

Sent to Citizens Complaint Bureau July 19, 1966
attention Sgt. Jason.

July 1, 1966 19

Police Brutality

Mr. Willie Hightower 923-6256

5054 Van Dyke Detroit, Michigan

Snag grinder Chrysler Corp. (Trenton, Mich)

June 30, 1966

11:30 P.M.

No arrest record

*Pontiac Parking - Broadway Lot
+ Grand River*
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Subject states that on the evening of June 30, 1966, around 11:30 P.M., two families were arguing rather loudly about an incident that had happened earlier that day. (The Walker family, The Morris family.) Morris Smith, a relative of the Morris family had jumped on Mrs. Marie Walker who is 52 years old, and beat her so severely that she was unable to walk on her own free will. Later that evening, the two families were trying to settle the incident, and that was when the argument began. The police were called, and about fifteen police cars were sent to the residence located at (Cont)

WITNESSES

Gary Evans 19240 Fleming 891-4777

Charlotte Williams 6558 Hartford 894-0451

Louise Legge Willie Hightower
Interviewed by Signature of person making complaint

8732 Petoskey. The police said that someone had called them because there had been a shooting, and they had come out to investigate the incident. One of the officer's was talking to a young man by the name of Zavia Booth, and asking him questions about what had happened. Zavia replied, "I do not know anything about a shooting." Zavia started to walk up the stairs to his home, and one of the officer's grabbed him and threw him to the ground, and started beating him with a flash light, he also was kicked repeatedly. His arm was twisted so hard by the officer, that he was in constant pain, and moaning for help. Zavia was dragged to the police car and taken to the 10th. precinct located at Elmhurst and Livernois. Morris Smith, the man who had jumped on Mrs. Marie Walker was taken to the police station, but he was not hurt or harassed by the police, and he was the reason for the disturbance.