

The Observer's Readers Speak Up on Police, Other Issues

Livonia Editors
I have searched my conscience and my heart all day and have resolved that this letter must be published for the benefit of the residents of Livonia.

I trust you will not edit or take out of context what I have written, but that your readers will be able to learn at first hand of my harrowing experience with the Livonia police department. I am deliberately not mentioning any names, as I do not seek to jeopardize any man.

Early this morning, two detectives came to my door, upon showing a badge I immediately froze with fear, for the welfare of my husband who was at work, all my teenage sons were still asleep, and all I could think was, "What would they do to us?" They finally told that they had a fingerprint on my son's I cried "How can you tell by just looking?" and they said "Just looking". They admitted this to me, and this is "infringing on my rights as an American citizen". All this could easily have been avoided, had they called me on the telephone and said I should bring my son in to have his fingerprints taken, because he was suspected of breaking and entering. I would have been able to collect myself, and realize that they were mistaken, because I could account for my son's whereabouts.

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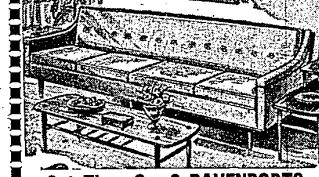
I say to all parents and citizens who read this, don't be apathetic, report these things should they happen to you, stand on your constitutional rights, and don't let yourselves be intimidated by the threat of a badge. A detective badge should be worn with dignity, decency and respect for the rights of other human beings. Our society could not exist without these men in the police department, and we are grateful for them, but do they have to use these tactics?

My only concern at this moment is that if these two of these detectives read this, may become vindictive and harass me for every crime that is committed in my neighborhood. Let them, take heed, I will be prepared for them with every law in the books that I can use against them. It is 2:30 a.m. and I am still wide awake, unable to sleep for many a night to come. I keep hoping that I shall awake one day to find all this was a nightmare, but the facts remain, it did happen in these United States of America, the land of the free!

Get your son a good lawyer and get your son" is all he would say.

I got my son up and told him what had happened. He was incredulous, he said they didn't know what they're talking about. He came down and he who was fighting for her son.

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was questioned as to his whereabouts about the previous evening, and he repeated what I had already told them. One of them, who had his hands behind his back, examined them very carefully and said "very good" the other looked over and said "it certainly is".

At this point I was crying and begged over and over again to tell them what they saw on my boy's hands and I was finally told that they had a fingerprint on my son's I cried "How can you tell by just looking?" and they said "Just looking". They admitted this to me, and this is "infringing on my rights as an American citizen". All this could easily have been avoided, had they called me on the telephone and said I should bring my son in to have his fingerprints taken, because he was suspected of breaking and entering. I would have been able to collect myself, and realize that they were mistaken, because I could account for my son's whereabouts.

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By telling me to get a good lawyer only served to intimidate me.

Needless to say, they brought my son back. It was all a mistake. This time I proceeded to question them and they admitted that it was not for publication, but that they had a fingerprint on my son's hands. They finally told that they had a fingerprint on my son's I cried "How can you tell by just looking?" and they said "Just looking". They admitted this to me, and this is "infringing on my rights as an American citizen". All this could easily have been avoided, had they called me on the telephone and said I should bring my son in to have his fingerprints taken, because he was suspected of breaking and entering. I would have been able to collect myself, and realize that they were mistaken, because I could account for my son's whereabouts.

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Falsely Accused

Mr. Allen J. Maverson,
Commissioner
Department of Insurance
State of Michigan
Lansing, Michigan
Dear Sirs:

Recently a question of some application of "current" rate of dividends to reduce basic and three year premiums in the comparison of competitive bids for workers' compensation insurance on a public school system has been presented.

Because our legal bibliography is relatively limited, I would appreciate any assistance your department may provide in indicating the statutes or other publications whereby the information applicable to the following circumstances is presented.

Public invitation to bid on a Three Year Retrospective Plan D was made in local newspapers with instructions regarding the acquisition of bid forms included.

Bid forms requested quotations for:

Basic Premium
The Three Year Minimum Premium
The Three Year Maximum Premium

The Gross Three Year Premium if losses are \$20,000
The Gross Three Year Premium if losses are \$28,000

The bid also included the following statement:

"Please indicate your company's current rate of dividend, if any."

In the final analysis, the aforementioned rate of dividend is being deducted from the basic and three year premiums quoted. The net premium (after deduction) is being considered as one of the prime factors for awarding the contracts.

The question for which we are seeking research material is: "Specifically, may the application of 'current' dividends be made in relation to the award of competitive bids, and if so, under what circumstances?"

Your early attention would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

LESLIE H. FOLSOM

Mr. Leslie H. Folsom
The Folsom Insurance Agency
9051 Sunbeam
Livonia, Michigan

Dear Mr. Maverson:

Commissioner Maverson has

discussed with me the contents

of your letter of June 24, 1964, future.

I would appreciate the opportunity of corresponding with you on this matter and trust the above information is of assistance.

Yours very truly,
WILLIAM G. OLSEN
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Insurance
Lansing

fire stations are located, etc. in front of our fire houses. Let's arrange our traffic light system, so that at an intersection, lights can be red both ways and traffic brought to a halt when an emergency vehicle approaches.

and MR. DRIVER, you wake up and be courteous, if nothing else.

The next time that policeman or fireman is in a hurry, he may be going to save your wife or child. Wesley has sacrificed a great deal for us in Livonia. Now let's not let our other firemen and policemen do the same.

Yours truly,
Carl and Eiste Wright

Livonia Grad Aids College Fund Drive

George M. Fern of 323 Morrisweather Road, Grosser Pointe Farms, was Regional Chairman of Detroit during the University of Pennsylvania's record-breaking 1963-1964 Alumnae Association Fund Drive. A total of \$14,476 was contributed by 26,476 alumni and friends in the campaign which ended June 30.

Fern was assisted by Mrs.

Kathryn Leslie Borgia of 14514 Loveland, Livonia.

Mrs. Borgia is a 1930 graduate of the School of Education at Pennsylvania.

Strike while the iron is hot, but don't burn your fingers!

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