

Statement of Barbara Jackson, 22/F/W, 2975 W. Chicago, no phone, made at the Community Relations Bureau on August 28, 1964, at 4:25PM. Statement made to Inspector William V. Harcourt in the presence of Sergeant George Bennett of the Community Relations Bureau and civilians Rev. James Wadsworth, Eugene Plowden, Dr. Chas. E. Morton, and Ray Graves.

Statement of Barbara Jackson is as follows: At the outset she readily admitted she was a prostitute and had been arrested many times. In the instant case she stated she was by the bar on the corner of John R and Montcalm and became involved with a man whom she called a "John" and they initially agreed to have sexual intercourse for the price of \$10.00 and \$2.00 for the room. They went to the third floor of an apartment across the street and sat on the lounge in the apartment because the trick room was in use. While sitting there a light knock was heard at the door and the madam answered the door. When the door was opened there were two uniform police officers, immediately the "John" accused Barbara Jackson of taking three dollars from him. Immediately an argument ensued between the "John" and Barbara and Barbara states she slapped the "John" for falsely accusing her. Barbara Jackson further stated that she knows some of the girls (prostitutes) rob "Johns" but never at this location because the madam won't allow anything like that. After Barbara slapped the "John" the older (2906) police officer struck her on the head with a flashlight and handcuffed her hands behind her. She was then taken down to the police car to be taken to the station. The older (2906) officer drove and the "John" sat next to him. Barbara sat directly behind the driver and the younger officer sat on her right in the back seat. During the ride to the station Barbara asked the "John" several times why he was lying. The older officer (2906) turned around and handed the younger officer a black jack and said "Jack her good if she says another word", Barbara said nothing more. The "John" didn't say anything more except he was talking to the older officer in the front seat about his wife and family and losing time at work, etc.

Upon arrival at the headquarters garage the two in the front got out and the young officer got out the passenger side and she (Barbara) followed. After alighting from the car she (Barbara) said to the "John" "you dirty bastard, why do you want to do this to me"? The older officer (2906) grabbed her by the back of the sweater and threw her to the pavement. Stated she is absolutely sure that the badge was 2906 as she noticed it when he grabbed her. That she hit the pavement face down. She states she was surprised at being thrown down and was stunned, (handcuffed behind). When she tasted the blood in her mouth she became frightened. That when she went to raise up, #2906 kicked her in the back, forcing her down. Sustained chipped and loosened teeth and lacerated lip.

Inspector's Note:--at this point Inspector Marcourt inadvertently transposed the number to #2609 and was immediately corrected by Barbara Jackson and others and told the correct number was #2906.

Barbara Jackson stated she tried to get up again and #2906 kicked her in the back again. After the second kick her wig flew off and her money fell out, three \$10's one of which was Canadian, one \$5.00, and one \$1.00, total of \$36.00 (all money and wig returned with her property).

At this point #2906 picked her up and she stood upright and he shoved her toward the iron door leading to the First Precinct. As he opened the door he grabbed her by the neck and slammed her head against the brick wall alongside of the door. States she suffered an abrasion under the right eye which later swelled up.

She was then taken to the First Precinct desk (crying and hollering) momentarily and then into the side room (report room). The lieutenant then came in and said "you are not hurt" and told the officers to take the handcuffs off. She told the lieutenant that she was going to prosecute the officer for assault regardless of the charge put against her. The lieutenant left and later returned, meanwhile #2906 told her to stand in the corner. Two detectives came in and questioned her about drinking and narcotics, she denied doing either. A little later the lieutenant or someone said to take her to the hospital.

She was taken to the hospital by two other officers. When asked if there was anything happened she said she remarked to the officer "maybe they should have shot me" and the officer replied "maybe they should have". No other pertinent conversation.

She received routine treatment at Receiving Hospital. About 11:00AM in the morning she was taken to the Detention Call in the hospital and two officers came and took her to the Women's Detention quarters on the eighth floor and turned her over to a matron. She asked the matron about the charge and the matron said "I don't know anything about it except the charge has been changed from Larceny from Person to Accosting and Soliciting".

After this a detective came and questioned her about accosting and soliciting. She asked about her property and said that everything had been returned except her shoes. A little later another detective came and told her she was released and the detective took her to Recorder's Court and she talked to Attorney Price and then left the building.

Barbara Jackson further states she has been arrested before by the same officer (D.P.I.). She said while being brought up the stairs to the First Precinct she said to him "why are you so mad? you locked me up before and there was no trouble". Barbara Jackson states that officers have arrested her many times without incident and one time the officer let her go (D.P.I.) when she told him it was her birthday.

Barbara Jackson feels she has suffered brutal and inhumane treatment while in the custody of the Detroit Police Department (Badge #2906, other officer didn't do anything). Barbara Jackson states that after her release she went to Dr. John E. Pape (Tuesday) at Gladstone and 12th for treatment of her injuries.

Inspector Harcourt observation:- That the front teeth of Barbara Jackson were chipped, her upper lip was extremely swollen and she was abraded under the right eye with minor swelling.

End of statement 6:25P.M.