

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
 13118 Dexter Boulevard
 Detroit, Michigan 48238

DETROIT BRANCH _____ TO 9-6412

COMPLAINT FORM

James Coston - Age 16
 Dollie Linton - Age 16
 Age _____

Date of Complaint April 13, 1964

TYPE OF CASE Police Brutality

NAME 1. James Coston
 2. Dollie Linton

PHONE 1. None
 2. TY 4-0367
 Detroit, Mich.
 CITY, STATE Detroit, Mich.
 Place of Northwestern
 Employment: Students - both
School boys
 Approximate
 Hour Between 1 and 2 A.M.

ADDRESS 1. 8968 N. Martindale - (4)
 2. 8987 N. Martindale - (4)

OCCUPATION School boys

DATE OF INCIDENT April 12, 1964

ARREST RECORD OF COMPLAINANT:

Dollie has been involved in a petty larceny case - but he was completely cleared of any blame -- James has never been in any trouble with the police or authorities.

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT:

James and Dollie were repairing James car. They were on the street. They decided to take the car to the gas station where James purchased the car. They met a third fellow- a friend of theirs- Clinton Hannah who was going to help them make the necessary repair. James and Dollie decided that they needed futher help so they went to talk to a Mr. Adolph, who was working at the garage, (which is attached to the side of the gas station), leaving Clinton there with the car. After they saw this Mr. Adolph the two boys decided to go to the white-tower to get hamburgers. On their way they saw and heard Clinton hammering at the money meter of the big commercial ice box-however they didn't stop they kept on going. They didn't stop to have any coversation with him, however, but they kept on going. A policeman them came up-- gave chase to Clinton, caught him and took him to the station. They then circled the block (before going to the station, after they had apprehended Clinton) and picked up James and Dollie, put the hand cuffs on them and took them to the station also. They did not give them a chance to say anything or defend them-

DISPOSITION:

(Summary - Con't - Over)

WITNESSES	ADDRESS	PHONE
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"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".

James Coston Jr.
Dollie Linton Jr.
 Signature of person making complaint

Interviewed by _____

selves in any way. One of the officers became angry when he found out that Dollie was only 16 years of age. (Dollie had stated at first that he was 17 years old, in order not to get a cur-few ticket-- but when he found out that he was going to be arrested he told them his correct age. It was then that this officer pushed or hit Dollie in the stomach and he his James in the mouth. He busted James lip. After this incident followed a series of 'white-wash' or 'so-called bribery by the police Dept. They told the boys, as well as their parents that they would be able to take care of this matter if they 'forgot' how the boys were hurt. Before the boys left the station the officers asked Dollie how James hurt his mouth-- Dollie said that he hurt it on the hood of the car. They then asked ~~that~~ James how he hurt his mouth James replied that he hurt it by working on the car. This seemed to satisfy the officers and they then took the boys home. When they got the boys home they told the parents that everything was alright they just wanted the two boys, James and Dollie as witnesses. They did not tell the parents anything about hitting James or punching Dollie in the stomach. The parents confronted the Lieutenant with this charge and were told by him that if they did not press charges that he would talk to the Police - Officer because they did not tolerate this type of thing. The parents do want to press charges against this officer. They feel that such action should be delt with more severely.

We have read the foregoing statement and this is a true account as told to us by our sons.

Dollie Linton

Dollie Linton, Sr. (Father of Dollie Linton, Jr.)

Leroy Norman

Leroy Norman, Uncle of James Coston, Jr.
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