

CASES

1. Leo Smith (Issue - Counter charge)

Mr. Leo Smith has an unruly son and he had called the police for assistance on many occasions. The last time he called, the police assaulted the boy. The father attempted to stop them, and in the process the father was assaulted. This was supposedly witnessed by 15 people. Three days later the police charged the father with assault.

Status:

1. CRC - Still investigating
2. Police Department - found no discrimination

2. Rembert-Tyson (Issue - Counter charge)

Joseph Tyson alleges that the police assaulted them, then charged the family with assault.

Status:

1. Courts - family was granted new trial.
2. CRC - still investigating
3. Police Department - still investigating

3. ACME (Mack Avenue) (Issue - Harassment)

Fifteen people were arrested and charged with disturbing the peace. ACME alleges that the police entered the premises illegally and destroyed the furniture and office equipment.

Status:

1. Convicted one of the 15 for disturbing the peace
2. CRC - Still investigating and conciliating with the Police Department
Found no discrimination in one aspect of the case.
3. Police Department - still investigating

4. NSM (Belvidere) (Issue - Harassment)

Officers gain entry to private party, sat around for about 15 minutes and finally decided to arrest everyone (43 people).

Status:

1. CRC - still investigating. (Taylor, investigator)
2. Police Department returned confiscated liquors to the owner of the house.
3. CCR - investigating
4. Court - no charges

5. Dowdell (Issue - Counter charge)

Two Negro officers following car (?) Car lets complainant out. Police were unable to apprehend car so they picked up complainant. Complainant alleges that officers assaulted him. When brought to station, officers charge complainant with assault. Complainant has skull fracture resulting from the assault.

Status:

1. CRC - still investigating (Farris investigator)
2. CCB ?
3. Courts ?

6. SWP (Issue - unprovoked assault by police and counter charges)

Two off duty police officers walk by auto occupied by white female and companions, Officers remarked "Nigger lover." Complainant gets out of car and fight erupts. Scout car appears on the scene and officers stop fight and charge complainant with assault and interference of duty of officers.

Status:

1. CRC - investigating
2. Police - no action yet
3. Court - Complainant found not guilty of assault. Trial date set for March 16 for interference charges.

7. Bagley Case

8. Henry Case

9. Barbara Jackson Case.

This case has concerns for us because CRC is dissatisfied with police final decision. CRC feels that in all cases three requirements must be met.

- A. Some sort of relief for the complainant
- B. Discipline for officers involved.
- C. Assurance that such situations would not recur

In this particular case complainant has had no relief. CRC feels that discipline was insufficient. They also feel that the Police Department should take stronger steps to insure that situations such as this will not recur.