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Department of Police  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Coleman A. Young, Mayor  
City of Detroit

March 8, 1988

The Honorable Coleman A. Young  
Mayor of the City of Detroit  
1126 City-County Building  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mayor Young:

Re: Death of Mr. York Goodwin as a Result of Police Action-  
December 28, 1987

On December 28, 1987, at 6:17 p.m., scout 8-8 manned by  
Police Officers William Barksdale, badge #2000 and Shirley Jones,  
badge #1763 was dispatched to 18499 Stansbury, "A woman's  
boyfriend is acting violent, she has mental papers."

Upon arrival at the scene, Officers Barksdale and Jones went  
to the front door where they heard a struggle coming from 18499  
Stansbury. The officers looked through the window and observed  
Mr. Goodwin struggling with a female. The front door was locked  
and they were advised to use the side door. When the officers  
entered, Ms. Shirley Woodward (girlfriend) handed a petition for  
the hospitalization of Mr. York Goodwin. The officers attempted  
to handcuff him and a struggle resulted, which ended on the  
living room floor. On the floor, York Goodwin was wrestled onto  
his stomach by Police Officer Barksdale. Officer Jones called  
for assistance at this time.

Police Officer Barksdale had his hands around Mr. Goodwin's  
neck attempting to restrain him. Mr. Goodwin stated he could not  
breathe, and Officer Barksdale advised if he could talk, he could  
breathe. Officer Jones placed the handcuffs on Mr. Goodwin.

A second scout car arrived and saw York Goodwin on the floor  
with his hands cuffed behind his back, with Officer Barksdale  
over him. He was removed to the scout car, placed on the rear  
seat, face down. He did not make any sounds or movement while  
being transferred to the car.

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to Chief*  
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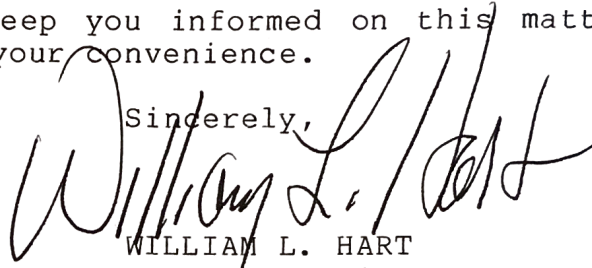
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At 7:40 p.m., Mr. York Goodwin was pronounced Dead on Arrival (DOA) at Detroit Receiving Hospital. The Medical Examiner ruled the cause of death as Manual Strangulation.

On March 8, 1988, the police department was notified that Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Rick Cunningham had recommended a Murder in the Second Degree warrant against Police Officer William Barksdale. The warrant request will go before a judge on March 9, 1988, for his review on whether to issue a warrant.

I will continue to keep you informed on this matter. As always, I am available at your convenience.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM L. HART  
Chief of Police

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