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**Police Department**

**1913, Nov. 1-5**





OFFICE OF  
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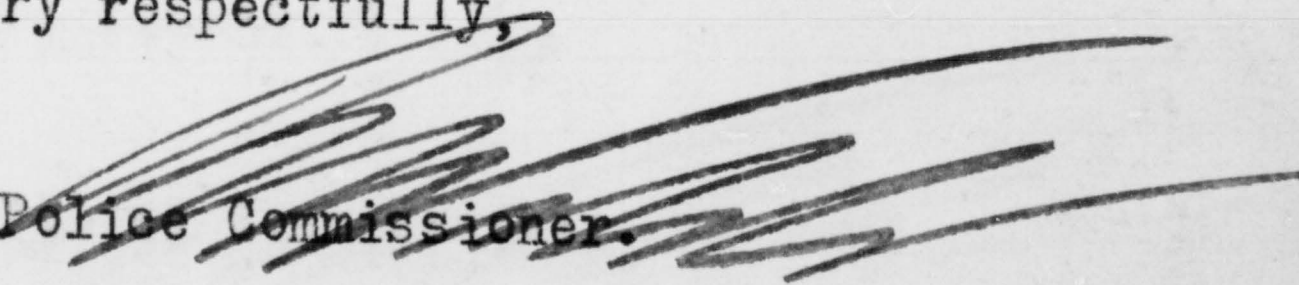
November 1, 1913.

Hon. James Matthews,  
Executive Secretary,  
City Hall, New York.

S i r :

I have your letter of October 30th, and forward herewith copy of the charges, stenographic minutes of hearing, and transcript of record of William E. Sheehan, who was dismissed the Department in August last.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER  
November 1, 1913.

Hon. Julian Beaty,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 31st, enclosing anonymous communication complaining of carousing in the early mornings in saloon at 159th Street and Amsterdam Ave. This matter will receive the immediate attention of the Department.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



November 1, 1913.

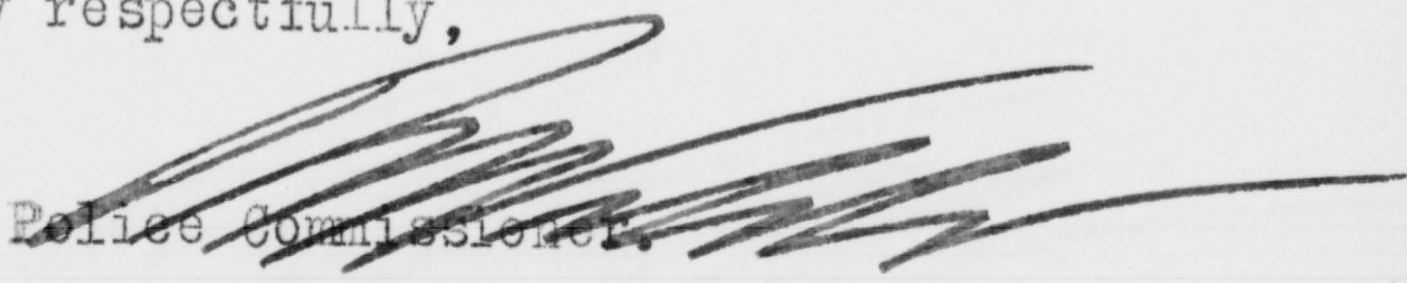
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
New York City.

S i r:

I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of report made by the Detective Division in regard to communication from Mrs. Maude Stanton, Lacona, New York, forwarded with letter from your office on October 11th, requesting information concerning her brother.

Herewith I return original letter of inquiry.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



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Serial No. M. P. S.

File No. 967

Oct 7 1913

Officer No. 41  
McMannus

New York City

Could you tell me if Mr Charles J. Mantell was in New York. he has always followed up the Harness business for the past 25 years. he is a man in the ~~40~~ forties dark <sup>and hair</sup> eyes. The last time I heard from him was about 10 or 12 years ago he was then in N.Y. City but I have not seen him in 25 years. he was then a man weighing 180 <sup>lbs.</sup> or more. When I last heard from him 10 or 12 yrs. ago. I am a sister of his & that is why I am so anxious to find him. Will you please answer this letter at once. if you know. if he is in N.Y. city or where and please give me his address. if possible. for I am very



anxious to know if he is alive or not.  
Enclosed you will find stamps for  
immediate reply, hoping I will hear  
that he is in N.Y. City & can give  
me his address. Yours, Respectfully,

Mrs. Maudie Stanton  
Lacrosse,

Berregos Co. N.Y.

Hoping that God's heavenly blessings  
will rest upon you for informing me  
about him if any such a thing  
as it seems as though I must find him  
as my health is very poor and it seems  
as though I must see him once more.  
He had a mustache then at 10 or 12 yrs  
ago for he sent his picture to me & one of his  
fingers partly taken off. I think just one  
finger. Oh please answer at once if  
you know anything about him.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**

October 24th, 1913.

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
Detective Division,

Sir:

OCT 28 3 50 PM 1913  
Relative to communication MPS 967, would respectfully  
submit the following report;

Searched City and telephone directories and the name of  
CHARLES J. MANTELL, does not appear in same.

Made inquiry of wholesale harness dealers and was unable  
to find any one who knew said Charles J. Mantell.

Would respectfully request address when last heard from  
so that investigation can be continued.

Respectfully,

*John J. McAndrews*  
Acting Detective Sergeant,  
2nd Grade, # 41.



OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER

November 1, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline  
Mayor, City of New York,  
New York City.

S i r:

I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of report made by the Inspector commanding the Second Inspection District in regard to communication from Mr. Francis Mezzatesta, attorney, forwarded with letter from your office on October 18th, relative to alleged assault on one Rosario Cassata by detectives, while confined in Mulberry Street Station.

Herewith I return original letter.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**

2nd INSPECTION DISTRICT.

October 29th, 1913.

The Police Commissioner.  
(Through official channels).

S i r:-

Re- Assault of Rosario Cassata,  
while confined in 12th Precinct sta-  
tion house by detectives.

I have the honor to report the following in reference to COMMUNICATION signed FRANCIS MEZZATESTA, #230 GRAND STREET, ALLEGING THAT HIS CLIENT ROSARIO CASSATA, WHILE CONFINED IN THE MULBERRY STREET STATION WAS ASSAULTED BY DETECTIVES:

Location is within the 12th Precinct.

On October 25th, 1913, I held an investigation at this office and examined the following named witnesses:

	Lt. John J. Ward,	12th Precinct.
	Ptl. Frank J. Fuchs, #8750,	12th Precinct. (Attendant)
	Sgt. Charles S. Corrao, Det. #131,	12th Precinct.
Act. Det.	Sgt. Edward Castania,	12th Precinct.

On October 28th, 1913, I held a subsequent investigation at this office and interrogated the following named witnesses:

	Lt. William A. Jones,	Detective Division.
Act. Det.	Sgt. Felix B. DeMartini,	29th Precinct.
Act. Det.	Sgt. Rocco Cavone,	10th Precinct.
Act. Det.	Sgt. John J. Fogarty,	31st Precinct.
Act. Det.	Sgt. Francis J. Upton,	12th Precinct.
Act. Det.	Sgt. Anthony C. Grecco,	12th Precinct.
	Ptl. Charles Flood, #8752,	12th Precinct. (Attendant)
Act. Det.	Sgt. Frank Bonano,	15th Precinct.

As a result of my investigation it appears that about 9.A.M., October 11th, 1913, one Rosario Cassata, of #53 Oak Street, was brought to the 12th Precinct station house by Detectives Charles Carrao and Edward Castana, as a detained prisoner for the Detective Division charged with violation of Section 1897 of the Penal Law, (Possession of dangerous weapon). His arrest was brought about in connection with several other arrests which were made at about the same time and date for setting off numerous bombs throughout the City.



All of the aforementioned witnesses deny having committed any assault upon the person of the said Rosario Cassato while he was detained in the 12th Precinct station house or at any other place and without exception, they all positively stated that they had no knowledge of any assault having been committed upon the said Rosario Cassata.

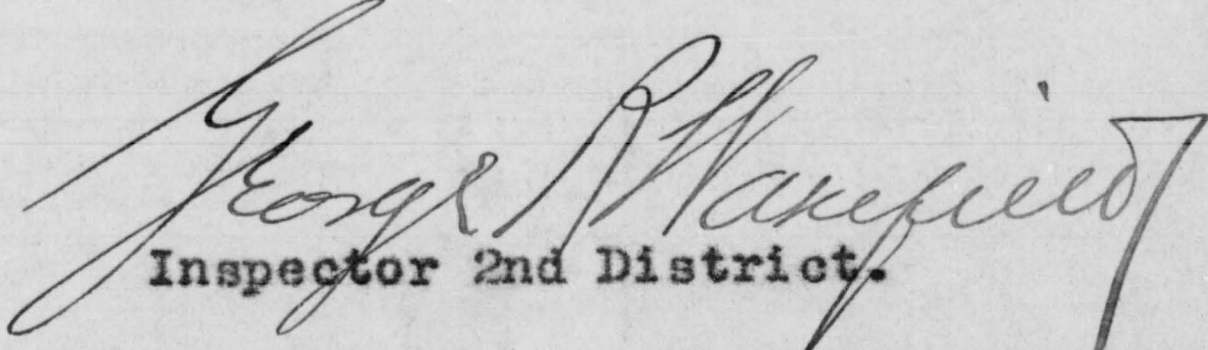
The statement of Attendant Charles Flood, #8752, of the 12th Precinct, was to the effect that there was several Italian prisoners one of whom was the said Rosario Cassata, confined in the male prison of the 12th Precinct station house, detained for the Detective Division and that he had received instructions from the detectives that Second Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty wanted the prisoners to get everything they wanted in the way of smoking, etc., that all of the said prisoners were treated with the greatest consideration and no one was molested.

From the investigation made by me, I am of the opinion that the statement made by the prisoner Rosario Cassata to his Counsellor Francis Mezzatesta, that he was assaulted while confined in the 12th Precinct station house and left unconscious on the floor of his cell, is untrue; that the prisoner Rosario Cassata probably thought by making such a statement to his Counsellor it would be submitted to the Court and would tend to decrease the enormity of the offense with which he was charged, and might assist him in receiving a light punishment from the Court.

I can find no ground on which to base charges against any of the officers who were directly or indirectly connected with this case.

I assume responsibility for the accuracy of the above report.

Respectfully,

  
Inspector 2nd District.



FRANCIS MEZZATESTA  
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW  
230 GRAND STREET  
NEW YORK

Oct. 15th, 1913.

Hon. Adolph H. Klein,  
Mayor of the City Of New York.  
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Allow me to call your attention to the case of Rosario Cassata who was arrested on or about the 12th day of October, 1913, on a charge of being connected with a gang of bomb throwers.

While the charge is very serious, I do not believe that the detectives connected with the Mulberry Street Station, where the defendant was confined for two days, were justified in assaulting and mercilessly beating the said Cassata until he was left unconscious on the floor of his cell.

If the charge made by the said Cassata be true, the crime committed by two officers of the Law is so revolting and tending to undermine the rights and liberties of the community, that an investigation becomes necessary and it is hereby respectfully requested in order that such abuses and brutalities, if perpetrated, may be punished and guarded against in the future.

Trusting that you will do justice in this matter, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,  
*Francis Mezzatesta*





OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER

November 3, 1913.

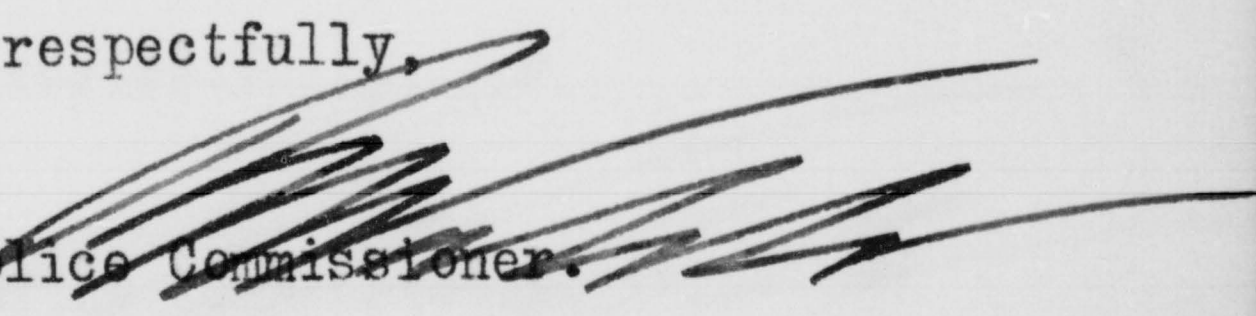
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to transmit here-  
with report of the Inspector Commanding First  
District, with reference to letter of Dr. Will-  
iam Stillpass, complaining of fruit vendors  
in his vicinity; forwarded from your office  
September 28th.

Original letter of complaint is here-  
with returned.

Very respectfully,

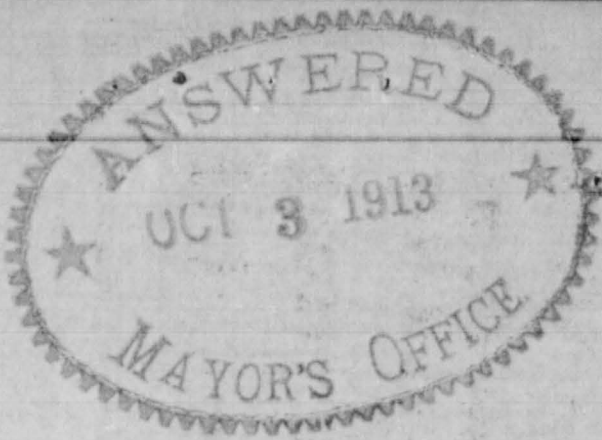
  
Police Commissioner.



Dr. Wm. Stillpass,

Surgeon Dentist,

184 E. 7th St.



Telephone, Orchard 6794

New York,

Sept. 26, 1913

OCT 6 12 43 PM 1913

Hon. W. L. Kline, Mayor.

Sir: In addressing the following complaint to your Honor, I do so, presuming, that as Chief Magistrate of the city it is within your power to remedy the evil I write about.

For the last two or three months there has been a gradual increase in the gathering of fruit vendors with their push carts on the south side of seventh street beginning from the corner of Ave B. While I am in spirit <sup>with</sup> the slogan of "Live and let live" still I fail to see why the city should permit these vendors to infest neighborhoods that are noisy and to some extent filthy enough without adding their nerve rending cries and fruit refuse.

I feel assured that I voice the sentiment of many business



and private people in the vicinity,  
Trusting your Honor will take this  
matter under consideration and effect  
some remedy I remain

Respectfully Yours  
Wm Steepase D. D. S.

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**  
**FIRST INSPECTION DISTRICT.**

New York, October 24, 1913.

The POLICE COMMISSIONER,  
(Through Official Channels).

S I R :

Re complaint of Wm. Stillpass, D. D. S.  
184 E. 7th St, relative to push-carts  
congregating in the vicinity of his resi-  
dence. Forwarded by His Honor, The Mayor.

Immediately upon receipt of this communication it was  
referred to the Commanding Officer of the 17th Precinct for in-  
vestigation.

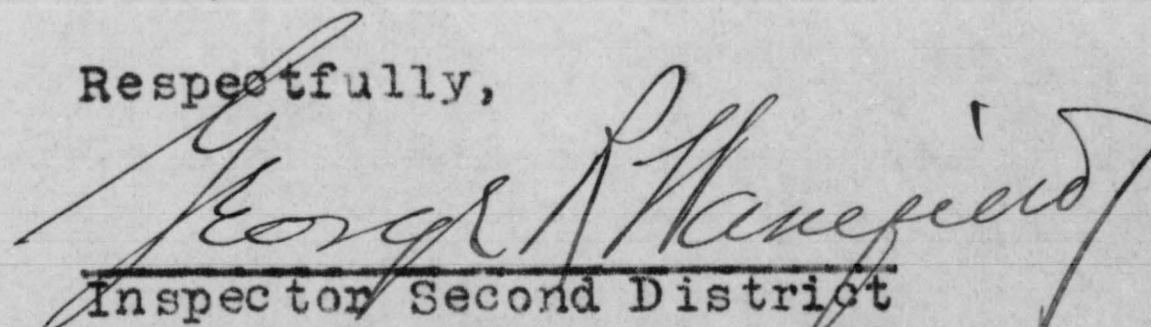
He reports that the Chiefs of Section and Patrolmen  
on post at the location mentioned were instructed to give this  
matter particular attention, with the result that the nuisance  
complained of has been abated, peddlers and push-carts being  
prevented from congregating in front of the writer's address.

The writer, William Stillpass was interviewed by Sgt.  
Philip J. Clarke, #643, 17th Precinct and he expressed satis-  
faction with conditions as existing at present.

However, continued attention will be given this matter  
by the members of the Force of this Precinct, and if any viola-  
tions of law are observed thereat, prompt and proper police ac-  
tion will be taken.

I assume responsibility for the accuracy of the above.

Respectfully,

  
Inspector Second District  
in charge First District.



N. Y. October 24th, 1913.

WAKEFIELD, GEORGE R.

Inspector Second District  
in charge First District.

Report rel. to complaint of  
push-carts in vic. of 184 E.  
7th Street, N. Y. CITY.





OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER

November 3, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to submit herewith, copy of the report made by the Inspector commanding the Fourth Inspection District, relative to communication of John Weishard, 401 West 48th St., forwarded from your office, stating that he has had trouble with bums hanging around his store.

Original letter of complaint is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



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New-York. Oct 3. 1913

Honor Major  
Kline

REC'D 1ST. DEPT.  
OCT 9 2 07 PM 1913  
Dear Sir.

Since the last  
few weeks we have  
trouble a lot of times  
16 to 18 years old  
hanging around  
of our two floors  
and take the  
Terraces. You never  
see a Policeman  
around. I hope  
Sir you will



do something to  
stop that.

Thank you  
in advance.

Yours truly  
John Weisbrod  
401 West 48 St.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**  
**FOURTH INSPECTION DISTRICT.**

New York, October-30-1913.

The POLICE COMMISSIONER,

(Through Official Channels.)

S i r : -

In compliance with the first endorsement of attached communication from John Weishard of No. 401 West 48th Street, to his Honor the Mayor, complaining of bums, etc. hanging around his store at the above address, the following is respectfully submitted.

Matter investigated by Sergeant James Clancy, Shield No. 141 of the 36th Precinct and Patrolman George Friton, Shield No. 165 of the 4th Inspection District, who report having made frequent visits to the location complained of and saw no cause for police action.

The Section Chiefs and patrolmen on patrol in this vicinity and the members of the Fourth Inspection District Squad, have been instructed to give this matter special attention, and whenever they observe conditions such as complained of in attached communication to take prompt and proper police action.

✓ The writer was interviewed by Sergeant Clancy and informed of the action taken.

I assume the responsibility for the accuracy of the above.

Respectfully,

*John H. Dwyer*

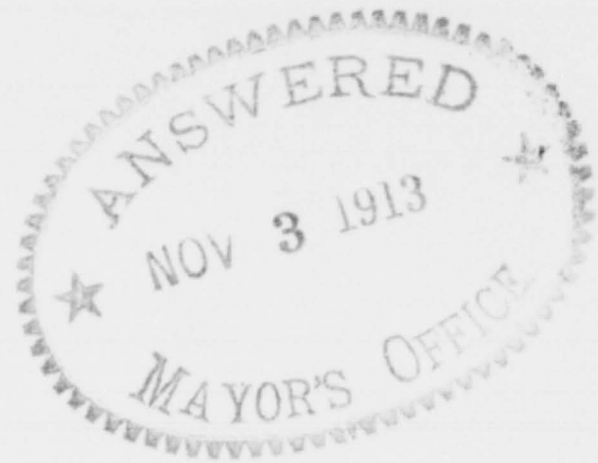
Inspector, 4th District.



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November 3, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
New York City.

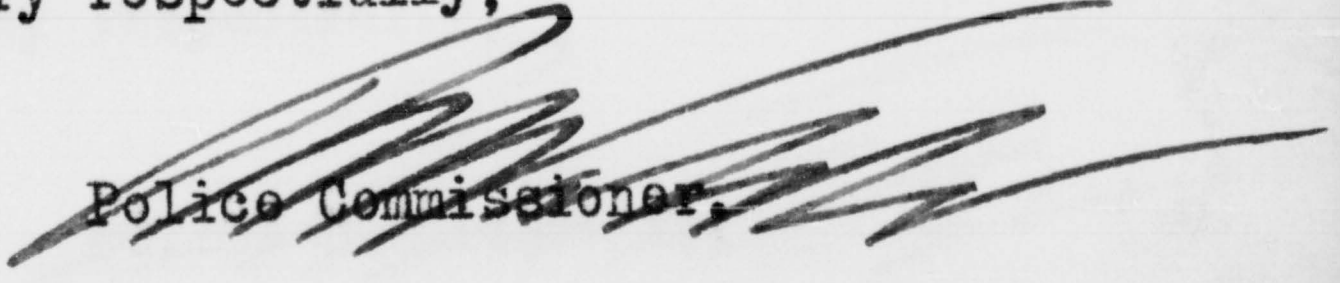


S i r:

I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of report made by the Detective Division in regard to communication from Mrs. Harry Smith, Glen Lyon, Pennsylvania, forwarded with letter from your office on October 22d, requesting information relative to one Benjamin Fine.

Herewith I return original letter of inquiry.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



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Detective

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OCT 24 1913

Serial No.

M. P. S.

File No.

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Officer

McAndrews

No.

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Glen Lyon, Pa.

Oct. 20. 1913.

To the Mayor or Chief of Police  
of New York City.  
Dear Sir.

Having read in the  
Newspaper of the arrest of  
"Dopey" Benny Gangster whose  
real name is Benjamin  
Fine I write this to find  
out who this man is, as my  
Mother's brother is Benjamin  
Fine and he has been lost  
for a number of years. His  
home was in Iowa and he



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started for Wilkes Barre, his wife having went to the train with him and he never reached here and was never heard from. He is about 60 yrs. of age now. Of course this might be another man, but as his name was the same I thought I would write. His sister hasnt seen him for about 30 years and we are anxious to find out if this man is our lost Relative. Please answer as soon as possible. Thanking you for your



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kindness

I remain

Mrs. Harry Smith,  
77 Orchard St.,  
Glen Lyon,  
Pa.

P. S. My mother's maiden name  
was Catherine E. Fine;  
You will find enclosed a  
stamped addressed envelope  
for reply.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**

October 27th, 1913.

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
Detective Division.

Sir:

Relative to communication MPS 994, would respectfully  
submit the following report;

BENJAMIN FINE, Alias "DOPEY BENNIE", is 28 years old,  
Occupation, Clerk, Born in U. S., has served time in the New York  
State Reformatory at Elmira, N. Y., and Sing Sing.

He is not the person inquired for.

Respectfully,

*John J. McAndrews*  
Acting Detective Sergeant,  
2nd Grade, # 41.



OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER  
November 3, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to transmit herewith report of the Lieutenant Commanding Special Squad No. 3, with reference to anonymous communication complaining of gambling at 204 West 14th Street; forwarded from your office October 16th.

Original letter of complaint is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



Hon Mayor Kline

Dear Sir.

I informed Mr. Waldo, and Mr. Neuburger. some time ago about a notorious gambling house at 204 N. 14. St. parlor floor. kept by crooks of the east side. gun men. its still running. as a Merchant I cant say my name. Thanking you in advance

Yours Truly.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**CITY OF NEW YORK**

**SPECIAL SQUAD**

October 31st 1913.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLICE COMMISSIONER:--

Re-Anonymous communication forwarded by "HIS HONOR THE MAYOR", relative to gambling at No.204 West 14th Street.

I have the honor to report that Patrolmen John Leidig, Shield No.1607 and Joseph L. Hackett, Shield No. 8527, were assigned to investigate the attached complaint, who report that the premises complained of is a three story and basement brick building, conducted by a Mrs Emily Paulke as a furnished room house for the past two years, and consists of twenty five rooms, occupied by men and women, many of them being transients.

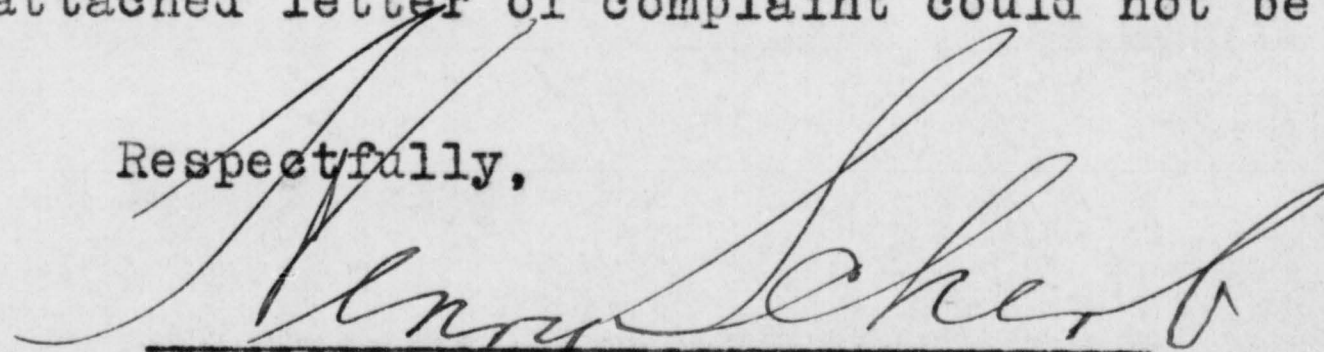
They further report that they have kept these premises under close observation at various hours of the day and night since receipt of complaint, but no evidence of gambling could be obtained, or any information or indication that the premises were being used for gambling purposes. During this investigation particular attention was given to the parlor floor wherein complainant alleges the gambling is conducted, the interior of which is plainly visible from the street, and on every occasion it was found to be unoccupied.

As a result of an interview with the proprietress, Mrs. Paulke, it was learned that during the World's series base ball games, three men had rented her parlor floor which consists of two rooms, but since that time that portion of her house has been unoccupied.

Continued attention will be given these premises and prompt and proper police action taken if violations of law are found to exist therein.

Writer of attached letter of complaint could not be located.

Respectfully,

  
Lieutenant in charge  
Special Squad No.3.



OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER  
November 3, 1913.

Hon. Julian Beaty,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 31st, enclosing communication from A. T. Erdmann, enclosing list of saloons which he alleges violated the Liquor Tax Law on Election Day, 1912. This matter will be given the attention of the Department to-morrow.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



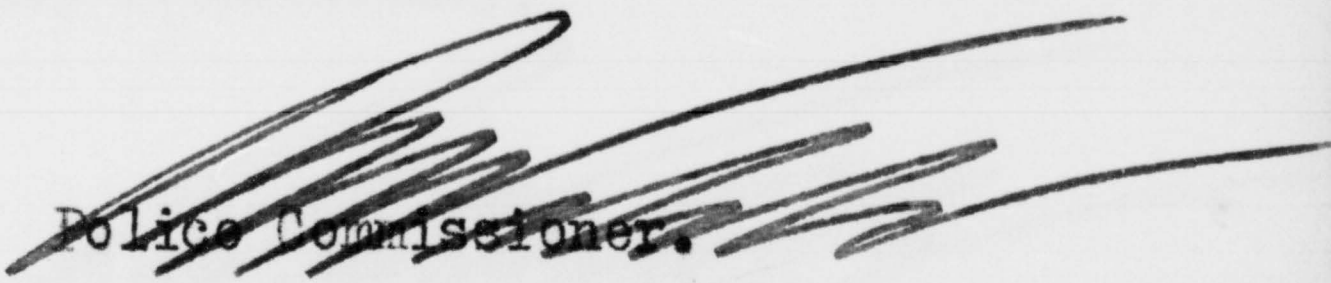
DEPT. OF  
POLICE  
November 3, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

(3) In compliance with your directions, I have organized an additional squad of sixty men under Inspector Daly to report at once to Deputy Commissioner McKay for special duty in plain clothes for the prevention and punishment of election frauds. This leaves the Eighth Inspection District, which is the most important district in Brooklyn, without an Inspector.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



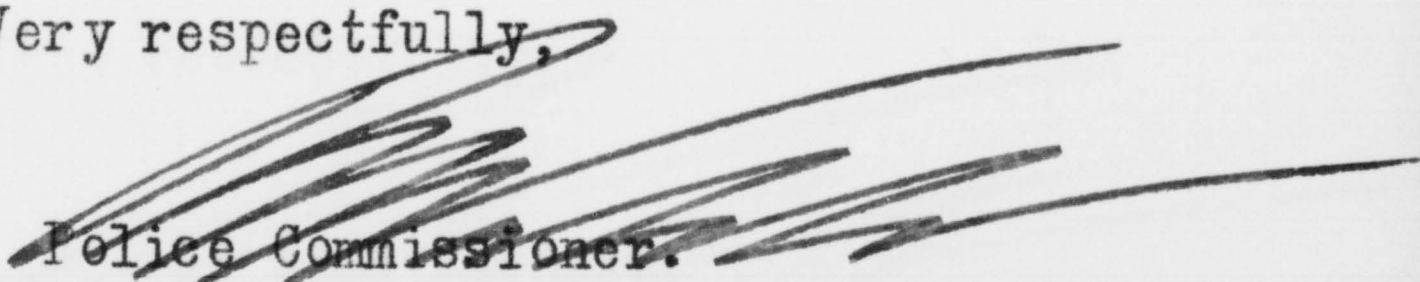
OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER  
November 3, 1913.

Hon. Julian Beaty,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 31st, enclosing communication from W. H. Marquand, reporting burglaries in the vicinity of 1109 Prospect Place, Brooklyn. This matter will be given the immediate attention of the Department.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



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OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER  
November 3, 1913.



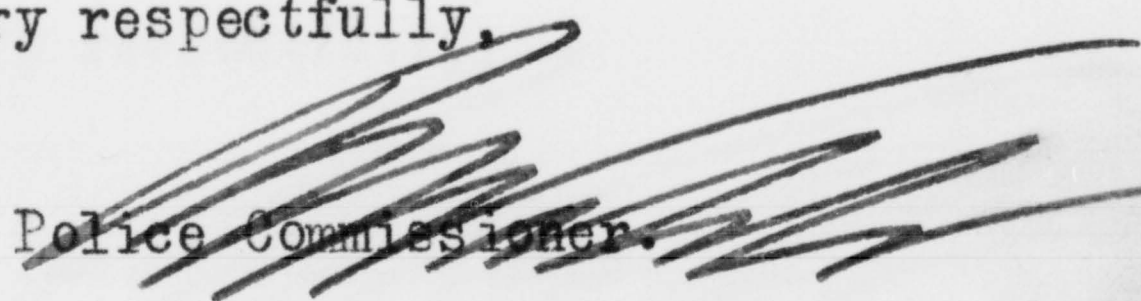
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to transmit herewith  
report of the Detective Division, with reference  
to letter of A. R. Jackson, requesting inform-  
ation of Jacob K. Van Volkenburg; forwarded from  
your office October 11th.

Original letter of inquiry is herewith  
returned.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**

October 24th, 1913.

COMMANDING OFFICER, UTI

Detective Division.  
F. M. 1913

Sir:

Relative to communication MPS 966, would respectfully submit the following report;

Searched City and telephone directories and the name of JACOB K. VAN VOLKENBURG does not appear in same.

Made inquiry of various lumber dealers and he is not known to the trade.

Not listed at Bradstreets Agency.

Would respectfully request more definite information.

Respectfully,

Respectfully,  
John H. McAndrews  
Acting Detective Sergeant,  
2nd Grade, #41.



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Plymouth, Mich., Oct. 8, 1913.  
Box 157.

Mayor of New York City,  
New York City,  
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Detective *L.W. Red'd*  
Serial No. *M. P. S. 966* OCT 17 1913  
File No. *966*  
Officer *McAndrews* No. *41*

Can you give me any information of  
Jacob K. Van Volkenburg, who was a New York  
millionaire, factory owner and dealer in  
lumber?

Enclosed kindly find return  
envelope. Thanking you in advance for  
your courtesy in this matter, I beg to  
remain,

Yours very truly,

A. R. Jackson,



November 3, 1913.

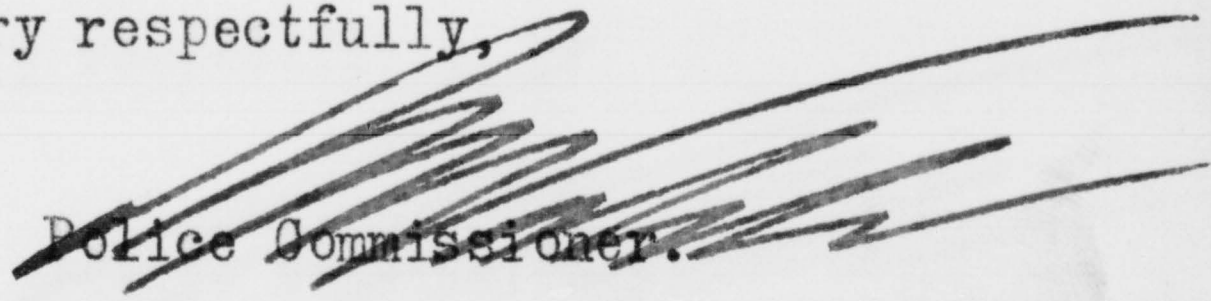
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to transmit herewith report of the Inspector Commanding Tenth District, with reference to letter of May Kitt complaining of being insulted when passing a saloon in her neighborhood; forwarded from your office October 9th.

Original letter of complaint is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



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Oct 6, 1913  
Brooklyn N.Y.

Dear Sir

I am writing you a  
few lines to asked you a  
favor that there is a crowd  
that stands by a home that  
insulted every body that passes  
by we have went to the station  
house and got no satisfaction  
of them ~~the~~ if the office passing  
by and they are thinking  
her on the street she don't  
say word if you word like to  
not name it is Tom Davison  
and the home is between  
Morton and Rush Street on



With the Civil and his name is Burns  
he came over the other side  
and broke the door down we  
do not fight till 9-10 people  
and we don't wait them to  
fight twice and he has also  
insulted me by saying we are  
worse than the gals with the  
merry yard which we don't  
know what we mean by it.

Hoping you will do some  
thing as we get no satisfaction  
of the Police and captain  
and that is the reason we  
write to you.

My name is Gay Lott  
but don't say I wrote  
this letter.

I excuse writing and mistakes  
as I wrote it in a hurry.



Q. The address is  
533 Wythe Ave.

Brooklyn This is  
my address!



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**CITY OF NEW YORK**

Office of the Tenth  
Inspection District.

Brooklyn, October 21st, 1913.

The POLICE COMMISSIONER,

(Through Official Channels),

S I R :-

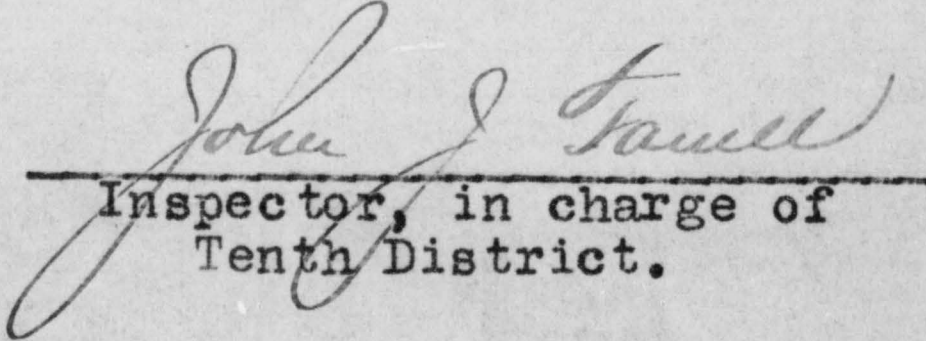
In answer to the attached communication, #248487, signed  
May Kitt, #533 Wythe Avenue, Brooklyn,

COMPLAINING OF A DISORDERLY  
GANG ON WYTHE AVENUE, BET.  
MORTON & RUSH STREETS, BROOKLYN,  
(159th Precinct),

the following report is herewith submitted:-

The writer May Kitt was interviewed at her residence by Sergeant John Kelleher, #73 of the 159th Precinct, and she stated that the only reason she had for making this complaint was that one Thomas Devins had called her names and insulted her. She states that she had him summoned to the 5th District Court, but did not appear against him and he was discharged by Magistrate Dodd on October 6th, 1913. She stated she has not been insulted or molested by the said Devins since. She also states that she has never made a complaint at the 159th Precinct and that she has no complaint to make about the saloon. She stated that the allegation that there is a crowd standing around the saloon and insulting passers-by is untrue and the only reason she had for making said allegation was that Thomas Devins frequents said saloon and she was angry at him. She states that she has no further cause for complaint.

Respectfully,

  
Inspector, in charge of  
Tenth District.



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Brooklyn, October 21st, 1913.

FARRELL, John J.  
Inspector in charge of  
Tenth District.

Report in answer to complaint  
made by May Kitt, #533 Wythe  
Avenue of a disorderly gang  
on Wythe Avenue, between Morton  
and Rush Streets, Brooklyn.

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OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER  
November 3, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to transmit herewith report of the Lieutenant Commanding Special Squad No. 3, with reference to complaint of Boardman Brothers of disorderly characters in their vicinity; forwarded from your office October 7th.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT****CITY OF NEW YORK****SPECIAL SQUAD**

October 31st 1913.

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLICE COMMISSIONER:-**

Re-Communication from  
Broadman Brothers of No.1245 Park Avenue, forwarded by "HIS  
HONOR THE MAYOR", complaining that property Nos. 1751-3 Third  
Avenue is continuously broken into by gang.

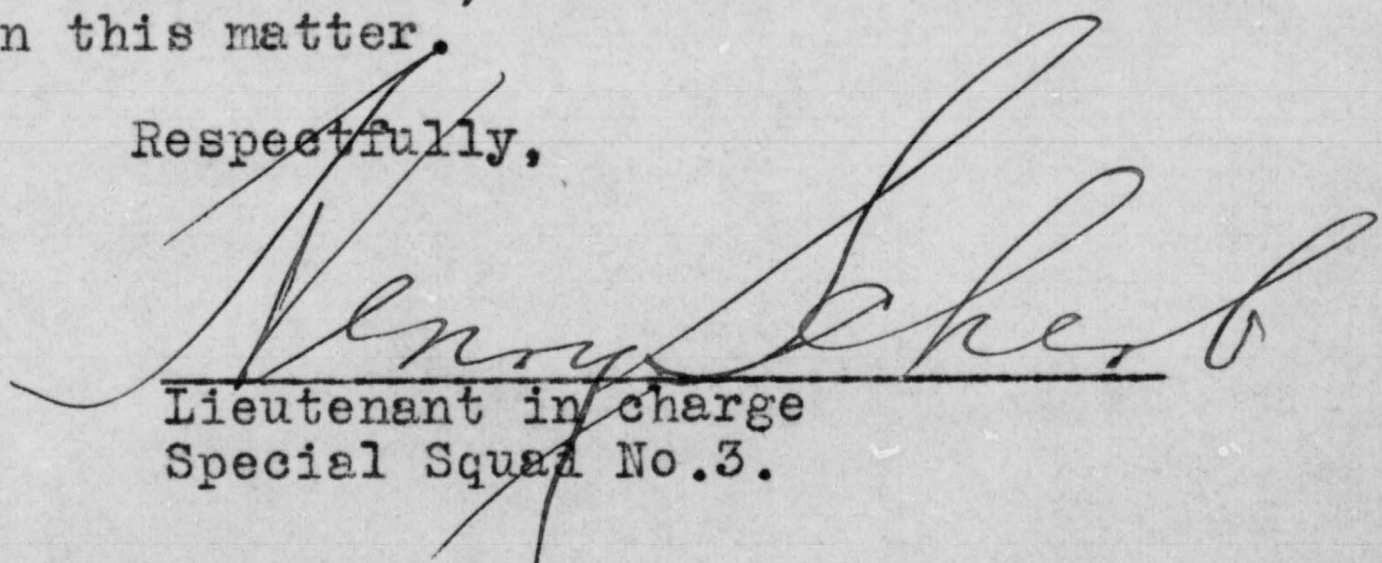
I have the honor to report that members of this  
SQUAD were assigned to investigate the attached complaint, who  
report that they have visited and kept the locality complained  
of under close observation at various times both day and night,  
with the result that on October 28th 1913, four (4) arrests  
were made in this vicinity for disorderly conduct. Prisoners  
were arraigned before Magistrate Marsh in the 10th District  
Court, and discharged with a reprimand.

They further report that subsequent visits have been  
made to this locality, and during these visits no disorderly  
gang or other disorderly conditions were observed that would  
warrant police action. Mr. J.M. Freidberg, proprietor of a  
Drug Store at No.1751 3rd Avenue, and Mr. William Nemser, who  
conducts a Candy Store at No.1753 3rd Avenue, were interviewed,  
and both stated that they had not experienced any trouble or  
annoyance from any disorderly element in the neighborhood.

✓ Mrs. George Schulz, janitress of premises No.1753  
3rd Avenue, upon being interviewed, stated that she is well  
pleased with the action taken, and that since the above arrests  
were made, the nuisance complained of has abated.

✓ The complainants, Messrs. Broadman Brothers, were  
interviewed, informed of action taken, and assured that further  
attention would be given this matter.

Respectfully,

  
Lieutenant in charge  
Special Squad No.3.



OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER  
November 3, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

In compliance with your direction of November 3d, I have temporarily transferred all Captains to Boroughs other than the ones in which they are now serving, from 12 midnight November 3d until 8 A.M. November 5th.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER  
November 3, 1913.

Hon. Julian Beaty,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 1st, enclosing anonymous communication alleging that the Commanding Officer of the Sixteenth Precinct permits all-night liquor selling and other violations of the law.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



POLICE COMMISSIONER  
November 3, 1913.

Hon. Julian Beaty,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 1st, enclosing communication from P. Croal, making complaint against the Standard Mail Order Company. This matter will be immediately investigated.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



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November 3, 1913.

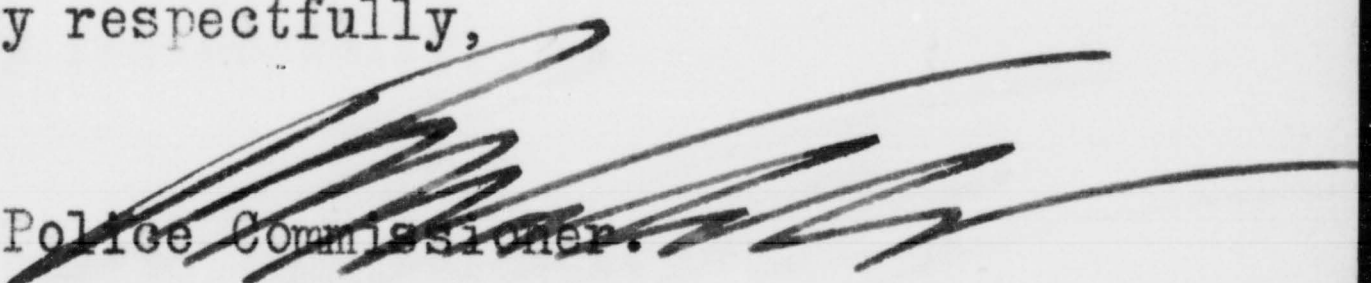
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to transmit herewith report of the Detective Division, with reference to letter of Widow Stimth, requesting information of her niece; forwarded from your office October 4th.

Original letter of inquiry is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



Paris le 23 Septembre 1913

Monsieur le Maire

Je vous prierais si c'est  
en votre pouvoir de  
me donner l'adresse  
de Misse Stmth  
ma nièce qui est  
étahlie Ceinturière  
ne pouvant pas payer  
pour la retrouver  
que je suis

Detective

Rec'd

OCT 15 1913

Serial No.

File No.

Officer

No.



Je demande à M<sup>r</sup> le  
Maire de vouloir bien  
s'en occuper  
Recevez le Maire mes  
remerciements et  
salutations empressées

V<sup>re</sup> Stinthe

Madame Stinthe  
Christophe  
Galle Bichat lit 20  
Division Ambroise Paré  
Salpêtrière B<sup>2</sup> l'Hôpital  
49.



Translation by Rudolph Holde

Paris, September 23<sup>d</sup> 1913.

Mr Mayor:

I would beg of you, if it is in your power, to give me the address of Miss Stimth, a niece of mine, who is established as a Dyer.

I am not able to pay for finding her again, because I am a poor dependent.

I request of you Mr Mayor to please attend to this.

Receive Mr Mayor my thanks and greetings  
Widow Stimth

Address:

Madame Stimth

Christophe

Salle Richat, lit 20.

Division Ambroise Paré

Salpêtrière R<sup>d</sup> l'hospital 47.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**

October 23rd, 1913.

COMMANDING OFFICER,

Detective Division.

Sir:

Relative to communication MPS 943, would respectfully submit the following report;

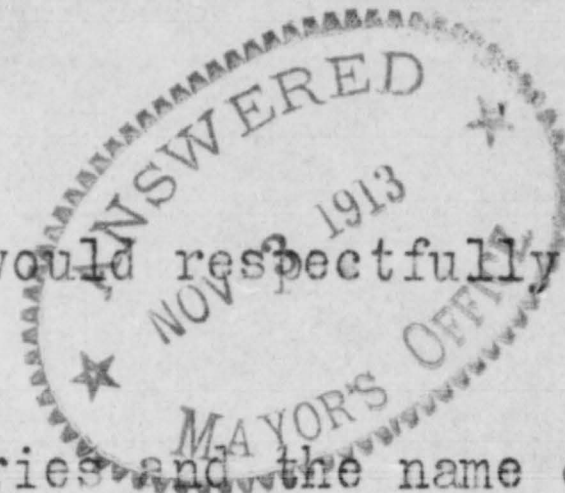
Searched City and telephone directories and the name of "MISS STINTH" does not appear in same.

Inquiry was made at various dyeing establishments and no information could be obtained in regard to Miss Stinth.

Would respectfully request more definite information, including Miss Stinth's address when last heard from and investigation will be continued immediately upon receipt of same.

Respectfully,

*John J. McAndrews*  
Acting Detective Sergeant,  
2nd Grade, # 41.







November 4, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to transmit herewith report of the Third Deputy Police Commissioner, with reference to letter complaining of violations of the law at dance hall at 894 Third Avenue; forwarded from your office September 19th.

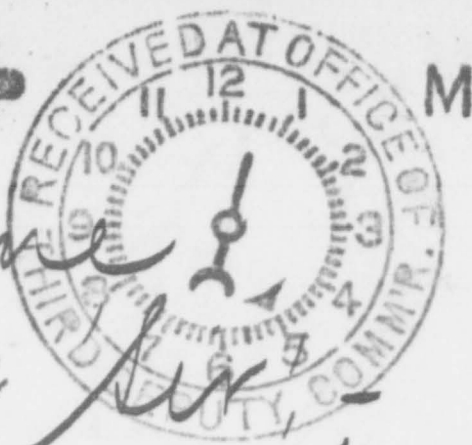
Original letter of complaint is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



9/17/13



Hon. Mayor Kluge

Dear Sir,

I am one of the many residents of E. 54 St, from whom you'll probably hear.

There is a dance hall on the N. W. cor of 54 St. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, run by Gallagher Bros, which is a menace to all both young and old.

The entrance is 165 E 54<sup>th</sup> St. and young toughs and girls in their teens frequent this hall.

It is run on the basis



of a so called respectable dwelling  
house.

Boys<sup>and</sup> girls howl <sup>and</sup> shout, and  
break glass; they carry cans of  
beer from neighboring saloons  
and throw the dregs and even the cans  
out the windows to their pals to

refill. Their actions are indecent to  
the extreme.

They congregate on the opposite  
side & in doorways <sup>and</sup> insult  
passersby if they dare look at them.

Now dear Mayor last night the  
Aided Post officer <sup>and</sup> another were  
called upstairs & the crowd on the  
street had things their own way.

In the name of the late  
Mayor Gaynor, whose policy was



to stop this. I ask you  
to please take a hand,  
Investigation will prove  
the veracity of this  
letter. As this is an  
old residential street  
of hard workers & respectability  
we are in fear of  
our lives.

Thanking you in  
advance

Truly yours,

A. Resident

Refer to Police for investigation over heat -

q/b  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

REC'D 1ST. DEPUTY October 31, 1913.

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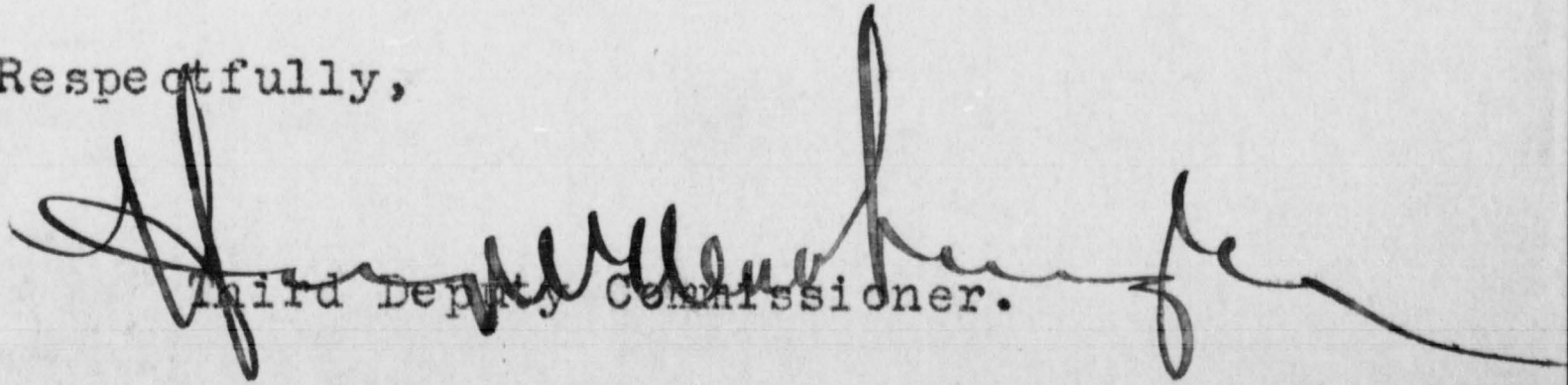
The Police Commissioner:

S i r :-

In answer to attached communication, complaining of violation of the law at dance hall, 54th Street and Third Avenue, New York City (894 Third Avenue), I have the honor to submit the following report:

Patrolmen Thomas Nelis and John J. McManus, of the Commissioner's office Special Squad No. 4, were assigned to investigate this complaint and they report that on Sunday, October 12, 1913, they purchased two glasses of lager beer in licensed liquor saloon located at the above address, operating under an unexpired liquor tax certificate in the name of Joseph Gallagher, No. 4124. The necessary affidavits were prepared and forwarded, which resulted in the arrest of one Bernard McArdle, of 881 Tenth Avenue, for violation of liquor tax law at the within mentioned premises. He was held in \$500 bail for trial by Magistrate House in the 4th District Court, October 30, 1913.

Respectfully,

  
Third Deputy Commissioner.



November 4, 1913.

Hon. Julian Beaty,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 3d, with reference to complaint of Father Currie, complaining of inadequate police protection in the vicinity of Oliver, James, Madison, and Catherine Streets. This matter will be given the immediate attention of the Department.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.

November 4, 1913.

Hon. Julian Beaty,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 3d, enclosing inquiry of A. J. Johnson with reference to a real estate company of this City. This matter will be given the immediate attention of the Department.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



November 4, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to submit herewith, copy of the report made by the Third Deputy Police Commissioner, relative to communication from Edward N. Kassel, Chairman Citizens Improvement Association of Evergreen, L.I., forwarded from your office with letter of October 9th, stating that Patrolman #8696 attempted to pull him off the platform of a car.

Original letter of complaint is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



HWN/b

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

October 31, 1913.

The Police Commissioner:

S i r :-

With reference to a letter of his Honor, the Mayor, dated October 9, 1913, enclosing a communication from Edward M. Kassel, Chairman of the Citizens' Improvement Association, dated October 6, 1913, complaining about police regulating traffic on bridge platform, I have the honor to report as follows:

At 4:30 P.M. on Wednesday, the 1st of October 1913, the following order was received at the 13th Precinct:

"On account of congested conditions of the E.R.R. and Subway stations you will at once take the necessary measures to preserve order within your Precinct. Captains to attend to this matter personally and send necessary reserve to Subway and E.R.R. stations.

(Sgd) Thomas Myers,  
Inspector, 1st Dist."

Immediately upon receipt of this message Captain Thomas T. Ryan, of the 13th Precinct, left the station house to take charge of traffic around the Manhattan end of the Williamsburg Bridge. The duct for holding the feed wires for trolley cars on Delancey Street had been flooded, due to a heavy rainstorm and all the cars, which run on a ten second headway between 5 and 6 P.M., were stalled, causing the passengers to flock into the subway at Essex Street. Since the opening of the new Centre Street loop of the subway the station at Essex and Delancey Streets has been undergoing repairs and the platform space has been greatly reduced. This station was in such a condition on the night in question that it was necessary to use the reserve force of the 13th Precinct to compel the people to move up toward the front of the platform so as to clear the stairway. After about two hours' work the traffic became normal and the reserves were withdrawn.

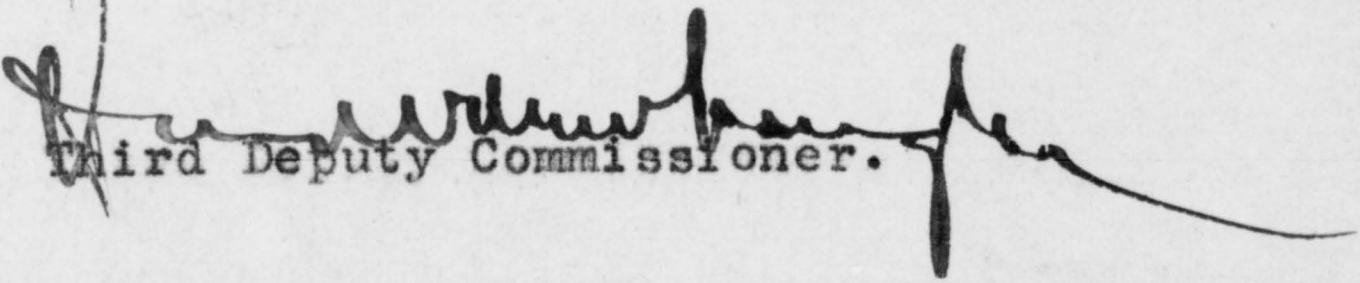


I find the conditions at this station on the night in question warranted the presence of the police to regulate traffic, that the crowds were great, due to the congestion on other lines and also to the fact that it was the eve of the Jewish New Year, and a panic could easily have occurred had the police not been there.

✓ I have personally examined Mr. Kassel, and a transcript of his examination is hereto annexed and made a part of this report. He states that he has no fault to find with the particular police officers, but that his only complaint is with reference to regulation of traffic by the police.

I find therefore that the Captain was within his rights on the night in question in helping to regulate the traffic at this point. I recommend therefore that this communication be filed.

Respectfully,

  
Third Deputy Commissioner.



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# CITIZENS' IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

HEADQUARTERS

PORTZ'S HALL, CYPRESS AVE. & STEPHEN ST.  
EVERGREEN, L. I.

Meetings Every 1st, and 3rd. Wednesday  
of Each Month

338 Tompkins Ave -  
Glendale L. I. Oct. 6, 1913.

Hon. Adolf L. Khris  
Mayor, City of New York.  
Dear Sir;

I am instructed by the above named Association, to write and ask you if the Police of the City of New York. are supposed to regulate traffic on the bridge platforms, that portion used by passengers after they pass through the turnstiles. The reason for asking this is question is.

On Wednesday evening about 6 P.M. I tried to board a train on the Essex St Station of the B. R. T. Company - when Patrolman number 8696 attempted to pull me off the platform of the car when I asked him to take his hands from me as I would consider an assault, he was ordered by Sergeant. number thirty to pull me from the platform, Upon my telling him that I believed he had no right to regulate traffic on that portion of the platform, I stated that I would make an issue of the matter. he told me to go as far as I liked. There was also a gentleman in citizens clothes, apparently a police officer from whom the sergeant took instructions, who asked me



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Hon. Arndolf L. Kluge:

if I was some constitutional lawyer, and  
told me to go as far as I liked also.

I called this matter to the attention of our  
association, because the Evergreen and  
Glen Dale sections are sorely in need of  
more police, and we believe that the  
Railroad company should have their  
own guards to take care of their passengers -  
at the bridges after they pass through  
the turnstiles and until they are aboard  
the trains.

Thanking you in advance for an  
early reply - I am

Yours respectfully

Edward N. Kassel (Chairman)  
Citizens Improvement Assn.





OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER

November 4, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
New York City.

S i r:

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of reports made by Third Deputy Commissioner and Detective Division in regard to communication from William Murray, No. 8231, Dannemora Prison, forwarded with letter from your office on October 29th, with reference to a letter he addressed to the Third Deputy Police Commissioner requesting certain information.

I return herewith original letter.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT  
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

November 1, 1913.

The Police Commissioner:

REC'D 1ST. DEPUTY

S i r :-

In compliance with your directions, relative to a communication received from the Secretary of his Honor, the Mayor, regarding William Murray, No. 8231 in Dannemora Prison, I desire to state that on May 28, 1913, I received a communication signed by William Murray, requesting information relative to a person named Arthur Jones or Arthur Jones Dixon, and Detective John Boyle, which was forwarded by me to the Commanding Officer of the Detective Division for proper attention.

The records of this Department show that on June 11, 1913, the Inspector commanding Detective Division forwarded a letter to the Warden of Clinton Prison, Dannemora, N.Y., in reply to the communication of May 28th, informing the writer of the said communication that Arthur Jones or Arthur Jones Dixon died in 1912.

On October 10, 1913, William Murray, No. 8231 in Dannemora Prison, addressed to me a further communication on the same subject, to which I replied on October 25th, stating that the matter would receive attention, and forwarded the communication to the Commanding Officer of the Detective Division, with directions that if it was consistent with the rules of the Department that the applicant be given the information requested, and on the 31st ultimo I received from Lieutenant John J. Boyle, 23rd Precinct detectives, the attached report.

Papers attached.

Respectfully,

  
Third Deputy Commissioner.



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

October 30, 1913.

Commanding Officer,  
Detective Division.

S i r :-

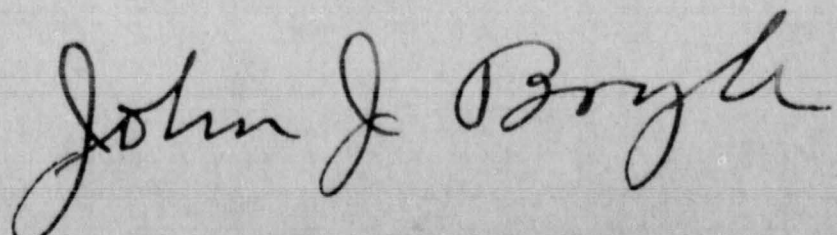
In reference to the attached communication in regard to the whereabouts of Arthur Dixon, who formerly lived as 347 West 37th Street, as I have previously been informed by Mr. Diggs, a saloon keeper of West 37th Street and also Fat Harris and several other people who were in the saloon at the time, that the said Arthur Dixon died about two years ago, under what name I do not know.

In regard to the arrest of Arthur Dixon, on February 7th, 1908, the arrest was made by Officer Snyder, who was at that time attached to the Detective Bureau, on the complaint of Pauline Haslacker, of 122 West 49th Street, on a charge of burglary. Said prisoner was discharged on his own recognizance by Judge Swann in Part 2 of General Sessions.

I have no recollection of being personally acquainted with the said Arthur Jones Dixon.

I assume responsibility for the accuracy of this report.

Respectfully,



Lieutenant, 23rd Precinct.



(W)  
Dannemora. New York, Oct. 24,

1913

Hon. A. Kline,

Mayor, City of New York,

City Hall, New York City.

Hon Sir:

You will find enclosed herewith the copy of a letter which I wrote to the Hon. Henry Newberger, requesting certain information. I have not received any answer from Mr. Newberger, and it is absolutely necessary that I should obtain the desired information in order to prove my innocence and at the same time enable the Police Dept. to solve the perpetration of a certain crime. My object in writing to you is to have you to please communicate with Commissioner Waldo, and ask him to obtain the required information and send it to me.

And, dear sir, I wish you would also let one of your inspectors go up to Mr. Ivan Prince's pawnshop, on 7th Ave, between 27th and 28th Sts., and look over the pledge book of Jan. 30, 1908, and get the name and address of a person who pawned an Elgin watch for \$6.00 on that date, and the name of the clerk who made the loan on the pledge.

Hoping that you will pardon this intrusion upon your very valuable time, and begging you to please grant my



request, I am, dear sir,

Yours very humbly,

William Murray.

No. 8231

J.F. 9562

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION



Dannemora. New York, Oct. 24,

1913

Hon. Henry Newberger,

Dept. Commission of Police,

Police Headquarters,

New York City.

Hon. Sir:

A few months ago I wrote you a letter requesting certain information relative to one Arthur Jones, alias Arthur Jones Dixon, who during the month of Jan. 1908, lived at No. 347 West 37th Str. I desired to know the whereabouts of Jones alias Dixon, and also wanted to be informed if detective Boyle was acquainted with him. A few days ago I was informed by the warden of this prison, that a letter had been received from Inspector Joseph A. Faurot, in which he said that the matter had been intrusted to detective Boyle for attention, and that detective Boyle had reported that he, detective Boyle, had been informed that the person to whom I referred was dead. Mr. Faurot failed to say if detective Boyle had been acquainted with the party.

Dear sir, my purpose in writing you at this time is to ask you to please let me know who was the officer who arrested Arthur Jones Dixon, on Feb. 7, 1908, while he was trying to dispose of a ring to Anderson, the pawnbroker, on 42nd St., and also please



find out for me was detective Boyle acquainted with this man,  
Jones alias Dixon. I need this information in order to help  
the police clear up a certain crime.

Begging you to please grant my request, and  
assuring you that I shall appreciate your kindness, I am, dear sir,

Yours very respectfully,

William Murray.

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COMM  
OFFICE



C O P Y .

DANNEMORA, NEW YORK, May 28, 1913.

Hon. Henry Newburger,  
Dep. Comm. of Police,  
Police Headquarters,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I crave your forgiveness for intruding upon your valuable time, and I wish to assure you that if necessity did not compel it I should not do so. I am trying to locate a man, but so far all of my efforts have been in vain.

Dear Sir, I wish you would kindly ask detective captain John Boyle, of the west side Pawnshop Squad, if he is acquainted with a negro named Arthur Jones, alias Arthus Jones Dixon, who, during the month of January 1908, lived at #347 West 37th St. This negro Arthur Jones alias Arthur J. Dixon was arrested on February 7th, 1908, while trying to dispose of a diamond ring to Anderson the Pawnbroker on 42nd Street near 8th Ave. I think that detective Boyle was the officer who made the arrest.

If My. Boyle is acquainted with this man and knows his present whereabouts, I wish you to please let me know, and I shall send you some information concerning him, which will enable you to solve a certain crime.

Hoping that you will grant this request, and also thanking you in advance for an early reply,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very respectfully,

(Sgd) WILLIAM MURRAY, #8231.

Box B, Clinton Prison,  
Dannemora, N.Y.

1st Endorsement  
Ofc. of 3rd Deputy Commr.  
May 31, 1913.

Respectfully referred to Commanding Officer, Detective Division, through official channels, for proper attention.

(Sgd) HARRY W. NEWBURGER.

Third Deputy Commissioner.



C O P Y

AM  
23-746

June 11th, 1913.

Warden,  
Clinton Prison,  
Dannemora, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

This Department is in receipt of a communication from William Murray, No. 8231, Box "B", an inmate of your institution, requesting information relative to one Arthur Jones Dixon, alias Arthur Dixon:

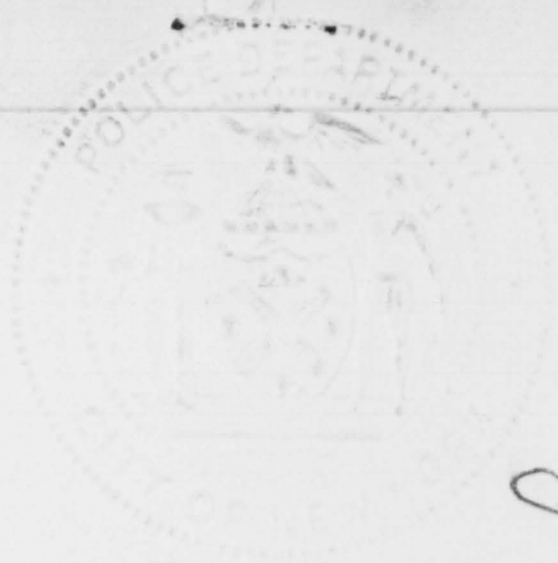
Detective John Boyle, who was assigned to this matter, reports having made inquiry in and about the vicinity of 347 West 37th Street, this City, and was informed that the person referred to died about a year ago, but was unable to ascertain under what name.

Unless you deem it undesirable to do so, you may acquaint William Murray with the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

Inspector, Commanding  
Detective Division.





OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER

November 4, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to submit herewith, copy of the report made by the Inspector commanding the Tenth Inspection District, relative to communication signed "A.A.H.," forwarded from your office with letter of October 1st, requesting that an alleged gambling house at Humboldt and Cook Streets, Brooklyn, be suppressed.

Original letter of complaint is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



Brooklyn N.Y.

Sept 30 1913

Mayor Kerne

City Hall  
N.Y.

My Dear Mr Kerne

Knowing that you have the full power to wipe out graft and gambling houses, I take the pleasure in recommending to you one located on Humboldt & Court Sts Brooklyn. I wish you would at your earliest convenience, wipe the above named place out, and have every body there arrested and severely dealt with.

This place has been running for some time, and never been detected, or maybe it has been, which I don't know about, and somebody receiving graft.

This place is ruining many a young man, and it certainly is bad that a young man has to stay away from work, in order to make a living on cards; and most of the time lose, which he can not waste a living. If you would take this matter up and wipe it out, I would appreciate it very much.

Thanking you in advance for services which you will render,  
I am,

Yours very truly  
Signed A. A. H.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**CITY OF NEW YORK**

Office of the Tenth  
Inspection District.

Brooklyn, October 27th, 1913.

The POLICE COMMISSIONER,  
(Through Official Channels),

S I R :-

In answer to the attached communication, #247614,

(anonymous)

RE TO ALLEGED GAMBLING AT  
HUMBOLDT & COOK STREETS,  
(163rd Precinct),

the following report is herewith submitted:-

The premises presumably referred to #38 Humboldt Street, corner of Cook Street, is a three story frame building, owned by Stefno Raunazzini of the same address. The store thereat was formerly occupied by Charles Sambers as a lunch room and who vacated same about September 28th, 1913, and whose present whereabouts is unknown. The said premises are now vacant.

The above mentioned premises have been visited and kept under a strict surveillance by the Commanding Officer of the 163rd Precinct and the plain clothes Patrolmen of this Inspection District but no violation of the law was observed thereat.

The writer could not be located.

Respectfully,

*Charles A. Formoso*  
Inspector, 10th District.



Report in answer to anonymous communication alleging gambling at Humboldt & Cook Streets, Brooklyn. The following report is herewith submitted:-

(anonymous)

S I R :-

THE POLICE

Brooklyn, October 27th, 1913.

FORMOSO, Charles A. District.  
Inspector, 10th District.

Report in answer to  
anonymous communication  
alleging gambling at Hum-  
boldt & Cook Streets, Brook-  
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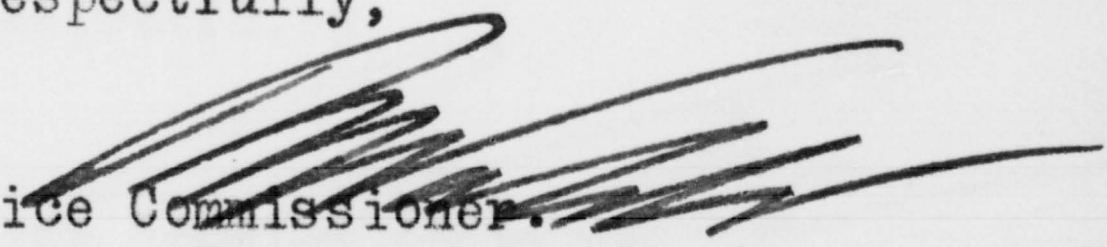
OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER  
November 5, 1913.

Hon. William B. Crowell,  
Assistant Corporation Counsel,  
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge  
receipt of your letter of November 3d.  
This Department has no objection to a  
re-hearing being granted to former Ser-  
geant James J. Rooney, demoted July 1st,  
1908.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER  
November 5, 1913.

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Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

S i r :

I have the honor to submit herewith, copy of the report made by the Inspector commanding the Third Inspection District, relative to affidavit of Samuel Raines, forwarded to this office with your letter of October 14th, making complaint against Patrolman August Suhr.

Mr. Raines' affidavit is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

  
Police Commissioner.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT****CITY OF NEW YORK  
THIRD DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.**

New York, October 31st, 1913.

The POLICE COMMISSIONER,

(Through Official Channels,)

S I R : -

In answer to the attached communication from Samuel Raines #673 6th Avenue alleging PERSECUTION BY PATROLMAN AUGUST SUHR #5367 23rd Precinct, I have the honor to report that I have investigated this matter the writer Samuel Raines being present and from the statements made by him it appears that early in February of this year a crowd collected in front of Mr. Raines place of business at 673 Sixth Avenue; Mr. Raines questioned the officer as to what the trouble was and the officer in reply told him to go about his business and Raines informed the officer that he was in business right there. The officer in reply remarked "Attend to it, never mind mine" and from this time to October 9th, 1913 Mr. Raines has had no conversation with Officer August Suhr.

At about 5.45 P. M. October 9th, 1913 Mr. Raines' manager was informed by the officer to remove two trunks and two dress suit cases that stood outside of his window and when the officer August Suhr returned he found that the trunks had not been removed and served a summons on Mr. Raines for Violation of the Corporation Ordinance and when the case was explained in the Police Court Raines was fined \$2.00.

From the statement made by Sergeant Charles Van Buskirk #76 23rd Precinct who was present when the officer served the summons, there

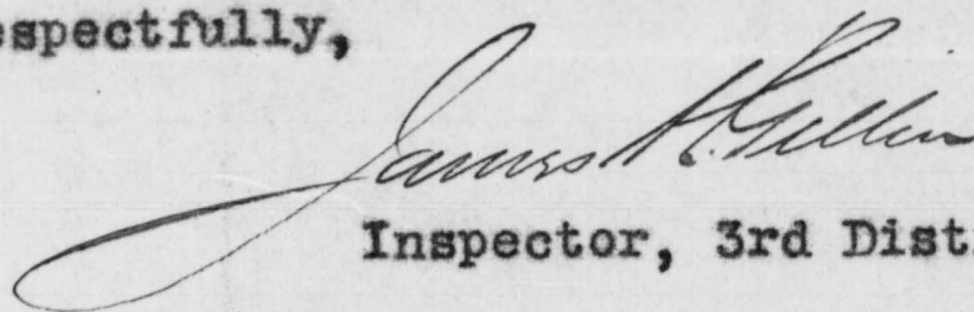


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was no crowd attracted nor did the officer use any loud or abusive language; as to the statements that the officer has singled him out in enforcing the ordinances, this is not true as all laws and ordinances are uniformly enforced throughout the Third Inspection District.

From my investigation I am of the opinion that the officer did his duty and as a result no charges were preferred.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James H. Miller". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Inspector, 3rd District.



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New York, October 31st, 1913.

GILLEN, JAMES H.  
Inspector, 3rd District.

Reporting answer to communication of Samuel Raines complaining of Patrolman August Suhr 23rd Precinct.

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673- 6th- Ave.

New York, Oct, 11, 1913.

Hon Adolph Kline.

Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir.

I wish to lodge with you a complaint against Patrolman August Suhr, attached to the 23 rd Precinct- Station House who patrols in front of my Trunk Store at 673-- 6th Ave, near 39th, st. in the City of New York and who since-- February last has carried on off and on a personal & vindictive Persecution against me to such an extent that he has injured my business greatly in fact with his threats to get even with me he has at times by attracting crowds about my place and -- using loud & abusive language & threats unbecoming a Police Officer , made it impossible at times to do any business whatsoever & those people who were in my store during his tirades have been driven away. On Oct 9th at 7pm while I was waiting- on my customers he entered my store shouting & acting in a --- most abusive manner. The condition of his continued abuse is such that I must have protection from him or I cannot carry on my business. He has had me summoned to court & fined for having a trunk on either side of a basement opening outside my store which I had put there to prevent people from falling in. He --- has singled me out for his iniquitous purposes while leaving- undisturbed others on his post in the same neighborhood, who- are also in the Trunk business. All this has come about since last February, when I threatened to report him. He has never let up on me since & at every opportunity he held me up to the ridicule of the crowds that gather about my store when he is annoying & abusing me. I have been carrying on the Trunk ----- Business in the same Neighborhood for years & have never had any trouble with any other police officer, am a tax payer & simply ask that I be not further persecuted by a man who has



shown himself Unfit to be a Policeman. I will gladly call to  
see you or those you designate to more fully discribe to you  
how he has persecuted me & injured my business.

Yours Respectfully.

*Samuel Cairns*

Sworn to Before Me this

11 th Day of October, 1913.

*John H. Huxley*  
*Notary Public 3262*  
*New York County*