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Cambridge City Council
795 Massachusetts Ave
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

July 11, 1983

City Council of Cambridge

As you can see, I have been ignored by Mayor Vellucci, Robert Healy, the City Manager before Mr Healy, the Internal Affairs Dept., and the Chief of Police.

I don't expect your council to go head hunting to expose cover-up and corruption in your own administration. However, I do expect your council to force the Cambridge Internal Affairs Department, and the Chief of Police, to answer my complaint....(in written form).

As for....

1. Proper Internal Affairs procedures.
2. Time limits in getting answers from Internal Affairs.
3. Why the Police Investigate themselves anyway?
4. Damages caused to my self and my property by your Police Department.

....these questions must be handle by the community through marches, speeches, leaflets, and voting. Something I will devote the rest of my life too.

The damages to myself will be handle by the courts. No matter how long it may take. I can assure you I will have my day for revenge (one way or the other) to see that such ignorant Police conduct will never happen in this city again.

As for the reason's why my complaint was never answered (not due to lack of effort on my part). I don't need to know. I'll find out along with the rest of the citizens of Cambridge when the time comes.

Would you PLEASE inform the Cambridge Police to answer my complaint. Something they should have done years ago.

Thank You

Lorenzo Ross

Mr Lorenzo Ross
820 Mass Ave
Apartment #327
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

1st letter to City Council July 11, 1983

Copy will be sent to the Internal Affairs Dept.

Reason To let them know I am still

here and still fighting. JR

CITIZENS COMPLAINT REPORT
CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

FILE NO: _____
DATE: 2.

*City Manager
Mansour
has this same
copy in his office.*

Fill out this form whenever an in-person or telephoned complaint is received by a member of the Department. In addition, obtain written statements from the complainant and witnesses without delay. Attach pertinent documents, records, statements, notes, etc., to the original of this form and forward to the Internal Investigations Division as soon as possible.

Name of Complainant: Jorenzo Ross Date Received: _____
Home Address: _____ Phone: _____
Business Address: INTERSTATE DEPARTMENT Phone: 727-5147
P. O. BOX 8400
BOSTON, MA 02114
Tel. 617-727-6750
Classify Nature or Type of Complaint: Battering / Rights Viol / A and B
Name of Officer Complained About: (If more than one, so state): and another unknown officer
1. James P. Venturitoa Rank: _____ Badge No. _____
Location of Occurrence: Hi-Fi Piazza (MASS AVE) Date: 7/24/81 Time: APPROX 1:15

BRIEF SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT: NOTE: OBTAIN AND ATTACH COMPLAINANT'S SIGNED STATEMENT TO THIS FORM.

Complaint attached

(Use back of sheet if more space is needed.)

Parties will be notified of the results and disposition of the investigation. State if you are or are not willing to testify at any hearings connected with the investigation. (Please circle) (ES) or NO

Signature of Complainant: Jorenzo Ross
Witnessed by: _____

WITNESSES NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: (MUST TALK WITH LAWYER FIRST.)
all will be given at a later date.
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Complaint Received by: Al Young Sgt. Patrol Div. (Date) July 24, 1981 (Time) 3:45 P.M.

Complaint Form Received by: _____ (Investigating Division Officer) (Date - Time) _____

Complainant contacted by: _____ Date _____ Time: _____

Notice: This Form Signed Under the Pains and Penalties of Perjury

CITIZENS COMPLAINT REPORT
CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

July 26, 1981

To: Internal investigations division

From: Mr Lorenzo Ross

On the morning of July 23, 1981 at about 12:50, I left the Can-Tab Club (located on Mass Ave) with a \$4,500 German made Sonor drumset. I had let their fine drummer use my set that night because he was generous enough to let me play on his. I then wheeled the set down to Hi-Fi Pizza located on Mass Ave, where I order, got, and paid for, a hot steak sub. At this time I walked over to the curb (in front of Hi-Fi Pizza) to inspect the flow of traffic before proceeding homeward with my drum-set. As I turned to my right I notice officer James P. Voutiritsa standing on the conner about four feet from me. He turned his head to his left (my right) and I notice a large red mark under his eye. At this time (out of concern) in a very friendly way, I said..."My God"... "...What happened to your eye"? Officer James P. Voutiritsa replied, "None of your business nigger"...."Get away from me". I then (in shock) replied.."You little ignorent S.O.B.",..."All I asked you was what was wrong with your eye!" He then grabed me by the front of my shirt while yelling at the same time.."Your under arrest". He at this time proceeded to push me up against the window of Hi-Fi Pizza. I inturned pushed him off of me.

Officer James P. Voutiritsa at this time pushed alittle knob on his walkie talkie and grabed for me again. I pushed his hands away and just stood my ground. At this time I was tackled foot

ball style (from the front) by a white unknown officer. I fell (back first) on the hard cement side-walk, and my head crashed. soon after.

At this time the unknown officer drove his knee into me (my chest) and both him and officer James P. Voutiritsa started beating me with night sticks. Officer Voutiritsa worked on my head and left shoulder,, the other officer worked on my right leg and right arm, while bouncing on my chest. Although I was not moving they kept beating me for approximately 45 seconds. All this time a crowd of people (some who told me later they would tell my lawyer just what they saw). looked on.

The two officers picked me up, slammed me into the wall, and proceeded to hand-cuff me. They cut my drum bag off of me and lead me to a waiting police truck. All this time I kept pleading for them to get my drum-set. Before the doors on the police truck were shut officer Voutiritsa said.. "fuck your drum-set".

At the booking desk I told an older gray haired officer (the one who later took me to the hospital) my story. Five to six officers were standing around as I explained. One off them yelled out.. "Are you sure you did not cause that mark under officer Voutiritsa eye"...I paid him no minded and kept talking to the older gentlemen. NOTE: THIS SHOULD BE ON YOUR C/C T.V. TAPE...IF IT WAS NOT SHUT OFF.

As records will show I was being treated at the V.A. Hospital (on the morning of July 23, 1981) for on and off severe shoulder and head pains from an accident I had in the U. S. Navy four years ago. Note: Let the record show that I was beaten on the morning of the 24th....Not the 23rd. On the morning of the 23rd I was X-Rayed and treated at the V.A. Hospital on Court Street..... number 17. My Doctor is Mr. MacDonald. End of Note: This will in-deed be handle by an out side lawyer.

When the gray haired officer and two black officers came to my cell (at some unknown time to me) I was out cold. The reason being sharp pains in my head and shoulders. They told me I was going to the hospital for a check-up. At this time officer Voutirtsa was standing down by the door leading to (and from) the cell room. And I proceeded to tell the two black officers and the gray haired white officer my story again. At this time officer Voutirtsa yelled out...."I'll see you in court you fucken fag"...and the next time I see you I'll brake your fucken hands"...."then you will never play the drums again".

Again I pleaded with the officers to get my drum set. The older gray haired officer shbok his head yes and told me not to worrie. He proceeded to take me to the hospital.

At the hospital the doctor looked over my leg and found no marks. However when he ran his hand over a spot on my right leg, under my knee I yelled out in pain. He asked me where I had been hit. I told him my right leg, my left shoulder, and my head. I also told him how I was tackled to the ground...again hitting my head. He looked me over for about 1 min. and said I seem to be o.k.. I at this time proceeded to tell him of my head pains that had not stoped from the beating. I told him how I was seeing a doctor at the V.A.He said nothing at all. I sat handcuffed to a wheel chair, and asked for water and two aspirin. I got the water and aspirin.

When at the court house (the next day) I spoke with a lawyer, and two doctors. At this time I showed them the huge hump that had grew on my arm. The lawyer saw the hump, the two doctors saw the hump, and later that same day your own CAPTAIN BREEDEN who is now working on the day shift saw the hump on my right are.

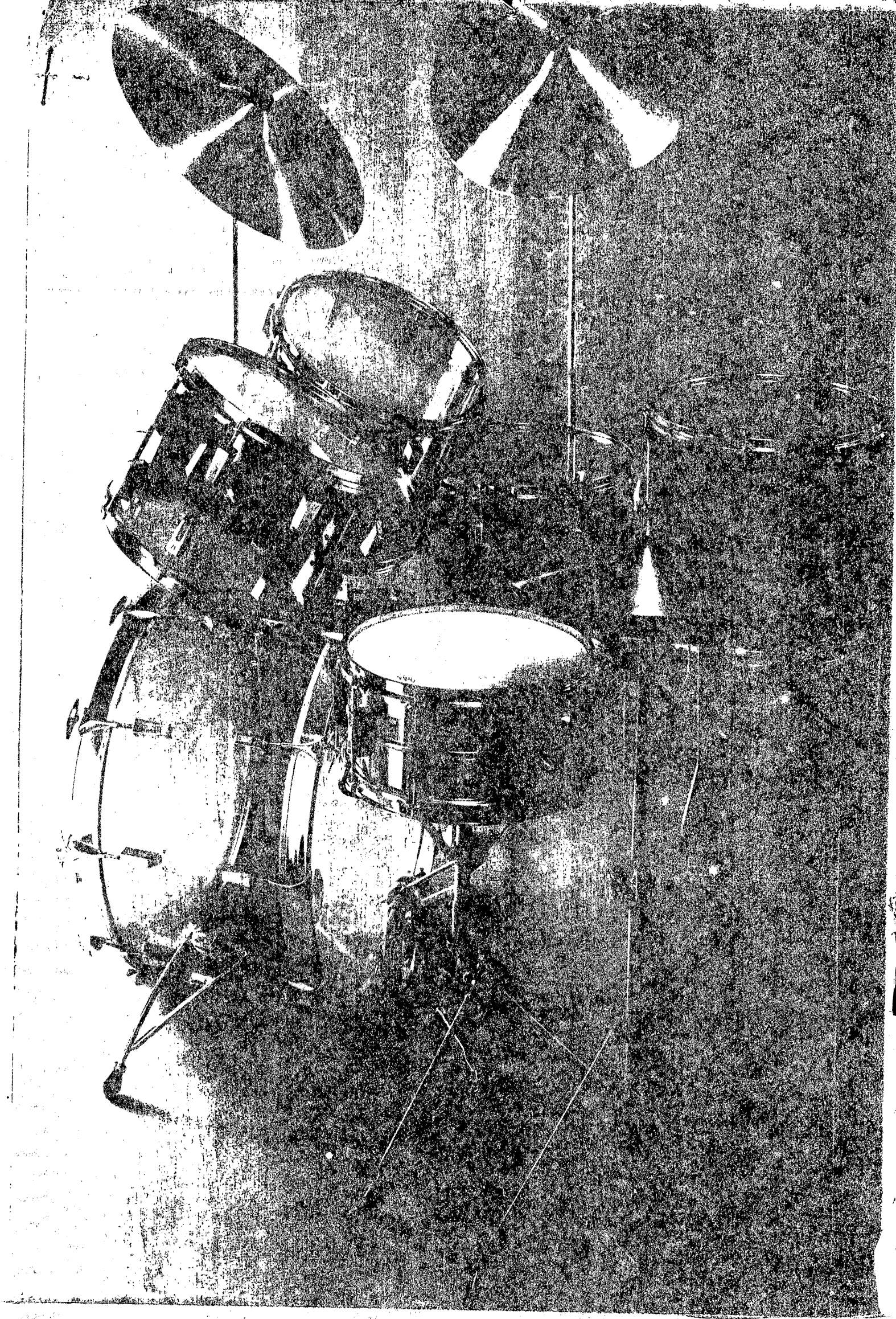
As of this day my shoulder and head keeps a continuous 24 hour prolong pain. Which was caused by officer James P. Voutiritsa and the other unknown officer beating me just where I was being treated. The V.A. records would vow to this.

I was told by Mr Voutiritsa that my friend had my drum-set. I had no friends with me that night. I know of no name and or addresses of anyone who was there (not counting witnesses) that night. As far as I am concern I am out of a \$4,500 drum-set just because the arresting officers did not confiscate my set like they should have....that's the law. I also will not be able to start school with-out-them.

I have many people who are willing to talk with my lawyer about what they saw that night. Also many of them want nothing to do with the police (as three of them told me themselves) for fear of being harass by officer James P. Voutiritsa as well as others. These are their own words...not mine. I have witness who don't mine my useing their names on your complaint sheet. But this is being typed on Sunday night, and I must have them speak with my lawyer first. Then I will gladly give you all the witnesses you need. I have three important people who are the cream of the crop. They heard my ask officer James P. Voutiritsa that one golden qustion. "My God",,,,"What happened to your eye".

I always make it a point to speak to policemen I see on the beat, just to let them know not everyone is a enemy. And the Cambridge Police Department has many a fine officers who take pride in the job they do. They are not there just for the good pay and the benefits,,,they are there because they like helping others. But what these two officers did to me on the morning of July 24, 1981, could never end in a cover-up. I thank God that there were just to many people who did not like what they saw.

Thank You
Mr. Lorenzo Ross



THANK God for One
Return Receipt. JP

Sept. 8, 1981

To: Cambridge Police Department
Internal Investigations Division

I George Ross, am requesting a WRITTEN
report on the outcome investigation of officer James P.
Voutiritsa and officer _____.

It is my right as a citizen to know how and why your
investigation force came to its conclusion, whether for or
against.

When ever you do end your investigation on these officers,
I would like a WRITTEN statement sent to me explaining your ver-
dict, and WHY you came to it.

Thank You

George Ross
Mr. Lorenzo Ross
67 Norfolk Street Apt. #2
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

This letter sent to Chief of Police as
well as Internal Affairs.

Went to Police station 14 times; still
they ignored me.

Sept. 8, 1981

To: Cambridge Police Department
Internal Investigations Division

I Lorenzo Ross, am requesting a WRITTEN report on the outcome investigation of officer James P. Voutiritsa and officer Carley.

It is my right as a citizen to know how and why your investigation force came to its conclusion, whether for or against.

When ever you do end your investigation on these officers, I would like a WRITTEN statement sent to me explaining your verdict, and WHY you came to it. I also would like a FULL and COMPLETE copy of my Police Record.

This letter also sent to Chief of Police.

Thank You
Lorenzo Ross
Mr. Lorenzo Ross
67 Norfolk Street APT. #2
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

MAILED
JAN 13 1982

Resent on
this date

Sept. 8, 1981

To: Cambridge Police Department
Internal Investigations Division

I James Ross, am requesting a WRITTEN
report on the outcome investigation of officer James P.
Voutiritsa and officer Carley

*Found out other officers name
from tapes.*

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dict, and why you came to it.
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Thank You

James Ross
Mr. Lorenzo Ross
67 Norfolk Street
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

*Sent to Chief of Police
also.*

May 12th, 1982

The Office of the Mayor
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge Mass

Mr Mayor:

On July 24, 1981, I put in a complaint on two Camb. Police Officers...James P. Voutiritsa and Officer Carley. After four written (and record) letters...one to the Chief of Police...well over 14 visits to the Internal Affairs Dept, and one visit to the Cambridge City Manager, I have been ignored.

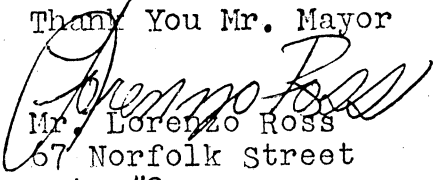
I would hope that you will agree, Sir, that ten months is along time to wait for just due information on the out-come of an investigation. When I took a day off from my job to file a complaint, I did it for a reason. To get a written out-come (we both know what it will be) so that I may have it if and when I take higher action to cover what damage was caused to me.

You Sir, are the next person in the chain of command. I am asking you to take steps in seeing that I receive a written report on the out-come of these two officers. I myself will pick away (with the help of other Cambridge Citizens) to see why it takes so long to receive this important information months after both officers had hearings.

I have had a problem with two officers that with my hospital records can and will be proved in a court of LAW. So help me GOD. I will fight for the rest of my life to see that these two officers never, never, never, ever make a stupid mistake like they did, again.

Please help me obtain an answer from the Cambridge Police Dept. Because Sir, I can assure you that sooner or later someone from that station will have to answer alot more questions concerning alot more than this one situation.

Thank You Mr. Mayor


Mr. Lorenzo Ross
67 Norfolk Street
Apt. #2
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Public Records Division
1 Ashburn Place
17th Floor
Boston, Mass. 02108

July 4, 1982

Dear Sirs;

On July 24, 1981, I filed a six page complaint with the Camb. Police Internal Affairs Division, concerning two of it's officers, James P. Voutiritsa and Officer Carley.

After....

1. Four written letters to The Internal Affairs Department.
2. One letter to the Chief of Police.
3. One in-person visit to the City Manangers Office. (giving his office a full copy of the original complaint).
4. A written letter to the Mayor of Cambridge on May 12, 1982.

.... I am still at the same point I was almost one year ago this date, NO PLACE.

I went in-person and filled out a Citizens Complaint Report, form # P 185, received by Al Yemma..Sgt. Patrol Division, on July 24, 1981, at 3:45 p.m.. I have made 14 or more in-person visits to the I.A.D. just to be told the same thing over and over.....
....it's on the chiefs desk, it's on the chiefs desk.

Well it's been on the chief's desk for a year now, and it's not doing me any good there.

Despite what heresay one might incounter, I am by right entitled to an answer to my complaint.

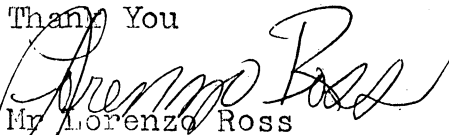
I am now writing your office after hearing nothing from the Mayor. I agree with you, it's ridiculous.

I hope your office will look into this long delay in answering my complaint. These two officers had a hearing month's ago. I would like the written answer due me from the Cambridge Police Dept.

If at any later date you want copies of all letters sent....

I can provide them for you.

Thank You


Mr Lorenzo Ross
820 Mass. Ave
Apartment 327
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

A copy of this letter will also be sent to:

1. Camb. Internal Affairs
2. Camb. Chief of Police
3. Camb. City Manager
4. Camb. Mayor's Office



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary of State
Michael Joseph Connolly, Secretary

James W. Igoe
Deputy Secretary of State
Acting Supervisor of Public Records

August 2, 1982

Mr. Lorenzo Ross
820 Mass. Ave.
Apartment 327
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Ross:

I am responding to your recent letter seeking assistance in getting a response to the complaint you filed with the Cambridge Police Internal Affairs Division. As Acting Supervisor of Public Records, I am able to assist you in obtaining access to public records held by government agencies, including police departments. However, I have no authority to require an investigation or a response to a complaint.

Should you request access to an existing record and be denied in that request, you may appeal to me by sending me a copy of your original record request along with a copy of any response you may have received from the record custodian. At that time, I shall determine whether the record is public as defined at G.L. c. 4, s. 7(26), and, if it is, order the custodian to disclose it to you.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James W. Igoe".

James W. Igoe
Acting Supervisor of Public Records

JWI/mlm

FOURTH REQUEST

The Mayor Of Cambridge
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Ave
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

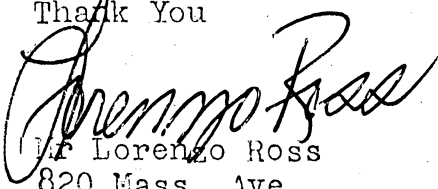
Oct. 11, 1982

Mr. Vellucci

This is my fourth letter sent to you asking for your help in getting an answer from the Cambridge Police Department on my complaint against officer James P. Voutiritsa and officer Carley. It has been well over a year now and I am getting tremendously impatient. The Cambridge Police has already ignored 14 in-person visits and eight letters. This is my fourth to you.

I realize the fact you have been quite busy fighting Harvard overa street's name. Now that the town's important business is done perhaps we can work on simple matters like human rights.

Thank You



Mr Lorenzo Ross
820 Mass. Ave
Apartment 327
Cambridge, Mass. 02139 -



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • 617-498-9090

Alfred E. Vellucci

Mayor

October 13, 1982

Mr. Lorenzo Ross
820 Massachusetts Avenue, #327
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Ross:

I am in receipt of your letter concerning complaints against our Police Department.

The City Manager is the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Cambridge and as such is in charge of the Police Department.

I have sent your letter to him trusting that he will be in touch with you.

Very truly yours,

Alfred E. Vellucci

Alfred E. Vellucci
Mayor

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cc: Mr. Robert Healy

AT LAST AN ANSWER.

Notice date on this letter.

Cambridge City Hall
Office Of The Mayor
Alfred E. Vellucci

Nov. 22, 1982

Mr Vellucci

If your City Manager is so trusting, he should have received a full copy of my complaint (in person) well over a year ago. This same trusting City Manager should have answered my three letters sent in this same time span.

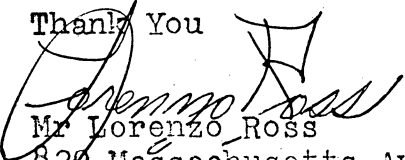
If your trusting City Manager had not ignored me, I would not have written your office four times finally getting an answer to again wait on your trusting City Manager.

Mr Vellucci

Do not refer me to your City Manager. I don't plan on going back down the ladder.... I am going UP.

P.S. Good luck on SUING the sheik.

Thank You


Mr Lorenzo Ross
820 Massachusetts Avenue
Apartment #327
Cambridge, Ma. 02139

Complaint Date: July, 24, 1981
Time: 3,45 p.m.
Received by: Al Yemma Sgt.
LTM; 5th

*I waited from Oct 13, 1982
to Nov 22, 1982 still nothing.*

5-402
Comm. from Lorenzo Ross, 820 Mass. Ave., Re:
a citizens complaint report he filed with the
Police Dept. Internal Investigations Division
in connection with an incident on July 23,
1981 in front of Hi-Fi Pizza on Mass Ave. &
the actions of one or more police officers at
that time.

copy of communication + all attachment
sent to the City Manager 8/10/83 rch

In City Council,

August 8, 1983

- 8/8/1983 -
Referred to City
FOR
- Report -