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Illegal Harrassment



On December 22, 1978 a complaint was filed against a Metropolitan police officer for improper tactics. The complainant statement goes as follows:

On 12/21/78 I was stopped by Officer L. Simmons behind 313 So. 3rd where I work. He said I fit the description of a bank robber who was described at 5'8", 135-145 lbs., about 45 years of age, grey hair.

I am a black male, 60 years of age 6', 202 lbs, and have black hair.

I was forced to go to the bank where I appeared before Mr. Fruza who has known me for the past 12 years who told the officer I was not the suspect. He did not take his word but took me before the teller who also told him I was not the one. I have worked for Mr. Fike for the past 12 years, who does business with this bank. The officer's conduct was unprofessional in his opinion.

He also state that the officer placed his hands on him for an illegal search and seizure, as well as an illegal arrest due to the fact that he never read me my rights, he caused me grave embarrassment, and public humiliation. Officer also transported me from place of contact to another point in the police car.

This kind of treatment is unfair to a respective black man of this community. How many other citizens of this community have been put to these tactics by the police force unfairly? What

are we going to do about it? What can we do about it?

This is why we have selected a new sheriff. So that a black man in West Las Vegas can get deeper justice. The whole time Lamb was sheriff the black man didn't stand a chance.

As publisher of the Las Vegas Voice Newspaper I would hope that the new sherriff I stood for will see that the police officers have the proper identification on the suspects that they arrest.

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Over 3000 items of food, clothing and toys were collected by students at Jim Bridger Jr. High School during their annual Christmas basket drive. Human Relations Club officers shown

left to right are; Kim Daniels, Renee Klund, John Musser and Tracey Bradshaw, president. Once assembled, food baskets will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to the needy.