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DETROIT BRANCH

831-5525

COMPLAINT FROM

Date of Complaint February 24, 1966

Age 33

Type of Case Police Brutality

Name Mrs. Lillian Butler

Phone 893-8230

Address 3704 Minnesota

City, State Detroit, Michigan (12)

Occupaton Housewife

Place of

Employment:

Unemployed

Date of Incident Feb. 21, 1966

Approximate

Hour

Arrest Record of Complainant:

Have been arrested for assault and battery.

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT: Subject, Lillian Butler, states that on Monday night her son Letchur Philpot, 15 years old, was fighting with another boy, named Melvin Stein and the police went to break up the fight and they said that the boy resisted arrest. The boy, Letchur Philpot states that four policemen beat him up and kicked him, beat him in the head with the Billy stick, hit him in the stomach, hit him on the legs and fractured his jaw, and the boy has a concussion from the results of the beating. Monday night a officer from Davison precinct called subject and said that she should go down to Receiving Hospital and see her son because he was in the Emergency Room being treated for bruises which (Over)

DISPOSITION:

(Summary-Con't-Over)

WITNESSES

ADDRESS

PHONE

" I have read the foregoing summary of complaint as typed by the interviewer. She (or he) has typed the information correctly according to the facts and information that I have given her (or him) pertaining to this incident".

/S/ Mrs. Lillian Butler

Signature of person making complaint

Interviewed by Louise Legge

he received from the police for resisting arrest. He also stated that the boy wasn't hurt bad and subject had to sign some papers. Subject went to Receiving Hospital and went through the Ambulance Entrance and saw her son lying in the hall and he was handcuffed to stretcher and also his legs were handcuffed. Subject went to son and asked him was he all right and how badly was he bruised? The officer who works in Receiving Hospital came up to subject and got very beligerent with her and subject tried to explain why she was there. The officer called the nurse out of Room 5 and the nurse came over and said that subject had to go up to the front office and sign the papers for her son's medical care. Subject states that the officer became very beligerent again and called her a lie and said that the police had not called and told her to come down there. Officer snatched subject by her collar and tore off her buttons on her coat and twisted her arm. A boy that was with subject, Earl Dickson took subject by arm and said to " come on Mrs. Butler lets go." The officer grabbed him too and said that he was going to put both subject and boy in jail. Subject states that the correct statement was "Dam Asses in Jail". Subject and boy Earl Dickson were locked up and charged with assault and battery. Subject wasn't released until 11:00 A.M. the next morning, Feb. 22, 1966. Subject was charged with disturbing the peace on Feb. 23, 1966 and the Judge found Earl Dickson not guilty. Subject was found guilty with a suspended sentence. Melvin Stein, boy who was fighting with subject's Son was taken down to Davison precinct and was told to say that he had beat up subject's son.