

DETROIT COALITION AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY

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4th Precinct Citizens To Meet on Police Brutality Tues. 12/14

Community residents from Detroit's far southwest side will hold an informational meeting and rally Tuesday, December 14 at 6 PM at the Kemeny Recreation Center at 2260 S. Fort, to discuss what has become an ongoing campaign of police brutality and terror in the 4th Precinct. City Council members and other leaders have been invited.

Says organizer Cornell Squires, "The police have been harassing and framing up my entire family since I was beaten and framed by Robert Feld Oct. 23, 1998. Many neighbors have also reported being shot, stripped and beaten, choked after being stopped for driving while Black, framed up on drug charges, and falsely charged with interfering with police. A family returning from their father's funeral was harrassed."

Mr. Squires' father Eugene Squires died Aug. 18 of a heart attack incurred after he intervened to stop his son's beating last year. Several of his young cousins have been beaten and framed up by Robert Feld and other officers since then.

Most recently, Mr. Squires' son Cornell Emmanuel, 18, was framed up on charges carrying up to life in prison by Officers William Melendez and David LeValley, who now work with Feld. They falsely claim he tried to carjack them while armed. His family feels he was targeted because of his father's organizing activity.

CORNELL SQUIRES TRIAL:

THURS. JAN. 6, 2000 9 am

36th Dst. Court Brush/Madison

Judge John Perry

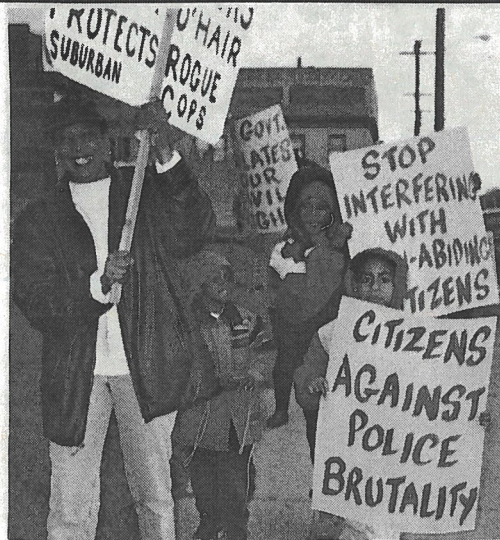
CORNELL E. SQUIRES TRIAL:

FRI. JAN. 7, 2000 9 am

Judge Kym Worthy, Rm. 502

Frank Murphy Hall

St. Antoine at Gratiot



Barbara Crumbey and youngsters picket the 4th Pct. with the community earlier this year.

Family of Rahaab White fights City in Court Fri. Dec. 10

A hearing will be held Friday, Dec. 10 at 9 AM in the courtroom of Judge James Rashid, Rm. 1111 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, on the City of Detroit's motion to dismiss the lawsuit against white Police Officer Thomas Phillips in the death of Rahaab Sekou White on Dec. 9, 1995 outside the Union Street Restaurant on Woodward.

Jamellah Sombai, Rahaab's mother, says that Rahaab was murdered by Phillips, who was off-duty. Phillips and Omed Bahoura, owner of Extravagante Valet Parking, claim Rahaab tried to rob them. But says Ms. Sombai, "Rahaab had no gun and no reason to commit a robbery. He had just returned from a year of study in Africa, he was planning to go to Wayne State University, and he was engaged. I was very pleased with him as a son. His body was moved, his wallet and ID were stolen, and the evidence myself and my attorneys have gathered shows that the police version is a lie. I still miss Rahaab terribly. He should be here today to progress and reach his full potential in the new millenium."

COMMUNITY MEETING

on Police Actions
in the 4th Pct.

TUES. DEC. 14

6PM: Kemeny

Rec. Center

2260 S. Fort

JIMMI RATLIFF VIGIL

Two years ago, under the direction of current Police Chief Benny Napoleon, a SWAT team equipped with tear gas and heat-seeking scopes on their rifles, dozens of police cars, and helicopters descended on 1300 E. Lafayette. When the horrific attack on the luxury condo complex was over, 48-year-old Jimmi Ruth Ratliff, a beautiful professional woman who lived there, lay dead of a bullet wound to the head.



Jimmi Ruth Ratliff

Her crime? Refusing to come out of her apartment! Her sister Eva Crowley and the rest of her family are suing Napoleon and the Police Department. They say that they witnessed Napoleon and others actually plan Jimmi's execution while they were trapped on the mezzanine, not allowed to go near Ms. Ratliff or talk to her. They will conduct the second annual candlelight vigil in her death at 7 PM, Thurs. Dec. 9 outside 1300 E. Lafayette, just east of I-75.