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Factory Worker Charges Brutality

An unemployed factory worker, Gerald Paul, 23, of 9166 American, has charged police officers with brutally beating him and denying him his rights as a citizen following an incident at 12th and Myrtle streets, Monday afternoon.

Paul, who pleaded guilty to charges of drunkenness and resisting arrest, told The Michigan Chronicle that he had done so in the hopes of getting released so that he could receive proper medical attention for injuries to his eye and legs.

Denying that he was guilty of the charges against him, Paul said he became involved with the police officers when he and a friend, Robert McClellan, a gas station manager, had sought assistance when the latter's car was stolen.

The two policemen, connected with the Vernor Street station, according to Paul, appeared reluctant in pursuing the car thief as the complainants thought they should.

Paul said he told his friend: "C'mon, Bob, to hell with it, let's get out of here. They aren't going to find your car.

"When I said this, one of

the officers jumped out of the car, grabbed me by the collar and said, 'You don't talk to us that way.'

"I replied: 'I wasn't talking to you' and pushed his hand away from my shirt. When I did this he hit me in the eye. When I fell to my knees I felt other blows to my legs and thighs."

Paul said he became unconscious and didn't come to until he was enroute to Receiving hospital in a police car. He said that he received no medication while at the hospital for more than ten hours and was not allowed to make a telephone call. He said a doctor examined him but did nothing to alleviate the pain he was suffering.

"In spite of the severe pain and the fact that I couldn't walk, I was taken to the Vernor station where I was held for court until the following morning." Paul insists that he was not allowed to make a telephone call or otherwise notify members of his family as to his whereabouts for 24 hours.

Mrs. Mary Paul, the injured man's wife, said that when her husband failed to come home she called both Receiving hospital and Police Headquarters but could obtain no information. She said a policeman came to her house to ask about an abandoned car that had been in front of the Paul house for several days.

"I asked him how I could locate a missing man, and he called headquarters and obtained information concerning my husband. This was ten minutes after I had called and was told that they had no record of anyone by that name," Mrs. Paul said.

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