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Police target activists' children

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Special to Michigan Citizen

Arnetta Grable, a Detroit anti-police brutality activist, told a group of listeners every time her 18-year-old son Aaron walks out the door her heart stops.

"I can't relax until he comes home," said Grable, whose 21-year-old son Lamar Grable was killed by Detroit Police Officer Eugene Brown, shot eight times, twice in the back, in 1996.

The very next night Grable's fears were compounded.

Aaron, who was waiting for a bus on the way home from his girl friend's house in the Ninth Precinct Jan. 9, was stopped and arrested by two white rookie police officers.

"They didn't get out of the car," Aaron said. "But when they told me to put my hands on the hood of the car, I did."

Aaron said he heard the police had a shoot-out earlier with a young man they stopped who tried to run.

"I was afraid of being killed like my brother," said Aaron.

Aaron has been stopped numerous times by Ninth Precinct police since his brother was killed in 1996. His family was living in that precinct at the time. They have since moved.

Grable said, she and Lamar's father, Herman Vallery, have been stopped with no probable cause many times, frequently on their way to meetings of the Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality Coalition (DCAPB).

Aaron was charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon (CCW), but only after a detective at the Ninth Precinct threatened to charge him with a variety of offenses

ranging from armed robbery to attempted murder.

Grable, along with Aaron's attorney Tamara French, and Ron Scott a member of DCAPB, intervened, obtaining police records of the stop and

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meeting with Aaron to instruct him in his rights.

French questions police tactics. "After I had specifically instructed

the police Aaron was not to be questioned without my presence as his attorney, two detectives from the Violent Crimes Task Force interrogated him for two hours," French said.

"When I attempted to get their names at the police station later," said French. "I was told (their names) were privileged information."

French is filing a discovery order demanding the identities of the detectives as well as other evidence in the case.

At the session where Aaron was arraigned, a high percentage of those appearing were young Black males charged solely with CCW.

Aaron was released on personal bond, as were most of the others charged with CCW.

His pre-exam is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18 at 1:30 P.M. and his

preliminary exam is scheduled for Thursday, January 20 at 8:30 A.M. both in 36th District Court.

His arrest is only one in a series of recent arrests of children of activists who have campaigned with the DCAPB.

Cornell Squires also a member of DCAPB with a case pending against the Detroit police department has had similar problems.

Squires said his 18-year-old son was arrested October 31 on false charges.

"My son had no weapon and has no record, but he is facing life in prison on frame-up charges of assault with intent to rob, armed," said Squires.

"I believe he was targeted because of my activity against police brutality since I was beaten in 1998 by Officer Robert Feld," Squires said.

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