

NORTHERN STUDENT MOVEMENT  
AFRO-AMERICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

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On June 3rd, 1966, Mrs. Willie Mary Vester and her son, Clarence Vester, were brutally assaulted by members of the tactical mobile unit.

Clarence Vester stated, "I was standing on the porch of a friend, Tyrone Quint, at 4512 Avery when the Police arrived. They asked Tyrone if he lived there. Tyrone said he did and turned around and went into his house. The police then walked up on the porch and kicked down the door and dragged Tyrone out. As they were on their way out they grabbed me and pushed me down and started beating me with a black jack. My mother came over and asked the policemen why they were hitting me and what I had done. They told her to shut up and get back, pushing her so hard that she almost fell off the porch."

Mrs. Vester said in her statement, "They acted like wild men, I had to go to the doctor as a result of the push I received from the policemen."

Alvin Harrison, Project Director of the Northern Student Movement in Detroit stated, "We should stop talking about police brutality in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and start talking about police brutality in America. It's not a southern problem or a Northern problem, it is an American problem. It is a reflection of white America's blatant disregard for lives and property of black Americans.

It is essentially a problem of power and control. Black people do not have the power to control the police force. They do not have the power to control any of the institutions which affect their lives. This defect I can assure you we intend to change."

The Northern Student Movement and its affiliate Afro-American Youth Movement are calling a mass protest rally to be held at Christ Baptist Church, 4102 Grand River near Alexanderine. The rally will be held Sunday, June 26, 1966 at 1:30 P.M..

Listed among the speakers will be Rev. Albert Cleage Jr., Congressional candidate for the 13th District.

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