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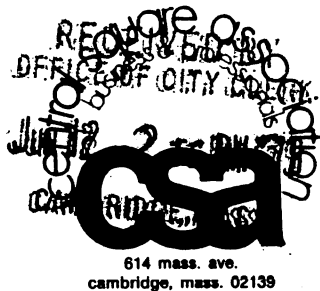
Somerville man

arrested in knifing

Cambridge police arrested a Somerville man yesterday in connection with the stabbing of a Revere man at the Methadone Clinic at Cambridge Hospital.

Dets. Joseph Savioli and Timothy McCusker Jr., were accompanied by Somerville police when they picked up Walter H. Scagnoli, 36, at his home on Smith Avenue. He was charged with assault with intent to murder.

The victim, Douglas Bell, 28, of 39 Curtis Rd., Revere, was stabbed in the left chest and upper abdomen. He was reported in stable condition at the hospital.



June 6, 1979

Mr. Paul Healy, City Clerk,
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

RE: Central Square Methadone Clinic

I would appreciate your sending a copy of this letter to each of the members of the City Council, in as much as our members have expressed great concern about the adverse impact of the Methadone Clinic in our area.

To a very substantial degree, The Central Square shopping area is patronized by substantial numbers of elderly citizens from the surrounding neighborhood. As you know, unfortunately, Central Square has acquired an extremely poor reputation, with specific reference to personal safety, which, in turn, has had an effect of keeping substantial numbers of potential customers away from the square, as well as making it difficult to attract desirable businesses here to upgrade the shopping area.

One of the worst and most undesirable features in the square is the Methadone Clinic. We recognize that it is attempting to serve a useful purpose in it's treatment of drug addicts. Actually, however, it not only treats local drug addicts but brings in others from surrounding communities, so that Central Square is inundated with a far higher number than would be normally the case, but for the presence of the Methadone Clinic. The parasites who feed upon the drug addicts, such as drug pushers, loan sharks, pimps, etc, have all been described in the lengthy letter sent by Mr. Larry Kimmelman, owner of McDonalds, recently, and which I sent to each member of the City Council.

We feel that it is not fair to attempt to do good (to whatever degree may be possible) at the expense of local elderly people, and local businessmen, whose very livelihood depends upon the absence of fear as generated by the above-described undesirables.

It is a specific request of our Association that serious attention be given to the moving of the Methadone Clinic to another area, possibly the City Hospital, or an Industrial area, where the peace of mind, and general safety of the thousands of people who use the square, either as shoppers or businessmen, be fully protected and safe guarded.

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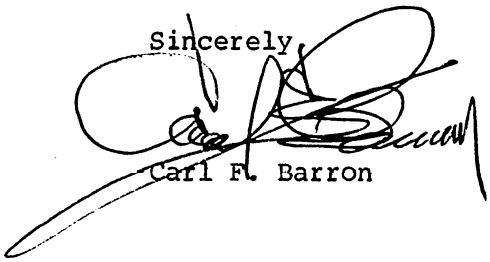
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Enclosed, you will please find a photostatic copy of a newsclipping from the Cambridge-Somerville edition of the Boston Herald American, dated Thursday, May 31, 1979, relating to an arrest by Cambridge Police of a Revere man at the Methadone Clinic. Suspect "was charged with assault with intent to murder", after stabbing a Revere man.

It is our feeling that the action of those unfortunates involved in drugs is often unpredictable, and that we, as the innocent bystanders, should not be required to be confronted with any dangers, as evidenced by the events outlined in the attached clipping.

I would greatly appreciate hearing from the City Council concerning this at it's earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Carl F. Barron

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Comm. from Carl F. Barron in behalf of the
Central Square Association re: Central
Sq. Methadone Clinic.

In City Council,
June 25, 1979

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