

... members of the Council, now that the thunderous ovation has subsided, I shall attempt ... (loud response) ... at the termination of my statement I shall ... my staff who has the details and who will be happy to answer those cases that have been ... when the investigation is complete. The events of the past month have brought a great deal of publicity to the incidents that have just been uncovered. Some of it true, some of it false (loud response) some facts, some fiction. I shall attempt to set the record straight ... stand before you today to attempt to justify the lawful rights of a police officer ...

We can't hear the Commissioner here ... (loud response) We only have two hours, we're wasting part of that ... (loud response)

...is justified the rights of the duty of a police officer ... reasonable and probable cause ... without a search warrant ... so naive to attempt ... police to be professional, will be given a full investigation...

We're going to have to have order so the Council can hear the Commissioner or we'll have to adjourn ...

... or deviation from right or proper conduct as prescribed by rules and regulations are disclosed, they will be dealt with in accordance with those rules and with the code of conduct ... (loud response) I think it fair and proper, if time permitted to address myself ... First, I say thoroughly and honestly and objectively, that this is not a police crack-down and never was intended to be (loud response) ... to arrest three individuals for whom ... warrants have been issued. I should like also to mention the fact that the killing of a police officer is not the only charge ... (loud response)

The next time I have to bang the gavel we're going to have to adjourn, we can't hear (loud response) The next time that I have to bang the gavel, we're going to have to adjourn (loud response)...

Friends, ... I'd like to talk to you, okay? I want to talk with you for a moment about the fact that the Common Council ... and that this hearing be held so that we could learn (interuption...) that's right brother, so that we could learn officially what is really going on. (interuption) Just a moment, do you want to talk or do you ... and all I ask is, all I ask is one thing (loud interuption) ... and that is that they allow everyone that came to be heard, let them speak, ... When you have finished we will hear from other people who have come to have a say. If the ... listen to the people, the Common Council will then be in a position to have an official record... (loud response) ... you have been talking to ... that I want this to be an official record ... (applause)

As I said before the interuptions, many people in the public are completely unaware ... so lets not attempt to obscure the ... (loud response) and whether we like it or not there remains ... in our community, 3 individuals charged with the heinous crime of murder (loud response) ... I would like to respond ... individual asked what does she do? I suggest, ladies and gentlemen, that there are before you, the entire Common Council of the city of Detroit, elected by yourselves... (loud response) ... Common Council would be delighted to accept this challenge and I'm certain that the Police Department would much rather have the ... before the ... where they belong ... and under no conditions is this conduct ... have one more witness ... one more ... accurately instances of police misconduct when they do occur. But we do also ask that they refrain ... of the entire department or what may be at best a small infraction ...Regretably ... police officers will have ... they are

trained... police misconduct to take priority over the investigation ... and the apprehending of individuals ... is dangerous.

Say, listen, listen, now some of us came here to hear. Now let's be sensible ... some of us want to hear ... now you better believe it ... We came here to hear ... Let's hear, that's the trouble ... you made some statements already that ... I know I do. But we can deal with that after we hear what he has had to say. Please.

We have been successful, we believe in controlling some crime because the citizens that recognize that police presence in a high crime rate area are a necessary part of police protection ... to understand the philosophy ... honest and sincere efforts ... (loud response)

We want Cockerel, we want Cockerel ...

Will the stands be cleared please. The next witness will be ... and Sharon ... Mrs. Sharon Caulder here ...

(voice from audience ...) (loud applause)...

... sitting on that table in excess of 30,000 signatures, of people black and white, male and female ... city of Detroit that calls for the abolition of STRESS. It makes no sense to continue to engage in this kind of charade... get rid of Gribbs, ..., Nichols and anybody ... (loud response)

Mrs. Shirley Caulder here? Is Mr. ... here? Is Mr. John Hill here? Is Mr. Ronald Grimes here? Is Mr. ... here? ... Is Mrs. ... here? Is Patrice ... here? Is ... here? ... Shirley Caulder, Mrs. Caulder, will you come... she was first ...

I came to this meeting because I was concerned about all the black people ... fourteen, seventeen, and eighteen years old that can't walk ... because ... in September in 1971, my door was kicked in by STRESS officers ... to my house searched every room ... up under the ... you name it. I got ... police that put their foot on your door and kick your door in, Nobody ... Then I get a letter saying, from the Citizens Complaint Bureau ... been almost two years and my boys still can't walk the streets and they're labeled trouble makers because ... in the community ... 15th precinct killed him and still ... they were looking for some community boys. They came into my house, nobody was home but my seventeen year old son. And he said, where's your warrant ... and they told my son, we don't need a warrant ... (loud response)...

... to the hospital to see her father who was dying. ... no badge, no warrant, no nothing. My lady started screaming and crying ... I thought somebody come in to rip us off or something. They tell us to put our hands up and be quiet. And she wouldn't stop screaming because she's nervous. And they were telling her to be quiet because they don't want to hurt her and they took me in the bedroom and searched me, looking for some... in the bathroom, took her clothes off ... I said, well man, what's this all about? Be quiet, don't make me mad and all this type of thing. What about me? They took ... if I had one, I sure enough would have shot him because ... (loud response) ... protect his home and ... that's it. ... you know everybody ... but the policemen, they've got to have some warrant or ... they can't come ... because somebody could get hurt ... some of your officers could get hurt in the process because the people don't like that.

Mrs. Taylor, Shirley Caulder, Mr. Hatcher. John Hill, Ronald Grimes. Mr. Hatcher, Mr. Hatcher.

My name is John Hatcher ... (a lot of noise while man is speaking) ... like I told the policeman I don't have time to be bothered ... and I'll stay out of your way ... He said, are you sure? I said, yeah. He said... I said ... he still had the shot gun in my face ... They came upstairs. They had

a shot gun in their faces ... Please stand there and stop...

Mrs. Betty Crawford... Debra Allen...

I just want to say for Sharon Collins, Sharon Collins left the auditorium but she wanted to explain to the people in the audience that she could not stand the kind of talk that was going on here ... She wanted to state that primarily because on Christmas Eve, several officers of the STRESS unit of the Detroit Police Department came to our house on Atkinson and proceeded to tell her to get off of her own porch. This situation as we're seeing today is no different than what is going on throughout the community. So basically, what we want to propose here is some concrete organizational thing because we know that we can ... I've been to Common Council more than enough to know that if we can not organize, another thing will happen ... what you're going to say. Now the question is how do we go about ... solutions in this thing? There are two ways. One that I will announce here and one that I won't. One that I will announce here is that what we're proposing is that the fact that no longer should city of Detroit let the police commissioner in an appointed position. (applause) That the city of Detroit, that the people of Detroit are going to experience the kind of harassment that is going on, they might as well let ... (applause) ... in terms of narcotics traffic ... Detroit Police Department ... So we must begin to organize concretely to deal with the fact that the Police Commissioner no longer ... (applause) ... Common Council has the authority to do so especially in the powers that they control the budget of the various city departments. They also control the budget of the Detroit Police Department. ... of the Detroit STRESS unit. Thirdly, we know that many things said here today are going to go in one ear and out the other... waste of time and I agree with him but I agree with him for a different reason. I agree with him that it's a waste of time to come here... just another grand stand play to run for mayor ... in terms of Common Council moving on this case, that its determined on us, the people that sit in this audience, the people that are on the streets, the people who are in the churches, the people who are in factories, but most of all people on the streets who have ... everyday to organize ourselves. To begin to organize ourselves... the Detroit Police Department are not stopping the kinds of things that are going on to organize to protect ourselves. (applause) ... I'm saying ... long histories that we as black people no longer, that we as oppressed people no longer can sit up ... see justice from the very perpetration of injustice. (applause) ... basic kinds of considerations. Those two kinds of proposals we laid before the Common Council. If the Common Council chooses in its wisdom to move on those hopefully various other kinds of actions that might move on to deal with ... situations in Detroit will be eliminated. If not, if not, I go back to the other alternative. (interruption)... I would have to say. (applause)

My name is Peter Oscar, I'm a resident of Highland Park. I just want briefly that (interruption) Yes, I am, I want to say that I'm going to make it very brief because in light of what everyone else has said today. I visited a home of a friend of mine shortly after police had broken in several times, knocked open the front and back door out. I was witness and I have pictures of many articles in the house that they destroyed. And the sole reason was because this man was a friend of one of the supposed suspects that the police are after.

He was taken downtown and beaten and charged with attempt to commit murder. The charges were later dropped ... But I think that by now you've all heard this testimony and I think that we don't have to hear anymore. The time now is to act as the last speaker said. I think that this whole hearing is a racist fraud (applause) ... do that right now. I don't think that ... going to change anything. I think that the only thing is for people of this city, black and white, is to unite and to organize mass actions like this one, ones that can go further until STRESS is completely abolished (applause)... only thing is to abolish STRESS now (applause).

My name is Randall ... They came to my house ... but the officer ... he got so furiously mad at me ... Everytime I leave my house I get a ticket. A ticket for my tires squeeling too loud, I get a ticket for turning a corner ... come on my job where I work at Chryslers, handcuffed me. They had me ... like I was ... So about three weeks later I pulled up in front of my house ... my daughter, she's about three years old, she runs out to the car ... everyday I come home. ...so this officer pulls up he said ... he said I don't like the way you talk to me on a Sunday. I said, I don't care if its Monday, Wednesday (loud interuption) ... so he pulled out his pistol and my little daughter was standing ... So I politely told the officer, I said look, put your pistol back in your holster because my kid is standing there... (interuption)... I wasn't kidding him. I proceeded to ... handcuffed behind me, kicked me in the car ... (END TAPE B-1)

(BEGIN TAPE B-2) ... (loud laughter and applause)...

Mr. John ...

I ... I am John ... served as the chairman of Police Community Relations Committee ... (can't understand speaker)

(voice from audience- "Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Mr. Reynolds, were they uniformed Police officers?")

Six of them were uniformed and two of them were STRESS officers or were plain clothes officers.

(audience-"When"?)

Two days before Saturday night, December 31, 1972, Mack and ...

Mr. ..., Patricia ..., Reverend ...

Common Council ... I will be very brief because ... I'm here because of the same reason that you are. Because ... going to have problems in our city and the only way to solve those problems is to expose our dislike and then try to suggest some alternative methods. My son ... this past Monday, my son, who is tall, slender, light complected boy was stopped by police officers on his way to school for I mean, Charles Percy Boyd. Police officers stopped him and pulled their gun out on him and to his face and ordered his hands in the air. And of course I went to the police precinct and talked with the officers and they were very apologetic about it. But my position was this. That any officer that has the qualifications to be on the police force should be able to differentiate between a fourteen year old child and a twenty-three year old man. And I can't perceive that the city of Detroit and its inhabitants are going to be satisfied with this type of maladjustment. We're not here to, I'm not here to criticize as much as I am to try to solve solutions to the problem ... I believe that the Common Council, and I'm told that the Council will consider grievances on the part of ... I think this is a great demonstration of ... I think that STRESS should be abolished and ... I respect all uniformed officers, I'm not a law breaking citizen ... if somebody who is dressed in a pair of blue jeans or coveralls ... (loud applause) It is my recommendation to this Council to deal with the mayor of the city of Detroit and in turn... if we're going to have STRESS, have STRESS ... (loud interuption) ... use

their badge ... that does not identify themselves, they're asking for trouble. Its not fair to the citizen, its not fair to the police officer.

My name is Patricia ... and I stay at ... On December 7, about 2:00 in the afternoon the STRESS officers kicked in my apartment door downstairs. I was in the bathroom at the time and when I came out in the hallway, they had kicked in my front door and all I ... and guns and things telling me to freeze. The first thing that came to my mind was somebody was breaking in my house so I ran into the bedroom. By that time they had closed the doors they come in, they said police. Okay, so we opened up the doors. But still I said, would you tell me what this is all about? You know, I was kind of upset. And they didn't say anything, quiet lady ... they pushed me in the bathroom. Made me take off my clothes. What you looking for? Then he finally asked me did I know this man or that man? I said no. And he was talking about there has been a lot of STRESS officers being killed. I said hey, ... why push me in the bathroom ... make me take off my clothes ... if you knock on my door say this is the police, let me in, I'll let you in. But you kick the door in and then tear my house completely apart, going through all my drawers ... go through all this and finally tell me what you're looking for after ... they completely tore my house up. And I don't think its fair because I feel like, you know, you go home to your home to keep out of the street, to keep out of trouble and so on and then you can't ... own house in case you worry about dope addicts breaking in, you know, people breaking in, stealing and so forth and ... police breaking in. I mean, I don't even know what this city is coming to. If you can't sit in your own house, you know ... (applause)

Tony Davis ...

Chairman, councilman. My name is ... I'm a student at Wayne Community College... mention a few things briefly. Craig Mitchell, ..., ..., Allen ..., and ... Now the last few years, the citizens of Detroit have seen enough police intimidation, enough police harassment. We're now sick and tired of it. We've been sick and tired of it for the last few years. Either Common Council begins to move ... Commissioner Nichols and his other mad dog... or the people will ... Now, ... all these people have brought you the same gripes and complaints that you're hearing here today. You still continue to sit back and nod and ... your time is here.

As the people in the audience have seen (audience- "louder") Can you hear me now? A few moments ago I tried to talk to Commissioner Nichols ... was very rude. But he had the audacity to get on television and condemn those men, to convict those men... It was a few years ago, not so long ago ... to the and to the mother, I am a mother and god bless ... (loud response)

...(audience-"louder") What I have here in front of me is what you call facts. On December 4, 1972, a warrant was sworn out, the first warrant was sworn out... of the loth precinct. The warrant reads: The entire premises of the upper flat of the address known as 5021 Fernwood, there's a two family location between Beechwood and Ironwood ... upper porch. There is one main entrance door in the front. 5021 Fernwood is located in the city of Detroit, county of Wayne, in the state of Michigan... The following facts have been sworn to by ... in support of the issuants of this warrant. Please... have this sworn to one ... is a member of the Detroit Police Department working in conjunction with ... known to officers as ... in the upper flat at the address known as 5021 Fernwood. Two, ... that the informant is a reliable and ... person who has been utilized on seven, seven occasions, regarding investigations involving narcotics which has led to the arrest of fifteen persons which has