

Re: Assault & Battery

03-4996

June 21, 2003

CLERK: J. Diggins

SHIFT: FIRST HALF

and Larceny under \$250.00

Sunday

June 22, 2003

c. 7:54PM

To: Cambridge City Council

I submit this report to Cambridge Police, will testify at Cambridge City Council, and ask prompt ~~and~~ remediation in a permanent, and proactive way; and other copies as suitable, will be submitted.

Sincerely,

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EVENT MEMO

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c. 7:08
P.M.
at The
Charles Hotel

This is an Event Memo regarding matters that began on Saturday, June 21, 2003, during the afternoon, regarding the area of The Cambridge Information Center in Boston, Harvard Square.

No one was in the booth, and it has been my reasonable practice, when so able to do so, to stop and offer information to those looking for it, directions, restaurants, stores, and other places.

While my scheduled tour, as presently at 11:00 A.M., daily, except Sunday, and Tuesday, often from late Spring into late Fall, Saturday afternoon will find leisurely couples looking for the kind of guided walking tour that I provide.

As I had completed answering a question, as from a pair of tourists, I turned away, felt my hat being taken from my head, continued to turn, asked for it back, demanded it back, and grabbed it.

The scrawny youth who had taken it said "No," put up his elbows, and began to fight me for control of the hat, and not letting go. After a struggle, in which after he would not let go of my property, and was struggling with me, I grabbed him, threw him back, and ~~he~~ tried to grab the hat again. I was not able to pull it from him. He left for 'The Pit,' where several persons, part of the group that regularly hang out, also began to cat call, and taunt me, with anti gay hate speech.

I hollered for help, 911, and police. No one would assist, despite about 40 people in the area.

I called the Cambridge Police, a beat officer responded, he questioned a witness who partially lied, we processed a Police Report, at which point the suspect appeared, wearing my hat; it was retrieved, and the incident concluded, to all appearances.

Yet when the officer left, he told me to stay clear of the area for the rest of the day. The offender was told to stay out of the city.

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I was the victim, restoration of property P. 2
had been made, and I was then ordered
to avoid an area where in lawful manner, I earn a
portion of my living.

On Sunday, about 3:20 P.M. I walked by,
before I went down the Red Line to Central Square.

Four ~~per~~ persons hiding under the Howard Square
canopy of the MBTA station, catcalled, mimicked my
hollering for help on Saturday, and one kicked a plastic cup
at me, it landing about one foot from me.

I walked away, avoided them a few minutes
later, when they were drawn in a different direction,
reported the incident to the fare collector downstairs,
and continued on.

I reported the incident to the Desk Officer in
Central Square, for The Cambridge Police.

Later on, when I had more time, I returned found
an Inspector for the T, told him, and then continued on.

For about 15 years I have conducted tours of the area,
originally under Cambridge Discovery, more recently on my own
as Cambridge Advantage.

At least hundreds, maybe ten thousands, likely
several thousands of visitors to Cambridge, have been
excited, enthralled, and entranced about our history,
commerce, and life.

In recent years, it has become a significant
source of income, towards my living.

I follow the law, harass no one, report
problems, and call in ~~a~~ suspected crimes, and also
in winter often unblock the one drain on the East side
of the crossing at Howard Square.

I present a welcome that enhances the life of
visitors, and helps businesses.

I have seen much that reflects poorly on the face of our city.
Recently, matters have gotten worse.

A person hanging from a beam was reported to be the cause of a stone breaking from a roof support at Out of Town News, and injuring a person standing there. A nearly attempted murder is well known; other fights, and squabbles are routine, and worsening.

A design solution would ^{be} to alter the suppressed bit area to one similar to the muddled elevated Battle Square area.

Coordinated, and collaborative police patrols by Cambridge, The MBTA, Harvard, and the State Police, would expand security operations, reduce the actual cost of repeated Emergency calls, and make clear to suspected repeat offenders, that no harassment, theft, or abuse will be tolerated.

Political groups, and charities could with more dignity properly perform their typical activities.

Ultimately, traffic flow, the higher it is, reduces crime, and encourages business.

Possibly a police booth, or small substation should be placed near the plaza that is Harvard Square.

Finally, staff in Out of Town News told me that no one at Out of Town News should call 911, or be allowed to call 911, that they must be directed to the pay phones outside.

I request that this policy also be investigated, as it directly violates the accomplishment of Good Samaritan requirements of persons, who are willing to report emergency harm, injury, or threats to public order.

Thank you. Vincent Laurence Dixon
Sincerely,

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TO: City Clerk

This communication is a rough set of notes, and an account, on an Emergency basis.

It does relate to continuing Cambridge City Council business about security in The Harvard Square Area.

I seek your assistance, as well as offering my general support to your efforts.

Sincerely,

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Communication #4

A communication was received from
Vincent Lawrence Dixon, regarding
security in the Harvard Square Area.

In City Council August 4, 2003

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