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242 E. Warren Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48201

DETROIT BRANCH

831-5525

COMPLAINT FROM

Date of Complaint February 28, 1966

Age 40

Type of Case Police Brutality

Name Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Johnson Jr.

Phone WE. 5-6646

Address 11629 Yosemite

City, State Detroit 4, Michigan

Occupaton Truck Driver

Place of

Employment:

Date of Incident Nov., 1965

Kelsey Hayes

Approximate

Hour

Arrest Record of Complainant:

Have arrest record .

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT: Subject states that he got off of work one night about 12:15 a.m. and was driving on Livernois and Grand River . Subject had just come from a restaurant because he had brought his wife some Chinese food. Subject states that he saw a police car. The police car turned around and followed him for about one block. The police officers stopped subject and asked to see his driver license. Subject asked what did he do, and the policeman replied that he didn't do anything and to drive more careful? The other officer in the car told the officer who stopped subject, "Are you going to let that Nigger get away with that?" The Nigger might have stolen the car. See if

DISPOSITION:

(Over)

(Summary-Con't-Over)

WITNESSES

ADDRESS

PHONE

" I have read the foregoing summary of complaint as typed by the interviewer. She (or he) has typed the information correctly according to the facts and information that I have given her (or him) pertaining to this incident".

/S/ Samuel Johnson & Leslie Johnson
Signature of person making complaint

Interviewed by Louise Legge

the car is his. The officer then wrote subject a ticket for reckless driving. Subject asked again, "What did he Do?" The officer asked where did subject get the car? Subject showed the officer his title to the car. The officer kept harrassing the subject and calling him Nigger , so subject replied that Mr. Castro gave him the car. The officer got out of the car and yanked subject and hit him in the ribs. The officer walked subject down to the police station and the officer told the desk sergeant that subject had walked in to the station on his own and subject replied that he was brought in by the officer. The officer hit subject in the eye with his fist. Subject fell to the floor and the desk sergeant told the officer to take subject to the back and lock him up because he was drunk. Subject was locked up , and he asked what charges was he locked up for, and they replied that they didn't have any charges. Subject was locked up until the next morning. He was allowed to make a call homethat morning. Subject was given a ticket for reckless driving and asked where was his car and the officer said that he did not have a car. Subject states that he showed the officer the ticket and said that if he did not have a car, why did he have a ticket for reckless driving? Subject states that he had \$40.00 on person and a cigarette lighter, but they were taken from him and not returned. When subject did find his car, it was on Sturtevant East of Livernois and it had been smashed in the back on the left fender and it was locked up and the keys were under the seat. A neighbor who lives on Sturtevant said that she saw the police drive the car there and leave it and drove off in the squad car. She said that she would testify against the police. Subject states that his car was a 1964 and in good condition and the police had snatched his wires loose and his lights would not burn at night. Subject had to go to the hospital for treatment on his eye.

Subject's Attorney- Mr. Leroy Daggs