

sent to Bruce Miller July 15, 1966

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Police Brutality

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Apprentice Detroit Edison

June 26, 1966 9:00 P.M. No arrest record.

Subject states that on June 26, 1966 around 9:00 P.M.,

he and some of his friends were playing the Bongo and Congo drums out to Belle Isle around the beach area. Subject states that a small crowd gathered and started clapping to the music. No one was disorderly or shouting and everyone was enjoying themselves. The police officers then bursted through the crowd and shouted for the men to stop playing the drums. The drummers stopped playing and the crowd shouted freedom ^{AND} started to disburst. As subject, ~~and~~ his wife, and the group of friends that had come out to the beach with them

started for their cars, the police came charging toward the crowd on horse back and knocking and riding over people and causing a great disturbance. Subject states that two of the officers came up to him and took his drums and told him to get off of the island and threatened to hit him in the head with a billy stick. Subject's wife was shoved by one of the officers' on horseback and pushed down. Subject's wife is pregnant and was slightly injured from being knocked down by the police officer. Subject's friend, John Williams was taken

to the police car and ticketed for disturbing the peace. John Williams was slapped in the mouth when he tried to ask why was he being arrested. John was not the owner of the Bongo drums that he had been playing. John's wife is also pregnant and was quite upset from being chased by the police. Subject states that he went to the Belle Isle police department to report the incident but he was not given any kind of consideration. The melee was showed on the television news, but it was in favor of the police department.