

STRENGTH TO FAMILIES UNDER STRESS

TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY:

For many weeks we have been receiving news about three young Black Men being sought in the shooting of six Detroit Police officers. However, because of white hatred, Blacks have not received a truthful account. CONTRARY TO THE WHITE NEWS MEDIA, the three young brothers, BOYD, BROWN, AND BETHUNE are not gunmen for dope pushers. They are Black brothers who were putting intensive pressure on dope pushers and their associates to get OUT OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY.

BOYD, BROWN, AND BETHUNE often passed out anti-drug literature in the Black community and were often severely harassed by STRESS. Boyd and Bethune were students at Wayne State University and Brown was a student at Highland Park College. NONE had criminal records. NONE have harmed any citizens past or present. Their love for Black people would not permit this.

Their encounters with STRESS were in self-defense. The community is well aware of the heightened escalation of harassment and armed confrontations between the Detroit Police and Black citizens. We are calling on the community to face the truth!!!

WE ARE AN OPPRESSED PEOPLE.....REFUSE TO HELP THE WHITE OPPRESSOR!!
Recognize STRESS FOR WHAT IT IS-----BLACK GENOCIDE!!!

EXAMPLES OF DETROIT POLICE INCIDENTS:

A 60 year old brother was killed in his home when he came to his door in response to STRESS INVADERS, the week of December 7.

Many Black homes have been invaded by the Detroit Police Department since December 4, apparently in retaliation against the Black Community. Whole families including our women and small CHILDREN have been detained in jail for indefinite periods of time. IN MOST CASES, NO SEARCH WARRANTS WERE ISSUED, NO CRIMINAL WARRANTS OBTAINED!!!

SEVERAL OTHER BLACK PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SHOT, BEATEN AND PERHAPS KILLED BY THE DETROIT POLICE AND THEIR TERROR SQUAD-----STRESS!!!

In Inkster, a 27 year old brother was shot and seriously wounded by Wayne County Sheriff's deputies who claimed he ran a road block on Van Born Road on December 29.

BE ALERT!!! BE PREPARED!!! KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!!!

DEFEND YOUR HOME, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AGAINST THE REAL MAD-DOG RACIST POLICE FORCES

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BOYD, BROWN AND BETHUNE!

These names have drawn a considerable amount of attention, since the shooting of four STRESS agents last December 4, 1972.

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

1. Mark Bethune, better known to the community as Ibo, has had a history of service to the Black Community in general, and to Black Children in particular. Despite a statement which was recently made by the Detroit news media, Bethune was not a mental patient in 1966, but was a student at Central High School.

2. John Boyd, a Vietnam veteran, has worked for the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation for the past two years, and has always as did Bethune, worked with underprivileged youths.

3. Hayward Brown, at the early age of 17, was a student at Highland Park College.

4. The Families of these three young men in particular, and the Black Community in general, has suffered severely as a result of the constant and repeated violations of their basic rights. These violations have taken the form of shootings, beatings, deaths, unlawful detainment and invasion of privacy by these so-called "protectors of liberty."

WE MUST PROTECT OUR OWN LIBERTY!

WE MUST:

1. Organize in our neighborhoods.
2. Demand the immediate removal of Police Commissioner John Nichols, the immediate disbursement of the entire STRESS UNIT, and its General, James Bannon.
3. Work to spread the information about the rights of our people.
4. We demand that the citizens of the City of Detroit unconditionally control various activities and administrative operations of the Detroit Police Department, since they have shown no restraint in controlling themselves.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL 259-7635 or 259-7550

(ask for Miss Overstreet or Miss Taylor) or WRITE to P.O. BOX 08011, Detroit 48208
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YOUR RIGHTS !

Your rights are violated when:

You are subjected to illegal searches of your person and/or your home.

A search warrant should be issued, unless a suspected person has been seen entering your home.

Under the U.S. Constitution, you have a right to bear arms, to defend yourself, your home and your family.

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED:

1. You must be advised of your constitutional rights and informed of charges to be placed against you.
2. You do NOT have to talk! Simply give your name and address.
3. You should be allowed a phone call to contact your family or lawyer.
4. You are entitled to the assistance of an attorney; if you cannot pay, the state is obligated to supply and pay costs of a lawyer.
5. You should be allotted reasonable bail by the judge; entitled to a speedy public and fair trial by a jury of your peers, i.e., if you are black, the jury composition should reflect this.
6. In court, you are presumed innocent until proven guilty by the state, beyond a reasonable doubt.
7. You do NOT have to testify, either for or against yourself.
8. You have the right to subpoena (bring in) witnesses in your own defense.
9. You have the right to object to the unreasonable search and seizure of your home for evidence to be brought to court.
10. You should not be subjected to cruel and unusual punishment while locked in jail.
11. You have all the rights to sue, if any of your basic rights have been violated by the criminal justice system.

for FURTHER INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT THE WAYNE COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES at 921-4610 or 921-5672

the EQUAL JUSTICE COUNCIL, 259-7635 or 259-7550, Miss Taylor or Miss Overstreet

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