

# DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM  
First Precinct

Date November 2, 1968

To: Commanding Officer, First Precinct

Subject: WALK IN COMPLAINT OF DERRICK C. TABOR 17/C OF 2672 CHESNUT (962-0646),  
GRADY STALLWORTH 18/C, BRUCE STALLWORTH 17/C OF 18020 INDIANA,  
(UN 2-5919.)

On November 2, 1968 at approx. 1:30AM Mr Willis C. Tabor and his son Derrick Tabor came into the First Precinct and made the following complaint to this writer.

Derrick Tabors states that he was attending a teenage dance on the sixth floor of the Vets Memorial bldg. He and a friend Gregory Carter 13713 Vassar Dr, (342-1846) left the dance and went to the rest room which is located in the basement. While in the rest room several white men entered, two of the men blocked the door way for a few minutes, after leaving, two of the men followed them up the stairway and began to call them "nigger", and told them to get out of their way. They then got on the elevator and attempted to return to the dance, but each time their elevator would return to the basement because someone kept pushing the down button. Each time they returned to the basement and the elevator doors opened the same men would make derogatory remarks such as " who's paying for the ride" and he would answer his own question by saying " A.D.C. was paying for it".

At this point both decided to leave to avoid any trouble. As they got about 100 feet outside of the building (Atwater exit) they heard a comotion behind them. They looked back and saw a colored boy get pushed out of the door by a white man , then a second colored boy got pushed out by the same man. The second boy swung at the man and at this point about five white men came out and began chasing the boys, waving guns. One of the men chased one of the boys and fired a shot at him. Derrick and Gregory began running and Gregory got into his car, Derrick attempted to get into the car but the door was locked. The man that fired the shot ran up to Gregorys car and began to wave his gun through the window telling him to get out of here. The man then walked around the car where Derrick was standing and Derrick ran, at this time about six white men began chasing him along the river. The men shouted at Derrick "stop or we'll shoot", Derrick stopped and the men approached him holstering their guns. The men began to beat and kick him about the head and body. Three of the men walked him into the bushes and began beating him again. While he was on the ground the men asked him if he had enough and then left. The only description Derrick could give is that all were white an their thirty's.

Derrick had abrasions and contusions on both sides of his face, also complained of back and right leg pains. His clothes were mused and soiled. Mr Tabor stated that he would take his son to Blaine Hospital for treatment. A Preliminary complaint record was made.



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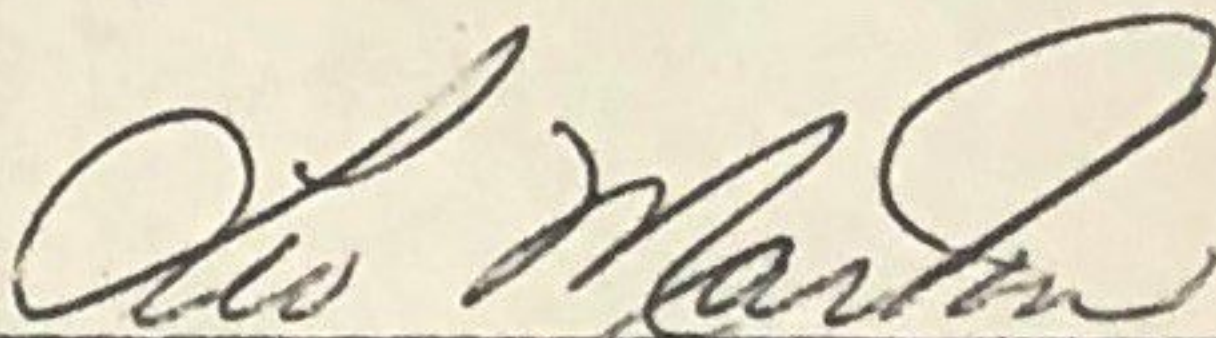
At 12:55AM Sergeant James Boos in company with Sergeant Samuel Nadeau were hailed by James Evans C/19 of 18507 Northlawn on Congress E/O Washington Blvd. who stated he was assaulted with guns by white men at the Vets. Memorial Bldg. Scout 1-6 transported him to the hospital and took the report. At 1:10 Sergeants went to the Vets Bldg. and observed 20-30 C/ youths in front of the bldg. Prior to arriving the sergeants were stopped by unidentified white man and white woman who stated a fight was taking place at the lower level, the Sergeants called for two additional cars to meet them at the rear or lower level and they responded to the scene. The Sergeants observed numerous couples leaving the bldg. and found no disturbance. Investigation revealed there were two dances in the bldg. a Teen-age dance on the sixth floor and a dance on the first floor for the Detroit Police Officers Wives Assoc., the Sergeants returned to the first level and was met by a Mr Tabor who stated and pointed out a W/M with a gun, sergeant Nadeau approached the man and questioned him about the gun, the man denied hav'ing any gun out and identified himself as patrolman Fred Inglis badge 3424 of the PSU. Mr Tabor stated that he was going to call the Mayor and left .

After the crowd dispersed the Sergeants notified the writer of the details.

All parties concerned were advised that this department would investigate these allegations.

Control Center Inspector Jedlinski, Homocide Det. Schrough, and Commanding Officer First Precinct were notified.

Lieutenant



Leo Martin

First Precinct