

resulted in five convictions and one case still pending. Three, on December 3, 1972 the informant worked in conjunction with ... upper flat at the address known as 5021 Fernwood and purchased ... heroin from a black male who is known to him as ... twenty-five to twenty-seven years of age, 5' 11", medium build with straight black hair, light complexion, clean shaven. While on the premises, the informer seen two other persons in the act of using narcotics and in possession of narcotics paraphernalia. On December 3, 1972 the informant... the results of the test indicated the substance to be heroin. This warrant is signed by Judge George Reiner... 5021 happens to be my house. 5021 Fernwood happens to be a vacant upstairs flat. There has been no one living at 5021 Fernwood for over a year. The search warrant was taken out illegally, evidently by your John Statterfield and Judge Reiner approved this search warrant. There has never been any heroin at the presence of 5023 Fernwood which is where myself and my five children live. On December 6th I went down to the Records Court and attempted to see Judge Reiner ... find out why, one, he would sign a warrant if he did not have the facts. I was told by his clerk that there was nothing that can be done. That the judge only took the word of the officers. I then went along with Mrs. Collier to the Prosecutors Office and was told then that, one, that if Lt. John Statterfield lied in order to get a search warrant, that I had a suit against him. What I say to you is ... I'm a fool ... Detroit Police Department ... Number two, yes, ... and I also know that he was not working for drug pushers. That on December 4th they came to my house just like they came to other houses because they knew, they know all of us and they knew that I would ... and I tell you the Council you have got the facts here... and I want to know what you will do about it ... John Statterfield and I have some other names for you if you need them ... I am not only going to sue but I also want a public apology. I want it taken off the records that 5021 Fernwood is not a dope house. Because I don't want you coming back to my house. Do you understand that? (applause)

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My name is Tony Davis. I am the first cousin of Mark Bethune... On Friday, December 8, 1972 we were paid a visit by the Detroit Police Department. They proceeded to load their guns in front of my little brothers and sisters. Miss Davis is ... I looked out the window. There was four STRESS officers on each side of the house coming from the back with loaded guns and loaded pistols and rifles. This scared me ... on the side door and the front door ... now this scared the hell out of me, just think of what happened to my little brothers and sisters. On another occasion, on January 6th my little brother was playing in the back room so he looked out the window and said we're being surrounded. He plays cops and robbers and stuff and we didn't pay him no attention. We looked out the back door and there were two officers ... and we asked them what they wanted. They had pistols drawn ... and so my mother asked them what they wanted. They said they had a call down at the police station that we were leaving town and they came to ... the house ... Yesterday, I was on my way home to get ready for the meeting ... church, I was stopped ... They asked me for proof. I showed them... I told them I didn't have to show them anything... They gave my ... a \$25 ticket failing to signal a turn ... then they followed us all the way home... I really don't have too much more to add... Mark Bethune. And oh, one thing, Eberhard, you made the statement that Mark Bethune was in a half-way house ... (interruption)

Mark Bethune, six years ago, ... six months, the same Mark Bethune ... That's defamation of character. (interruption) ... a public apology to the family ... and I want a public apology ... (interruption) The only thing I have to add is long live Boyd, Brown, And Bethune. (applause)



... and I think I have provided as much for the citizens of Detroit ... I have my own business... I want to say one thing ... nothing to do with this ... Common Council to answer one question. I would like to know ... two men ... waiting for me ... they jumped off the truck ... I said, hey, hey, don't shoot, don't shoot, ... said well they're free, they know what they want ... do believe they're going to shoot because ... all three guys ... man was sand blasting the building. The machine was making noise. So I told him, I said ... Common Council, why would they want ... that's all ... Don't shoot...

We have about nine more speakers who claim to have knowledge of specific facts ... list the names. We're not going to get to about thirty-five or forty more speakers who want to speak with opinions. The names that we'll hear from are Ray Gregory, Mrs. Betty Jean Colburn, Debra Allen, (interruption) Mark Singleton, Joyce ..., James Merrit, Reverend ..., Anthony ..., Ruth Dunn, Lonnie ..., and Kenneth ... Ray Gregory here, please?

(voice from audience - Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask why is there any reason why it is not possible to continue this meeting until such time as we hear these people who are victims and then hear we who are heads of organizations who might be able to help bring a solution to this problem? It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, that we accomplish nothing unless after listening to these things that most of us ... have known for a long time, unless we can make some suggestions as to how this honorable body can take action to do something about the grievances)

... of course we'll take it into consideration...

My name is ... a representative of ... around 8:00 this morning we received a phone call from one of our brothers saying ... can expect an attack from the Detroit Police Department. As we know in New York City, the same incident occurred last year. There was officers with rifles, ... guns, in front of our temple ... in New York. We ... what will ... but a word to the wise, to those who are, to those who are in authority. It will be ... in behalf of the Black Muslims, not in behalf of the Black Muslims but in behalf of the Detroit Police Department, we do not carry weapons, we do not ... because we'll get caught by ... it justifies another officer to use his weapon. So that's why ... however, we do not fear guns, we do not fear officers, we do not fear no enemy because ... As you know, as I'm sure the black people know and most whites we do not ... no one and in return we do not allow no one to ... us and if so, if so, as Allah teaches us we are not ... but if we shall be attacked ... (applause) ... if this ever happens, Allah told us ... (applause)

Mr. ..., Debra Allen, (interruption)

... I was coming out of this lady's house on 12th Street and there was this STRESS officer ... said I'm looking for ... now, Nichols was talking about mad dog killers. I'll tell you about a STRESS that killed my sister and he's a mad dog killer... and like where it happened ... killed my sister on August 24, the day before she was supposed to be married. He ran up to me. He said cops can kill. Now this is a cop. And cops can get away. He said he's seen cops kill and get away. He also told me he used to take bribes. My sister... been in the army for four years, he'd been on STRESS for three years and he doesn't know how to handle a gun, turn around and shoot my sister in the back ... He says it's an accident ... been with STRESS for three years. He told me cops can kill and get away and he turns around and shoots my sister in the back... She was killed the day before ... single, and the guy ... and the cop that shot him ... and he told me he's taken bribes ... he told me, he's seen people killed and they're set up so good that they can get away with it and then he turns around and shoots my sister and he's still on the police force ... What are you going to do about him? He was STRESS. He was supposed to be trained... And they're trained to do this and trained to do that ... he shoots my sister in the back and you know, he's supposed to be trained? He's been on STRESS for three years...



...(loud interruption)... I called ... telling me ... and ... (can't understand him) ... protection of the law... and when they don't do that... charge the police department with corruption. (END TAPE B -2, BEGIN TAPE C-1)

... he had a blood clot removed from his brain. He is mentally disturbed and he said the ... connection with the STRESS officers or the STRESS shooting. And I would like to know why ... (interruption ...) ... my brother ... in the hospital now ... against my brother ... he had one hundred and six stitches in his head before they operated on him. The only reason they took him ... this is why ... something has got to be done about ... mother of eight children... (applause)

My name is ... Brothers and sisters ... student, black mother and ... with STRESS. When I was working on August 1972... walking down the street, going to work, trying to get my business together, a unit of STRESS officers followed me ... Where are you going? .. I'm not going to speak to them. Okay, they said, well, you black bitch. I said your mother ... with your dad. Okay, ... very angry ... to the ... streets. From the time that STRESS was formed in January 1971, they left more than fifteen murders in less than twelve months. The first was in March of 1971 ... STRESS ... always justified it by saying that there were no witnesses and these people were criminals. Until the actual Rochester incident where their own black police officer was murdered. A fellow officer stepped forward and said he would testify that this man was going to be executed if I had not intervened. This incident was white-washed so if you're going to tell me that you have no witnesses to anything, what about the police officer that saw this? Okay, to go on to say that STRESS has been judge, jury and executioner in the black community since January 1971. (applause) I'm under the impression that ... been abolished. Is that true? We will no longer sit back and watch our people being murdered in the streets. We will no longer accept these mad dog to roam. Because of the alledged crime of Mr. Boyd, Mr. Bethune, and Mr. Brown, they have terrified the whole black community. We demand immediate removal of John Nichols, the immediate abolishment of the entire STRESS unit and ... insist that this not be white-washed...

Joyce ..., James Barrett-

My name is James Barrett... I live at 1308 Fisher Street here in Detroit. And I see that we have some of our ... sitting here... The incident I'm going to tell you about happened on New Years ... worked, my self, I work at A. T.&T. and I work on the afternoon shift. So I stopped ... I was there about three minutes and the next thing I know, the door swings open and there were about eight police officers with shot guns, and hand guns... put your hands up. And then there was about five or six more ... through the back ... above the store. Instead of asking us to open the door they broke that door open ... And then they ramshackled the whole place. In the meantime the officers that were in the store asked the customers ... identification. So I asked if it was okay to put my hands down ... and he said as long as ... Now, I gave him drivers license, identification card from the job. Then the police officer asked me, what's your name... and so, ..., so ... if you don't say something... and so I said well, I'll tell you one thing, I said, if you do ... and I meant that. And I left the store and since New Years I have been stopped on the average of three or four times. And each time I'm stopped there will be some type of traffic violation. And only one time did I receive a ticket. And when I did receive this ticket ... the police station right after the incident and I saw a Lt. ... and explained to him that I was being harassed and I wasn't



complaining about the ticket itself ... and so then he ... that we don't harass anyone but yet ... I told the lieutenant at the police station that I had had it and that I have a son who is nineteen years old. He fits the description of one of those ... suspects and I swear that if anything happens to my son, if anything happens at all, I'm going to ... Common Council... (applause)... some type of action now ... have our city torn apart... (applause)

Debra Allen, Joyce ..., Reverend Black, Anthony ..., Ruth Dunn, Lonnie ..., W.C. Young, ... one more. Mrs. Betty Colburn, Debra Allen, Joyce ..., Reverend Black, Anthony ...

... Anthony Turner. December 29, 1972 I left home approximately around 11:00. I returned home ... around 1:30 ... Coming home around 1:30 I found the front door of my home open and as I parked my car, the girl that is, ah, well, I live on the corner... girl that works in front there came around and told me that the police had been to my house. Right then... ran in to see what was the trouble. They had... the first floor... both the second floor and well they had kicked in the front door. The front door is badly damaged. The entrance to the second floor apartment is also badly damaged... also the back door to the apartment is kicked in and there's ... but the back door from the out, leading from the outside was also kicked in and I have boarded that up. I'm coming here today just to inform Common Council that if the police came to my house, kicked in the doors, I myself want the police to go back ... that's all I want is the door to be put back... my doors not repaired, I want new doors ... about police coming in and kicking in the doors ... fixing my doors.

Alright, Mr. ..., Reverend Black, Ruth Dunn, Lonnie ..., W.C. Young, Now, all the other ... thirty-five. These are people who wish to make recommendations to the Council and express opinions. And the Council has ... I've asked each of the members of the Council, the Council is ... decision, that we will adjourn after hearing the eye witnesses unless we had time with in the two hours period ... three hour period at this time. Council ... should adjourn. Mrs. Henderson wanted to say something at this time before we adjourned... suggestion. Mrs. Henderson.

Aren't we adjourning at this time?

Right.

Mr. Chairman I ask ... microphone because there are a number of people who though they may not have been witnesses or though they may not themselves be victims have records, long standing records in the community, community leaders who have developed recommendations based on experience that's been for many years. I'm referring to, for example, Art McPhall, who represents a committee against repression, Clyde Cleveland, who represents ... block clubs on the west side, who also works with the Michigan State Institute with ... about a number of things on repression. I'm referring also to Mr. Hodges Mason, who although he has many titles, I remember him best in the labor movement and I know that's been about twenty-five years or so. So I know that we can be the recipients of some pretty tremendous recommendations coming from people who have the community at heart and have had it for many, many years. So what I'm proposing is that all of the recommendations and it doesn't have to come from a community leader, it can come from anybody who has a recommendation to this Common Council on solving the problem, I know that they've been said, you know, but you know, let me say to you, all of us, I think, can be agreed on something. But let me say what I have to say. I want to say this. We've got to also pick up a whole new way of life and you've got to help us. And I think that the only way you can do it is to

put some of these things in writing. Our offices eagerly, Common Council offices are open. I can tell you now, nobody means to white-wash anything. We will be doing business on all the recommendations that you give us. We will try to see to it that you have a city in which we can all be proud. You have heard some of the problems today. May I remind you that among those problems are also the fact that there are better than 177,000 people out of work. That there are people who are hungry ... outdoors. And that in addition to these problems, housing and all the rest of the problems that we face in the city of Detroit, we can't solve unless you help us. We're asking for your help, we're asking for your patience, we're asking you to join us and fight with us to solve the problems that will bring peace and prosperity to our troubled city. (applause)

(voice from audience/ "Mr. Chairman, can I ask a question? Why were there no black police officers in here on detail?" )

... have to ask Nichols.

You don't know nothing, I know. (END TAPE C-1)