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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
242 E. Warren Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48201

DETROIT BRANCH _____ 831-5525

COMPLAINT FORM

Date of Complaint May 23, 1966 Age 46

Type of Case Police Discrimination
(City of Highland Park)

Name William Cartwright Phone 866-1979

Address 164 La Belle City, State Highland Park
Place of _____

Occupation machine operator Employment: Intervale Steel Co.

Date of Incident May 20, 1966 Approximate 7007 Intervale
Hour 7:30 P.M.

Arrest Record Of Complainant:

No arrest record.

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT: Mr. Cartwright stated that his two sons, Viazza (18 yrs) and Ronald (16 yrs) were going downtown to shop and this white man jumped out at them and hit Viazza in the head with a baseball bat. The Highland Park Police were called and they took both Viazza, Ronald and the white man to the police station. Ronald and the white man (Mr. Cartwright didn't know the name of the white man) were released but the Highland Park Police held Viazza. The police-department wouldn't state the charges that they were holding Viazza on. The hearing for Viazza is being held on May 23, 1966. Viazza has been picked up before for fighting and spent 30 days in the house of correction. The Highland Park police stated that they would release Viazza on \$27.50 bail but when they took the bail money (\$27.50) to the police station they said that wasn't enough and his bail was \$57.50. Mr. Cartwright stated that the white man had (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 Mrs. P.F. Norton Signature of person making complaint William Cartwright

no reason to jump out at his sons. Mr. Cartwright stated also that this isn't the first instance when he has had trouble with the Highland Police Department. He stated that when they moved into their home the policemen came into his home with a search warrent but they wouldn't state what they were looking for. Mr. Cartwright further stated that he had filed complaints with the police department for trash that had been thrown in the back of his house in the alley but they never responded to the complaints. Mr. Cartwright stated that he did have an attorney. His attorney is Mr. Charles Brown (in the office with Ed Bell) is handling the case for him.

Mr. Cartwright called back to the office and stated that the Highland Park police were still holding his son on charges of fighting. They would release him on bail of \$57.50 until the following Thursday when he would have another hearing. Mrc. Cartwright said that he would contact Mr. Brown his attorney.