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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

DATE: June 23, 1990

TIME: 2:00 A.M./~~XXX~~

Report by
Officer

Joseph J. Bellissimo #323 Ptl.

Badge # Rank

Subject: Harvard Sq. Kiosk

Assignment:

Third Platoon Group 8 15X
Car # Route # Bureau or otherwise

Directed to:

Capt. William Burke Jr.

Rank or Position

Date and time of
Occurrence 6-23-90 12:28AM to 1:30

Action requested REF: 90-5841

Sir:

As a police officer in this City for twenty two years I have seen everything or almost everything that can or has been a crime in this city against a person, building or place. I've seen this city progress to its worst, since the riots in the early 70's. It's bad when a police officer is abused or jumped by our "so called good youths or teens from this city as well as 70% of teens from surrounding cities and towns, for example Boston along with every State in the U.S. that are Run aways or street people. We care and assist everyone possible. That's our job, but for some reason City Hall does nothing to protect it's police department. We have asked for signs to stop youths from hanging out in different location throughout Harvard & Central Sq., especially places where the bands and musicains have licenses to perform during certain hours. This city has done nothing, someone has to take the bull by the horns and stop this madness before one of our Police officers get serious hurt or killed.

On June 23, 1990 at 12:15AM while patrolling Harvard Sq. & the Kiosk at a gathering of about 200 to 300 people while trying to disperse this unruly crowd. This crowd were drinking but hiding their cans, bottles and pitchers of glass behind each other. Since my shift started on this date I had to break up three fights and tried to disperse this crowd. As I did a punch was thrown and all hell broke loose. I was able to apprehended



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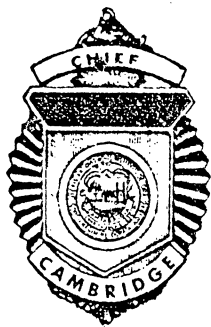
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Kerley Couseillante of this City, the fight ensued and we both went to the ground I was jumped by 3 or 4 others while on the ground and was kicked on the left shin causing a break in the skin, no hospitalization needed. Thanks to Harvard University Police Dept. who assisted as I could not get to my walkie talkie as my hands were full. We had all available units in Harvard Sq. and this does nothing for the rest of the City who also needs protection. This is all because our City Hall does nothing to protect us. We are always the very first to be critized and chastized if we should make the most slightest mistake, but as they say its the job. Well I'm sick and tired of being abused by youths who have no business in Harvard Sq. or this city and just hang around and cause Hell with durgs and drinking. These youths pick on our local citizens that are law-biding. I've talked with business men who pay our wages in this city and they are also harrassed by these crowds. I 'll personally attend a City Council Meeting on my time and speak to the councilors in regards to this matter. Businesses are being ripped off because of these so called hang outs. On this night two arrest were made, an officer injured his hand and two knives were confiscated as well as a razor after searching these youths. These youths also carry fire arms. So as a concerned Police Officer of this city with two decades behind him I am asking or demanding that City Hall get off it's back side and do something and protect its police and citizens before its to late. Remember this



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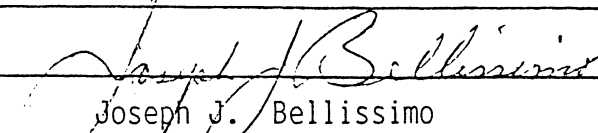
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_____ letter because it is for your benefit as well as the City of Cambridge. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph J. Bellissimo
Ptl. #323

CC: Chief Anthony Paolillo

Mayor Alice Wolfe

City Manager Robert Healey

Members of the City Council

Capt. Thomas Burke I.S.S.

Det. Frank Pasquarello, President Patrol Officers Assoc.

9-698
Comm. from Captain William Burke, Jr.
re: youths in Harvard Square.

In City Council,

June 25, 1990