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*Coleman A. Young, Mayor
City of Detroit*

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The Honorable Coleman A. Young
Mayor of the City of Detroit
1126 City-County Building
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Mayor Young:

This letter is to inform you of our preliminary investigation into an incident which has received extensive coverage by the news media. The incident involves allegations of five larcenies committed by two uniformed police officers in a marked police vehicle between 12:30 AM and 3:30 AM August 16, 1988.

At 1:30 AM on this date, Lieutenant Daniel Link of the Internal Affairs Section received notification from Sergeant Alford Wilson of the Twelfth Precinct that a complainant and witness had entered the Twelfth Precinct and alleged that two black male uniformed police officers, driving a marked scout car, had stolen jewelry and currency. The alleged larceny occurred on Tracey, south of Eight Mile, at approximately 12:30 AM this date. The larceny occurred under the guise of an on-street investigation where the officers searched the complainant's pockets. One of the officers was said to be wearing a name tag which read "W. Jay." An investigation of these allegations began immediately.

Lt. Link then telephoned the Tenth Precinct and conversed with Sergeant Harrison Jenkins. Sgt. Jenkins stated he had three complainants in the station who were alleging that two black male uniformed officers, driving a marked scout car, had stolen money from them earlier that night at Calvert and Linwood. The perpetrators matched the description of the suspects in the Twelfth Precinct matter, and used the same modus operandi (on-street investigation). One officer was wearing a name tag which read "W. Jay. Lt. Link directed Sgt. Jenkins to convey these complainants to the Twelfth Precinct to be interviewed by members of the Internal Affairs Alert Team.