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Cambridge, Ma. 02138  
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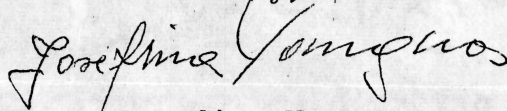
Gentlemen:

I am sending you a copy of this letter, which is being distributed to neighbors and public officials. I am especially concerned about this problem because I live at 12 Bow Street. I own and operate a coffee house at the same address. My property is in danger and my business is threatened by the goings-on described in the letter.

I have had my windows broken. The sidewalk in front of my home and my coffee house is covered with beer cans and broken bottles every weekend. The illegally parked cars in front of my place do not help my business, and the drunks bother my customers and drive them away.

I am asking you to do something about this situation, and I would like you to accept this letter as an official complaint.

Sincerely,



Josefina Yanguas

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Donald Moulton, Office of Community Affairs-Harvard  
James F. Reagan, Chief of Police  
William J. Cremins, Fire Chief  
George Teso, Traffic Director  
John R. Sennott, Jr., Chairman Beverage License Comm.  
John Corcoran, City Manager  
Hon. Barbara Ackermann, Mayor

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For a long time now, we have watched patiently, hoping that the problems on Bow and Arrow Streets would go away and things would get better. But things have gotten worse. Now we have to do something to control a very bad situation and to save what was once a safe, respectable and quiet neighborhood.

Ever since the opening of the bar called "Charlie's Place" on Bow Street, we have seen this neighborhood change rapidly - to the point where we actually fear for our safety. Our property is in constant danger, too. Not only is there trouble almost every weekend in the bar itself, but we are exposed to the violence of street fighting spilling out of "Charlie's Place" often three and four times in a single night. Guns and knives, as well as blunt instruments, are being carried by patrons of this establishment and the threay that these weapons might be used at any time, is terrifying. The policemen who patrol this area are aware of this because they have responded so very often to emergency calls where drunken brawls break out of "Charlie's Place" into the street; people are hurt and property is destroyed! These policemen should not be subjected to this kind of danger either.

The noise that comes from "Charlie's Place" is disturbing. Even more distressing is the trash that is thrown all over the streets by patrons of this establishment - broken beer bottles and glasses, empty beer cans etc. Youngsters find it cheaper to sit outside and drink alcohol which they bring with them when they arrive. After they have littered our streets with the trash, they enter "Charlie's Place," buy a drink or two, and sit for the night - leaving the mess for us to clean in the morning. Drunken youngsters, many obviously under the drinking age, sit around in the street after leaving "Charlie's Place", disturbing the peace and harassing the people passing by. They openly urinate on the sidewalks and in the streets. It is a disgusting spectacle which we have never had to contend with before.

People who frequent this bar park their cars illegally all along Bow and Arrow Streets under signs which are clearly marked "Tow Zone" and "No Parking"; although there is enforcement of the law here during the day, at night this enforcement has been less rigorous (obviously a full-time traffic officer would have to be assigned in order to keep this situation under control.) The illegally parked cars, in addition to being a nuisance to pedestrians, also pose a serious safety hazard. Fire trucks and rescue squad vehicles use these streets as a regular course at rather high speeds. These automobiles blocking their passage could endanger both lives and property if the emergency vehicles are slowed down or stopped because of the traffic mess caused by "Charlie's Place" customers.

Something has got to be done NOW. Our patience is at an end and as citizens of Cambridge and taxpayers we should not have to put up with this kind of abuse.

We, the undersigned, have read the attached letter and are in complete agreement with the writer and wish to be recorded as such.

NAME	ADDRESS	BUSINESS
Bryan Fallon	3 Bow St	Brych Exchange
Henry P. Schelly	8 Bow St.	The Bugatti
Daniel & Rhoda Shapiro	6 Bow St.	The Underdog, Inc
Miles & Lucy	6 Bow St	P&H Enterprises, Inc
Basil Dyer	4 Bow ST	Walther Dyer Leather Shop
Elizabeth R. Tindot	10 Arrow Street	TEN ARROW Gallery/Shop
Wayne Welke	14 Arrow St.	ARROWSTREET INC.
Yves Drouinas	14 Arrow St	ARROWSTREET INC.
Stephane Carr	14 Arrow St.	Arrowstreet Inc.
Angus Kelly	14 Arrow Street	Environmental Design Group
Carl von Felten	14 Arrow St	Arrowstreet, Inc
Richard D. Korman	14 Arrow St	ARROWSTREET INC.
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R. Patrick Dawds	14 Arrowstreet	"
JAMES DAWDS	14 ARROW ST.	ARROWSTREET
William W. Ahern	23 Arrow St	GEOMETRICS Inc
M.R. Zentao	23 Arrow St.	Geometrics, Inc
Patricia Reardon	177 Erie Street (Res.) (14 Arrow Street	Arrowstreet Inc.)



**POLICE** assist Patricia Wolf, 19, of Allston after she was kidnaped and taken to a Roxbury apartment.

Staff Photo by Roland Oxton

## 2 Suspects Held In Girl Abduction

A friendship that blossomed late Tuesday night in a Cambridge lounge ended in a terrifying ordeal a short time later when a pretty young woman was kidnaped from her date and assaulted in a Roxbury apartment.

According to police reports, Miss Patricia Wolf, 19, of Brainard rd., Allston, and her date, Larry Segal, 23, of Foster st., Brighton, became the victims rather than benefactors of two men they met in Charlie's Place at 1 Bow st., Cambridge.

When the couple agreed to drive the men to a Boston night spot, police said, they were directed, instead, on a circuitous route through Roxbury where, at Tremont and Kendall sts., Miss Wolf was allegedly dragged from the car and Segal was ordered to leave.

During the ensuing commotion, a third man appeared on the scene and, after robbing Segal of \$50, the trio dragged

the screaming young woman through the yard of the Lenox st. housing project, police said.

The struggle was witnessed by some passersby, two young Roxbury women and a man, who drove to Dist. 4 and told police they saw three black men dragging a white girl who was screaming: "Help me, help me!"

Police went to the scene, located Segal and were directed to a first-floor apartment at 212 Northampton st. where they found two suspects, the girl and an elderly couple.

James Lattimore, 30, of 212 Northampton st., and Wilford H. Lee, 46, of 86 Worcester st., So. End, appeared Wednesday in Roxbury District Court on charges of kidnaping, assault with intent to rape, armed robbery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Elwood S. McKinney held the men in \$20,000 bail apiece and continued the case to Sept. 27.

A third, unidentified suspect is being sought, police said.

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Petition from residents of Arrow & Bow St.  
relative to disturbances created by  
patrons of Charlie's Place on Bow St.

In City Council,

Oct. 29, 1973

Referred to the  
City Manager  
for Report from  
Departments concerned