

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Administration Division
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
Citizen Complaint Bureau

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To: **Research and Development Bureau**

Subject: **GENERAL REPORT OF CASES INVESTIGATED BY THE CITIZEN COMPLAINT BUREAU FOR THE YEARS 1964, 1965, 1966, AND 1967 TO DATE**

Due to the emergency of this request for information and failure of the 1964 Annual Report to cover the type information desired, details of that year are necessarily missing. It would require a study of each individual file to obtain the desired information; however, the following years should be adequate.

In 1964, 83 cases were investigated by our bureau; 55 referred by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission; 6 by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; (1) by the American Civil Liberties Union; 6 by other community groups; 7 walk in and 9 by letter or initiation.

24 of these cases were sustained; 7 for physical abuse, and the others ranging from verbal discourtesy to lack of police service.

In 1965, 105 cases were investigated by our bureau:

Sustained - 8
Partially sustained - 11
Exonerated - 5
Unfounded - 15
Not Sustained - 66

The following action was taken in the cases that were sustained:

1 Officer - Commissioner Hearing
4 Officers - Trial Board - Not Guilty
11 Officers - Verbal Warning
5 Officers - Investigative Conference
(Reprimand in file)
1 Officer - Resigned
4 Officers - Transferred
2 Officers - Re-instructed, and procedural change

Of the total cases investigated in 1965, 30 were received from the Michigan Civil Rights Commission; 13 from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; 6 from other community groups; 40 by walk in; and 16 by letter or initiation.

In 1966, 119 cases were investigated by our bureau:

Sustained - 12
Partially sustained - 9
Exonerated - 14
Unfounded - 15
Not sustained - 69

The following action was taken in the cases that were sustained:

4 Officers - Officially reprimanded and transferred
4 Officers - Verbally reprimanded
1 Officer - Verbal reprimand and transfer
3 Officers - Investigative conference and
procedural change

Of the total cases investigated in 1966, 42 were received from the Michigan Civil Rights Commission; 19 from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; 3 from the American Civil Liberties Union; 10 from other community groups; 6 walk in and 39 by letter or initiation.

The 12th Street riot made a drastic change in statistics, and we thought it would be of value to cover a period before and after July 23, 1967.

From January 1, 1967, to July 23, 1967, 90 cases were reported to our bureau:

Sustained - 8
Partially sustained - 3
Exonerated - 5
Unfounded - 9
Not sustained - 25
Pending - 40

Two officers involved in the cases that were sustained, have been reprimanded and transferred, and the other cases are awaiting disciplinary action.

Of the 90 cases reported during this period, 37 were referred by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission; 3 by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; 2 from the American Civil Liberties Union; 29 walk in, and the remainder by letter or initiation.

We have received a total of 69 cases since July 23, 1967, of which 52 are riot-connected. All of these cases are under investigation with no completions at this point. 21 of these cases were referred to our bureau by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission; 4 by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; 2 by the American Civil Liberties Union; 3 from Councilman Hood; 26 by walk in and 13 by requested initiation from the Commissioner, Mr. Locke, or our bureau.

This report was compiled by Lieutenant William Owen, and any questions or corrections should be directed to him.

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