

# City of Detroit

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48231

RAY GIRARDIN  
Commissioner

February 22, 1966

Mr. Fred J. Romanoff  
Executive Secretary to the Mayor  
City-County Building  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

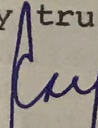
Dear Fred:

Enclosed is a departmental report of our investigation covering the complaint of Mrs. Pearl Riley, 20482 Ohio.

District Inspector John O'Neill informed the complainant that our investigation failed to substantiate her allegation that a police officer struck her three year old son.

You forwarded Mrs. Riley's letter to my office on February 11, 1966.

Very truly yours,

  
Commissioner

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MAYOR'S OFFICE



# DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM  
TWELFTH PRECINCT

Date February 17, 1966

To: Western District Inspector

Subject: LETTER OF COMPLAINT FROM MRS. PEARL RILEY OF 20482 OHIO  
REGARDING ALLEGED INJURY TO HER SON (WESTERN DISTRICT  
INSPECTORS FILE NO. 120)

On February 8, 1966 at 2:30 P.M. the writer was on desk duty at the Twelfth Precinct station when Mrs. Pearl Riley of 20482 Ohio was brought before me by Patrolmen Earl Jokerst, Badge No. 212 and Howard Nash, Badge No. 3364. At this time she had with her a 3 year old son.

Patrolman Jokerst informed me that she was violating the No Standing zone at Thatcher and Washburn, which is in the Mumford High School area, and that she could not produce an Operators License. The officer further informed me of the difficult time he had encountered in attempting to bring her into the 12th Precinct station. She made an attempt to incite a riot by calling upon the students of the Mumford School to prevent the officers from arresting her. (Preliminary Complaint Record attached hereto)

During the period of time, about two and a half hours, Mrs. Riley was in my immediate custody and she directed a verbal barrage of abuse, obscenities and wild accusations, among them the one cited in her letter, at me and everyone attempting to resolve her problem. These periods of outbursts were alternated with a complete refusal on her part to communicate with anyone.

At 3:30 P.M. her 15 year old son, who refused to give his name, came into the 12th Precinct station and produced her valid Michigan Operators License. Mrs. Riley was then issued violation ticket number A574-768 for standing in a No Standing Zone and was informed that there were also some outstanding traffic warrants pending against her amounting to the sum of \$15.00 (Warrant #W-929-876) and it would be necessary for her to post a bond for this amount before I could release her. She informed me that her money was at home.

At this point and because of her obvious abnormal reactions to her arrest, I extended the following courtesies in a vain attempt to resolve what normally is a simple arrest and release procedure:

1. I offered to convey her son home for the necessary money to post her bond.
2. I allowed her three telephone calls at the departments expense when she claimed she had no money.



3. I offered to release her on No Bond if she would agree to appear in Traffic Court on the following day.

Mrs. Riley refused all of my offers, stating that she didn't care if she goes to jail.

At 5:05 P.M., after she refused all of my suggestions, she was ordered by this writer to be sent to the Womens Division and registered for the Traffic Warrant charge.

Her alleged accusation of injury to her 3 year old son at the scene of arrest on the street (she refused to give the boys name) was investigated at the time of her arrest. I personally examined the child and found no visible signs of any injury and I offered to have the youngster examined by a physician, but she declined this offer.

The child romped and played in the squad room at this command during the entire time Mrs. Riley was in custody without any visible signs of illness or any particular concern from the mother.

It was my conclusion on February 8<sup>th</sup>, at the time of the incident, that the prisoner, Mrs. Pearl Riley, was:

1. Doing everything in her power to create an incident.
2. Doing everything in her power to intimidate the arresting officers and myself in an attempt to influence us in our attempt to issue equal enforcement of the law.
3. That she was not in complete control of her mental faculties.
4. There was no basis for her alleged accusation of the striking of her child by Patrolman Jokerst.

There has been absolutely nothing that has come to my attention or has occurred since the date of this incident to change these conclusions.

Due to these findings, I find no improper conduct involved on the part of any police officer, I recommend that no disciplinary action be taken in this case.

APPROVED  
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DISTRICT INSPECTOR

Lieutenant  
In Charge

*Patrick Walsh*  
Twelfth Precinct

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FEB 18 1966

*Paul Sheridan*  
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT