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Detroit, February 5, 1965

The Honorable Jerome Cavanagh  
Mayor of Detroit  
Michigan

Dear Mayor Cavanagh,

Our Police Department is one of the finest in the County. Yet, some think it necessary to investigate this so-called "Police Brutality" on Negro suspects.

Why is it that a Policeman trained to use a gun - for his self-protection - is not permitted to use it? And if he does, he is brought up before the "Board".

Why is it that these colored punks can rob, purse-snatch, attack, house-break, break windows and beat up the white citizens of the City, and just because they are juveniles nothing can be done about it? (This happens in our neighborhood)

They cannot be tried in court--they are too young. Yet, they are old enough to beat-up and sometimes kill. Perhaps the parents could be tried and punished.

A Policeman risks his life apprehending these kids and what happens? The judge lets them go. It would appear that perhaps the courts need investigating, rather than our Police Department. Maybe it is time to change the laws of our City, and give the Police Dept. some authority and quit giving these young hoodlums the "kid-glove" treatment.

One day - the City Fathers and the colored folks will be all that is left in Detroit - we white tax-payers will have been forced to move. Incidentally, we vote too.

Can't you - as our Mayor - do something? It is frightening living in a mixed neighborhood.

Yours very truly,

Disgusted Tax-payer