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tions, denying them training, denying them the lesser forms of discipline, denying them counseling, terminating for rule, policy, procedure infractions, denying them the opportunity to be disciplined under the progressive disciplinary policy, failing to post jobs so Black employees can apply, requiring Black employees to have higher job skills and qualifications, paying them lower wages for performing the same work as whites and segregating them on the first floor of the workplace," said Richardson.

Jeffrey Noe, CEO for DPECU did not respond to requests for an interview.

DPECU is an independent credit union organized to provide services to postal employees. It has no formal affiliation with the postal workers union, said Roger Holbrook, President of the Detroit District area of the Postal Workers Union.

"Strange things go on at that credit union. The last CEO was fired but they won't tell us why," said Holbrook "They say it's confidential."

"All the people who used to provide us with information have been fired," Holbrook said. "Ardelia is a victim of that."

According to Holbrook, DPECU management maintains the credit union is losing money but will not provide financial records to back up its claim.

"How can they lose money when they can garnish our (members) wages?" said Holbrook.

David Adams, a DPECU Board of Directors member confirmed "the majority of the management team is white," but added the credit union membership may not be necessarily majority Black.

"A lot of people think because we are in Detroit the membership is majority Black but the majority of the assets are not owned by Blacks," said Adams.

He said about thirty people are employed by the credit union and the board does not micro manage. Adams said the only racial discrimination complaints received are in connection to fired employees.

"Having been in personnel, I know people always get mad when they're fired," said Adams.

Paul Tautkus of Financial Institutions Bureau of the Michigan Department of Consumers and Industry Services said the

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The 13-year-old daughter of Barbara Wright, who watched as her mother's fiancée Calvin Porter was killed by two gas station attendants last May, was dragged out of school by the police in November.

The child charged with assault on a police officer who, said Barbara, actually choked her when she tried to defend her mother from being arrested August 7, during one of the daily protests that shut down the gas station on the corner of Gratiot and Mack.

A young nephew of Grable's, who is only 12, said during Aaron Grable's arraignment he had been similarly arrested at school by the police and taken away in handcuffs, because a parent had not been able to come with him when he returned to school after a suspension even though the school allowed him to stay.

Scott compared what is happening in Detroit to the policy initiated by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in New York which pressures police officers to make arrests in unsolved cases.

"An article in the Detroit News December 15, blasted the Detroit Police Department's 45% success rate in solving homicide cases, which compares to an average 70% rate across the country," Scott said.

Scott believes this pressure is behind Detroit police stopping young blacks more frequently and then pressuring them to confess to unsolved crimes by using illegal interrogation tactics.

"This is nothing but racial profiling!" said Scott.

The Detroit Police Brutality Coalition meets every Wednesday at 6 P.M. at the Unitarian Church parsonage at 4605 Cass near W. Forest, and may be reached by phone care of (313) 527-6463 and (313) 331-7794.

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\$1,927,784 in state expenditures.

— Peter Cook was listed as giving \$225,000 to the Republicans. His companies were listed as receiving \$280 in state expenditures. Peter's office also claimed one of his companies was a "primary beneficiary" of "special legislation," P.A. 456.

— David Brandon was listed as contributing \$205,000. His companies were listed as receiving \$628,394 in state expenditures.

— Elsa and Edgar Prince were listed as giving \$200,000. Their company, Prince Corporation, was listed as receiving \$29,117 in state expenditures. Peters' office also listed it as receiving \$61,100 in the column dealing with court settlements, Jobs Commission, Transportation Infrastructure, Strategic Fund or MEGA Grants. Peters' material did not say from which of these sources or combination of sources the corporation got that money.

— Jay and Betty VanAnel were listed as giving \$200,000. Their companies, were listed as receiving as receiving \$171,556 in state expenditures. Peter's office claimed that the Michigan Strategic Fund issued \$20 million in tax exempt bonds for one of their companies, the VanAnel Research Institute.

Only four people were listed by Peters' office as donating campaign contributions to the Democratic Party over \$50,000.

