

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
First Precinct

Date November 2, 1968

To: Commanding Officer, First Precinct

Subject: WALK IN COMPLAINT OF DERRICK C. TABOR 17/C OF 2672 CHESNUT (962-0646),
GRADY STALLWORTH 18/C, BRUCE STALLWORTH 17/C OF 18020 INDIANA,
(UN 2-5919.)

On November 2, 1968 at approx. 1:30AM Mr Willis C. Tabor and his son Derrick Tabor came into the First Precinct and made the following complaint to this writer.

Derrick Tabors states that he was attending a teenage dance on the sixth floor of the Vets Memorial bldg. He and a friend Gregory Carter 13713 Vassar Dr, (342-1846) left the dance and went to the rest room which is located in the basement. While in the rest room several white men entered, two of the men blocked the door way for a few minutes, after leaving, two of the men followed them up the stairway and began to call them "nigger", and told them to get out of their way. They then got on the elevator and attempted to return to the dance, but each time their elevator would return to the basement because someone kept pushing the down button. Each time they returned to the basement and the elevator doors opened the same men would make derogatory remarks such as " who's paying for the ride" and he would answer his own question by saying " A.D.C. was paying for it".

At this point both decided to leave to avoid any trouble. As they got about 100 feet outside of the building (Atwater exit) they heard a comotion behind them. They looked back and saw a colored boy get pushed out of the door by a white man , then a second colored boy got pushed out by the same man. The second boy swung at the man and at this point about five white men came out and began chasing the boys, waving guns. One of the men chased one of the boys and fired a shot at him. Derrick and Gregory began running and Gregory got into his car, Derrick attempted to get into the car but the door was locked. The man that fired the shot ran up to Gregorys car and began to wave his gun through the window telling him to get out of here. The man then walked around the car where Derrick was standing and Derrick ran, at this time about six white men began chasing him along the river. The men shouted at Derrick "stop or we'll shoot", Derrick stopped and the men approached him holstering their guns. The men began to beat and kick him about the head and body. Three of the men walked him into the bushes and began beating him again. While he was on the ground the men asked him if he had enough and then left. The only description Derrick could give is that all were white an their thirty's.

Derrick had abrasions and contusions on both sides of his face, also complained of back and right leg pains. His clothes were mused and soiled. Mr Tabor stated that he would take his son to Blaine Hospital for treatment. A Preliminary complaint record was made.

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At approx 2:45 AM on Nov. 2, 1968, Mr Grady Stallworth, 18020 Indiana (UN 2-5919) came into the First Precinct with his two sons, Bruce 17 and Grady Jr. 18, and made the following complaint to thiw writer.

Grady Jr. stated that he was attending the same above dance. Grady left the dance with a friend, Tommy Venable of 18060 Ohio (86208334) to get something to eat. While walking down the stairs from the dance, a white man called them "boy", they stopped and asked the man why he called them "boy" the man again called them "boy" and told them to get out of there. The man grabbed Grady and called him a "black nigger". A second white man grabbed Tommy Venable and called him a "nigger" and attempted to hit him. Grady struck the man that was holding him and both of the boys began running, at this time 15-20 white men began to chase them. The men caught them at the building exit (Atwater exit) and a fight ensued. Grady broke away and ran out side of the building, one of the men chasing Grady shouted for him to stop or he would shoot. Grady stopped and the man pointed the gun at him and fired. Grady fled on foot. The writer accompanied Grady to the scene of the shooting and from the positions of both persons the alleged shot would have carried over the river. Grady stated that all the men appeared to be drunk. He describes the man that grabbed him as: W/M 33-35 5'11, 180-195, a light full head of hair and had a slight cleft in his chin. Grady stated other witnesses were Lamar Smith 862-2936, James Evans (Add Unk.) Jeff Jones (Add Unk) and Cynthia Johnson (Add Unk).

Grady had no visible signs of injury and stated he was not hurt.

Bruce Stallworth made the following ComplaintL He was at the dance with his brother, Grady, and observed the fight at the exit with his brother. He went into the building to get his brother and he was shoved out the door by the men. Bruce ran to his Fathers car and entered same with Cynthia Johnson. About 9 or 10 white men came up to the car and one man pulled a gun, pointed at the window and told him to get out. The other men began kicking the car and jumping on the roof. The men left and re-entered the building. After the men left Bruce and Cynthia got out of the car and helped a James Evans 19/C 18507 Northlawn (863-0565), up from the ground, he had been beaten by the men at the car. The only Desc. Bruce could give was all men were white and approx. 30 yrs. old. Bruce was not injured.

The writer accompanied Mr Stallworth to Atwater and Civic Center Dr. where his car was parked (a 1967 Ford Cougar DF 4687) The car had extensive damage to both sides, rear and front. The roof was caved in and the right side window was broken out. The left rear tire was flat. There was heel marks and foot prints over the entire car. AN M.D.P. report was made and the vehicle was towed to the First Precinct on Safekeeping Tag # 128376.

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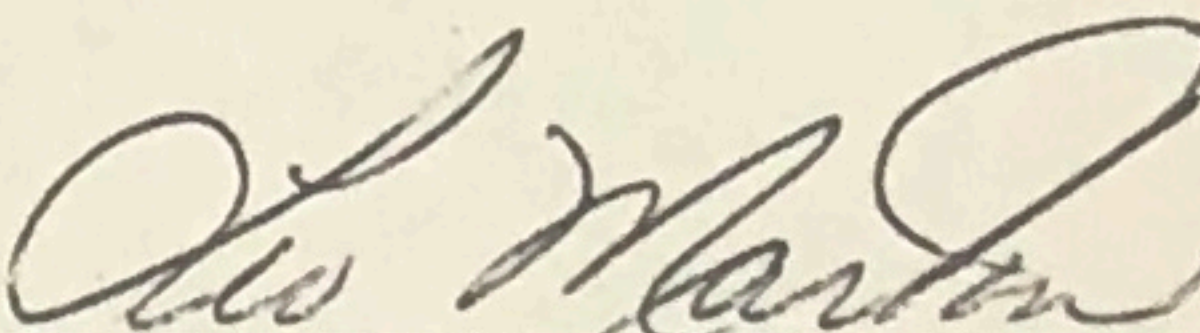
At 12:55AM Sergeant James Boos in company with Sergeant Samuel Nadeau were hailed by James Evans C/19 of 18507 Northlawn on Congress E/O Washington Blvd. who stated he was assaulted with guns by white men at the Vets. Memorial Bldg. Scout 1-6 transported him to the hospital and took the report. At 1:10 Sergeants went to the Vets Bldg. and observed 20-30 C/ youths in front of the bldg. Prior to arriving the sergeants were stopped by unidentified white man and white woman who stated a fight was taking place at the lower level, the Sergeants called for two additional cars to meet them at the rear or lower level and they responded to the scene. The Sergeants observed numerous couples leaving the bldg. and found no disturbance. Investigation revealed there were two dances in the bldg. a Teen-age dance on the sixth floor and a dance on the first floor for the Detroit Police Officers Wives Assoc., the Sergeants returned to the first level and was met by a Mr Tabor who stated and pointed out a W/M with a gun, sergeant Nadeau approached the man and questioned him about the gun, the man denied hav'ing any gun out and identified himself as patrolman Fred Inglis badge 3424 of the PSU. Mr Tabor stated that he was going to call the Mayor and left .

After the crowd dispersed the Sergeants notified the writer of the details.

All parties concerned were advised that this department would investigate these allegations.

Control Center Inspector Jedlinski, Homocide Det. Schrough, and Commanding Officer First Precinct were notified.

Lieutenant



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