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Two young Detroit women have charged they were brutally beaten by Detroit police officers when they were stopped for an alleged traffic violation and have sought a Justice Dept. investigation.

Patricia Grandison, 28, 13950 Monica, and Barbara Gould, 25, 8246 DeSoto, made the accusations in complaints filed with the office of U. S. Rep. John Conyers.

Leon Atchison, Conyers' administrative assistant, said

afterwards that the complaints would be forwarded to the Citizens Complaint Bureau of the police department and to the local office of the Justice Dept.

Miss Gould, a co-worker of Miss Grandison at a Detroit industrial plant, said she and her friend had cashed their paychecks and drank some beer at a westside bar shortly before the incident occurred.

As they were driving on W. Euclid near the John Lodge

freeway overpass, they said they noticed a police car following them and pulled over.

One officer, she said, came over to their car and asked for Miss Grandison's license. When he received it, he addressed her, using racial slurs, and an argument developed and Miss Grandison was pulled from the car, according to Miss Gould.

The officer then proceeded to hit her with a blackjack as

she protested loudly, which seemed to infuriate him even more, Miss Gould said.

Miss Gould said she then got out of the car, a 1963 Corvair, and appealed first to the officer and then to passersby to stop the beating.

She then approached the police officer still seated in the scout car—he looked like a black man, she asserted, — and appealed to him, as a black man to stop the white

police officer from beating her companion, a black woman.

The officer—a dark complexioned white man—was enraged by her mistake, Miss Gould said, and got out of the car and hit her with his fist.

According to police reports, Patrolmen Herbert Talbot and Andrew Zazula spotted Miss Grandison's car at 2:25 a. m.

The women were checked into Detroit General hospital at 5:20 a. m., nearly three

hours later. Miss Gould was released from the hospital later the same day and taken before Recorder's Court Judge Elvin Davenport on a charge of assault and battery of a police officer.

She was fined \$25 and given a year's probation.

Miss Grandison, the more severely beaten of the two, was also taken before Judge Davenport, but her trial was postponed. Her jaw was severely swollen as a result of

being kicked by a police officer, according to Miss Gould.

The police claimed the women's injuries occurred when they resisted arrest after Miss Grandison allegedly refused to produce her driver's license when they were stopped for "driving without lights."

Atchison said lawyers had been obtained for the women and the case would be pursued further by his office.