

# Terror Spreading Throughout City!

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The Chronicle has learned that some policemen participating in the dragnet-manhunt for suspects wanted for the shooting of four police officers and the murder of another, not only violated the Constitution and Police Dept. procedures, but also went beyond the bounds of common decency by forcing female occupants of raided apartments to strip — at gunpoint.

After a policeman was murdered by a female arrestee in his own scout car, department procedures have allowed for the "frisking for weapons" of female prisoners.

However, the rules are explicit about any further searching of females. A police spokesman confirmed that the procedure for a complete search of female prisoners has not been changed: Female prisoners requiring an intensive search are to be taken immediately to the eighth floor (women's detention section at police headquarters) where the search will be conducted by (female) matrons.

The Chronicle has learned that on at least two occasions last week, raiding police of-

icers ordered females to "strip." Around 2 p.m. Thursday, a raiding crew of eight police officers kicked in the door of an Ewald Circle apartment occupied by a Bell Telephone employee.

The policemen allegedly ordered her male companion into one room, where he was stripped and searched. Other members of the raiding crew took the woman into the bathroom and forced her to disrobe. The Chronicle was told. She was not arrested or charged.

Her uncle, a well-known minister, has lodged complaints with the Citizens Complaint Bureau of the police department, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and the Community Relations Service of the U.S. Dept. of Justice.

In addition, the minister told The Chronicle he would inform the ministerial council he is a member of about this humiliating and unlawful act, "and I expect my brother ministers to join me in such future action as our (legal) counsel recommends. I expect to take every available step to

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guarantee that such atrocious behavior on the part of men sworn to uphold the law is never repeated."

chest with his gun butt and told her to "hurry up and get your clothes off."

Less than 24 hours later, another crew of police "kicked the door panel clean out" of an apartment on Ohio near Grand River. After allegedly threatening to "kill all of you ---," the officers reportedly took the five males into the kitchen, then forced the four female occupants to go, one at a time, into the bathroom.

The WCCC student said that she also protested, after she had removed her blouse. "The policeman slapped my face," the young lady told *The Chronicle*, "forced me to remove my bra, then felt my body." She was teary-eyed as she recounted her experience and had to keep her hands folded in her lap to keep them from shaking.

Two of the women, one of them an attractive 17-year-old, the other a good looking Wayne County Community college student, told *The Chronicle* they were ordered to "strip to the waist — so we can see if you have a gun in your bra."

Informed of these allegations, a ranking police officer told *The Chronicle*, "If an investigation substantiates their story, you can be sure that disciplinary action will be swift and sure."

The 17-year-old said that when she protested, one policeman struck her in the

A policeman found guilty of forcing a female prisoner to partially disrobe recently, was summarily dismissed from the force.