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Honorable Roman S. Gribbs
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Mr. John F. Nichols
Detroit Police Commissioner
1300 Beaubien
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Re: Muriel Ann Roberson
Date of incident: August 15, 1972

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that the above named law firm has been retained by Ms. Muriel Ann Roberson of Detroit, to assist her in her Complaint against three (3) Detroit Police Officers who are members of the STRESS Division of the Detroit Police Department.

In our initial interview with Ms. Roberson it appears that while she was in the company of one Taft Gault, on the 15th of August, at approximately 3:30 A.M., in the vicinity of Dexter and Pasadena, three (3) members of the STRESS Division of the Police Department stopped the automobile in which they were riding. They immediately pulled open the car doors with guns drawn, pulling both parties from the automobile, the officers further searched Ms. Roberson by putting their hands under her blouse. Throughout the entire search and interrogation she was repeatedly called black bitches and other obscenities which will be mentioned later.

Also during the interrogation, several threats were made by the officers to blow their goddamn heads off. Ms. Roberson was eventually thrown from the car by one officer whom at this time we believe to be one Michael Sullivan. After being thrown to the ground with the police officer's foot on her neck, a further search was made of her person by officer Sullivan who then replied, "The black bitch is clean."

After both parties and their automobile were thoroughly searched, and no contraband found, the officers demanded that both remain lying on the ground until such time as they left. It appears that they did in fact leave in a 1971 or 1972 red Plymouth which we believe to be an unmarked police car owned by the City of Detroit.

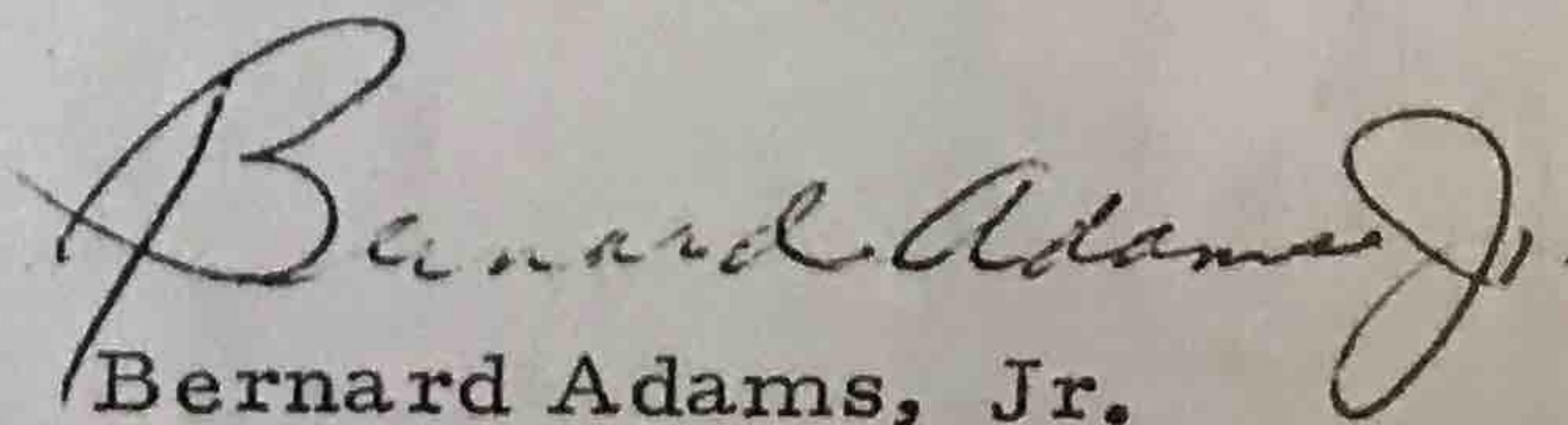
As the officers were leaving, Mr. Gault asked for the return of his keys to the automobile as well as the keys to his home but the officers in their wisdom saw fit not to return same. Ms. Roberson then went to the Hollander Motel which is located in the area, called the police, and complaint was made.

It appears further, that Sgt. Jerome Malinkowicz, and one Jim Ginotti of the STRESS Task Force has visited Ms. Roberson on the 16th at or about 11:00 P. M. making every overture to her to persuade her not to file a complaint against the STRESS officers. Ms. Roberson has further indicated that since this incident she has received several threatening phone calls, each being related to this incident.

The purpose of this letter Gentlemen, is to put you on notice that the aforementioned facts did occur and to request of you at this time, your personal intervention for the personal safety of Ms. Roberson as well as a full investigation of the facts as alleged by her. It is our intention to file a formal complaint with the Complaint Department and to initiate other proceedings available to Ms. Roberson to correct the wrongful acts committed against her. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Yours truly,

ADAMS & SIMS


Bernard Adams, Jr.

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