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242 E. Warren Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48201

DETROIT BRANCH _____

831-5525

COMPLAINT FROM

Date of Complaint September 13, 1966 Age 36

Type of Case Police Brutality

Name Mr. James Shelton Phone 824-3562

Address 11229 Mack Avenue City, State Detroit, Michigan

Occupaton Owner, Record Bar Place of Employment:

Date of Incident September 6, 1966 Approximate Hour 7:20 P. M.

Arrest Record of Complainant:

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT:

Subject states that on Saturday, September 3, 1966, Vera Hines brought her T.V. Set into his shop to be repaired. He told her that it would be after the holidays before she could get it, because he did not have the parts for the Set. On Tuesday, September 6, 1966, Vera Hines came into the shop again and wanted her T.V. Set. I told her that it was not ready. She began to curse me and drew a bottle to hit me. After leaving my shop she and ^{her} sister was across the Street talking to three (3) men in a car. Then a friend came in and told me that she was trying to get these men to beat me. I have a gun in my shop

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/ James Edward Shelton
Signature of person making complaint

Interviewed by Catherine Holland

for protection. I got the gun and brought it up front. Then two (2) policemen came into the shop. She told them that I had her T.V. Set for three (3) weeks and that I drew a gun to kill her. Which was not true. One of the policemen

began to beat me. He was putting his elbow in my side and his hand around my throat. One of the policemen call for reinforcement. They kick me and beat me again. Edward Hicks age 16 came into the shop to see what was happening.

He also work for me. The policeman beat him and pushed his mother around (Jonnie Mae Hicks). They took us to the 5th Precinict in seperate cars.

While going to the precinict the policemen called us black niggers and other ugly names. After getting to the station the Lieutenant said, "if it had been him he would have killed us". I was booked for resisting arrest and attempt to kill. I stayed in jail until that Wednesday, September 7, 1966.

At the time I was in jail, the police went to the shop and found the gun and tore my place apart. I was released on \$ 82.00 Bond, which I owe for traffic tickets. All of the charges was dropped. But one of the officers signed a complaint against me for assault and battery. I have to go to Court on September 16, 1966, at 9:00 A.M.

I called Mr. Shelton this morning, which is September 15, 1966. He said, "that he had filed a complaint with the Citizen Complaint Bureau and they were going to furnish him a lawyer for his case, which will be Friday, September 16, 1966.