two boys in the crowd which the boys began to shout rather loudly. A neighbor, a Mr. Abram called the police because of the loud noise. The police came and asked what was the reason for the disturbance? Robert Wynn was trying to break the boys up from arguing. The police came over to Robert and pulled him by the arm and asked him to get into the scout car. Robert replied, What for I haven't did anything? The police asked for Robert's registration and the youth showed them his registration and driver's license to show ownership (over)

DISPOSITION:

(Summary-Con't-Over)

WITNESSES	ADDRESS	PHONE
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" I have read the foregoing summary of complaint as typed by the interviewer. She (or he) has typed the information correctly according to the facts and information that I have given her (or him) pertaining to this incident".

Interviewed by Louise Leggs Signature of person making complaint Thelma Wynn

of his car. The police then snatched the driver's license and started beating him very violently. The police dragged Robert and the other two boys to the police car. (One) (Two) (Chester and Charles Smart) The officers drove away and when they had gotten further away from the neighborhood, the police started beating, kicking and harassing Robert Wynn and the other two boys. One officer took a razor and put it to Robert's neck and asked him, How do you like the feel of this razor? The officer started beating the youth's head against the door and striking him continuously in the face. The boys were taken to the Davison precinct. Robert Wynn was taken to Receiving Hospital for treatments. He stayed in Receiving Hospital all night. The parents of Robert were notified that their son was in the hospital but they could not release him at the present time. The boy was released from the hospital and taken back to the Davison precinct. The parent's of Robert went to the Davison precinct to get their son released but the Desk Sergeant said that he could not be released. The parent's were asked to go home and call back later to see if he would be released by 3:30 P.M. Mr. and Mrs. Wynn called back around 2:30 P.M., and were told to come, and pick up their son at 3:30 P.M. Robert eye was slashed so severely ti required eight stitches to close it. (Robert) The boy suffers from heart trouble. Robert was accused of carrying a knife but the youth did not have a knife on his person and he had never carried a knife before. Rober has never been involved with the police before and has no police record.