

Claims Beating, Police Say He Has Pneumonia

An eastside man was held for breaking and entering after being found near the scene of a crime committed early Sunday morning.

Mrs. Lillian Vaughn said her son, Charles Edward Vaughn, 23, of 6021 Fischer had been arrested early Sunday at Gratiot and Fischer and had been taken to Jefferson street station where he called her and said that he had been beaten by police officers who saw him on the street after an attempt had been made to break into a store.

Mrs. Vaughn said her son was coming from a restaurant in that vicinity when the police officers stopped and arrested him.

She stated she felt her son was being unjustly held and should have been released.

Mrs. Vaughn said when she attempted to contact her son at the jail, she was told that he had been taken to the hospital. Efforts to reach him at Detroit General hospital failed. She accused the police of not allowing her to reach her son.

The lieutenant in charge at Jefferson street station said, however, that the man was hospitalized for pneumonia.