

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
TWELFTH PRECINCT

Date July 12, 1966

Lieutenant in Charge.

Subject: LETTER OF COMPLAINT, MRS. MARY BAKER, 16185 CHERRYLAWN.
1- ISSUANCE OF TICKET TO HER SON. 2- REMARK OF POLICE OFFICER
3- INJUSTICE AND PREDJUDICE TOWARD HER SON: WESTERN DISTRICT
INSPECTOR'S FILE #399.

On June 21, 1966 Mary Baker addressed a letter to Mayor Cavanaugh wherein she complained of her son receiving a ticket from the "Big Four". Further that the officers made an unnessary remark and predjuice was shown.

The writer has investigated this complaint with the following results.

1- ISSUANCE OF TICKET. On June 21, 1966 at 2:20 P.M. the Twelfth Precinct Cruiser observed a group of youths loitering in front of 8421 Puritan. At this time Patrolman Edgar Dickson, Badge #3489 assigned to the cruiser talked to the youths and told them not to loiter on the sidewalk as it was a violation. The officer then entered a business establishment at 8427 Puritan where he remained a few minutes. When the officer came out a youth later identified as Archie Baker was still loitering and the officer told him not to stand in the doorway or on the sidewalk. The youth replied "you have no right to tell me what to do." Patrolman Dickson then issued Archie Baker, violation complaint #A-981-639 for loitering. The youth identified himself as Archie Baker of 16185 Cherrylawn and being born 7-20-48, court date was 7-13-66.

At this time Mrs. Baker, mother of Archie came up and told her son to shut up and come with her.

2- REMARK MADE BY POLICE OFFICER. I have talked to the officer and he stated there was no conversation between him and Mrs. Baker. Further that she took the ticket from him and told her son to get in the car with her and they drove off.

3- INJUSTICE AND PREDJUDICE TOWARD HER SON. By talking to the officer it has been determined all the other youths left the scene and Archie Baker remained and failed to obey the officers request, and no pre-juice was shown.

On July 6, 1966 the writer went to 16185 Cherrylawn to talk to Mrs. Baker and her son Archie. As the writer left the car to go in a young boy left the house. The writer asked him if he was Archie Baker? He replied, "no" and continued on down the street. The officer then went into the house, and talked to Mrs. Baker wherein she reiterated the facts as stated in her letter.

During the course of conversation it was found out that the boy who had left the house was Archie Baker, and that he was 16 years of age and not seventeen as he had stated to the officers at the time the ticket was issued. Mrs. Baker stated that at the time of the violation her son was waiting for a bus to go downtown to do some shopping, and he was alone.

A short time later Mrs. Bakers younger son Sydney 15/N, came in and the writer asked him what he knew about this incident. He stated his brother and a James Stover of 16242 Ohio were waiting for a bus to go to his cousins house and the police were giving his brother a ticket. He then went home and told his mother, who drove to the scene.

It is the opinion of the writer that this ticket was justified, and no prejudice was shown by the officer. Archie Baker has had numerous contacts with the Twelfth Precinct Youth Bureau and has spent time in the Boys Vocational School, and appears to be a trouble maker.

This ticket was returned to Mrs. Baker with the correct birth-date of Archie Baker and she was told she would be notified by mail when to appear in Juvenile Court.

It is recommended no further action be taken on this complaint.

SERGEANT Wm. C. Jurgens
WILLIAM JUERGENS - 12th PRECINCT

FIRST INDORSEMENT

TO: Western District Inspector, July 12, 1966.

I have reviewed the above results of this investigation which reveals no improper actions on the part of Patrolman Dickson and that the violation ticket issued was a justified one.

Recommend that the action as taken suffice in this case.

Inspector Thomas Nolan

Twelfth Precinct

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Jim Stanhauer
CHIEF INSPECTOR

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James Balow
DISTRICT INSPECTOR