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Department of Police
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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March 26, 1984

The Honorable City Council

Re: P 2672 - Mr. Thomas Lewis
9535 Littlefield, Detroit

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Mr. Thomas Lewis has petitioned for a hearing in front of the City Council in order to complain about his arrest by the Police Department on December 10, 1978. Mr. Lewis alleges that he was beaten by the officers.

Mr. James H. Bradley, City Clerk, has asked for information on the incident in order to familiarize you with it. A summary of the incident follows:

On December 10, 1978 at 9:00 P.M., Police Officers Donald Leach, Badge 4681 and Donald Kozakowski, Badge 2858, while working scout 6-94, a marked scout car and in full uniform, received a police radio run, "A&B, Family Trouble at 9535 Littlefield". Upon arrival at the scene, the officers were informed by the complainant, Barbara Phelps (wife of plaintiff), that the plaintiff, Thomas Lewis, had struck her in the face with his fist knocking her to the floor and that plaintiff then took a kitchen knife and threatened her with it and refused to let her leave the house.

The plaintiff, Lewis, refused to go with the officers when he was placed under arrest for Felonious Assault and they had to physically force him to the scout car. He was then conveyed to the Sixth Precinct.

The plaintiff's wife, Barbara Phelps, later refused to prosecute plaintiff for the assault.

When the doorman, Police Officer David Tadajewski, Badge 3542, attempted a custodial search of the prisoner at the Sixth Precinct, Lewis, without warning, struck Officer Tadajewski in the face with his fist. Officer Tadajewski and Police Officers Roy Komraus, Badge 4367 and Donald Kozakowski, then subdued the prisoner, Lewis, by wrestling him to the floor and again handcuffing him. As he was being placed in his cell, Lewis again kicked Officer Tadajewski several times in the legs. Officer Tadajewski received minor injuries to the left side of his face and to both legs as a result. Officer Komraus received a sprained left arm in the attempt to subdue Lewis.

At 1:00 A.M. on December 11, 1978, plaintiff Lewis complained of back pain to the doorman and at that time he was conveyed to Detroit General Hospital for examination. There were no serious injuries and the plaintiff Lewis was returned to the Sixth Precinct later that morning for arraignment.

A formal investigation into the arrest was conducted. That investigation showed that there was no misconduct by any police officer. The minimum amount of force was used to fend off the assault of Mr. Lewis and to subdue him.

On December 11, 1978, warrant P-78-16845 was issued against Thomas Lewis for "Assault and Battery on a Police Officer". On June 14, 1979, Judge Henry Heading found Mr. Lewis guilty of the charge and suspended his sentence.

If you require any further assistance in this matter, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. HART
Chief of Police

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