

December 13, 1965

19 (Son)

Police Brutality

Mrs. Maggie Boatman

895-8922

442 South Green Street

Detroit, Michigan

December 10, 1965

3:00 A. M.

Subject states that her son (Cannon Boatman, Jr.) age 19, was arrested Friday Morning, December 10, 1965. He was driving about 30 or 40 miles per hour on Collingwood near Dexter Street about 3:00 or 4:00 A. M. He saw the police behind him and started driving about 70 miles per hour. One of his front lights was out. Cannon ran because he had no driver's license and was afraid of losing his job. He has worked for Ford Motor Company in River Roudge for six (6) weeks. After he had given the police a chase, he stopped to allow the police to arrest him. He got out of the car, and the police ran over him with
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their car. He got up and tried to get behind a tree. The police rammmed into the tree with their car. There were six (6) policemen. They got out of their car and began to beat him. They hit him with blackjacks and kicked him in the stomach. His right leg was broken and bruises and knots on his entire body. Then the police took their flashlights and broke out all of the windows in his car. They picked him up and pushed him over the hood of the car and began to beat him again. They told him to get into their car. He was too weak to walk. They dragged him to the car and threw him into the car. After getting into the car, he thought that they were going to beat him again. He said, "I know I deserve this beating for trying to run away". They took him to the 10th precinct. After getting to the station they kept him for 1½ hour. He is charged with Assault and Battery. Then they took him to Receiving Hospital. The doctors took X-rays. He is still in the hospital. Cannon lives at 2997 Collingwood Street.