Mitchell calls county police "negligent"

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A local attorney this week blasted Baltimore County police for their handling of a beating incident involving a 24-year old Morgan State University student, and said that he will call for an investigation of the officers involved.

The lawyer, City Councilman Michael Mitchell (D-4th) said that papers will be filed next week in the case of Gary Allen Smith, not only against the alleged attackers but against the police officers as well.

Mitchell also expressed surprise and outrage at the Continental Can Company where he said officials have, for the most part, sat back and said and doone nothing.

"It's incredible to me," Mitchell said, "that a company like this could sit silently by and let this type of racial hatred exist. It obviously was not a one-time thing, but something that was brewing for a while."

Mitchell was reluctant to give too much credit to the Baltimore County police department, which last week arrested two persons involved in the case. Gary Randolph and his girlfriend, Tanya Michael, were arrested and charged with assault with intent to commit murder.

Mitchell contended, however, that those arrests came only at the insistence of Baltimore County State's Attorney Howard M Merker, whose office will be approached by Mitchell to continue the investigation by the naming of a grand jury to find the other alleged seven participants.

According to Mitchell and to Smith's father Edward, the police were seemingly unconcerned about the case at first, apparently eager to pass it off as a gang war or romantic entanglement that had yielded disastrous results.

One officer, said the elder Smith, had advised the family that nothing could be done in the case until the younger Smith was able to issue a warrant for the arrests of the people involved.

But Mitchell angrily attacked that intention of the police, saying that in felonies, no summons is required before arrests are made.

He called the treatment of the case by County police "cavalier" and said that their actions need to be brought to the attention of County Executive Donald Hutchinson.

When asked about the delay in filing formal papers in the case, Mitchell cited the emotional state of the parents, which he called "critical."

"The real concern here is this guy's health" he said, referring to Gary Smith, who is still unable to talk and communicate well according to family members and who may never return to normal.

"This son had all the makings of going far. A kid who's done everything right...to have something like this happen to him...that's hard to take."

Investigation thus far has indicated that Smith was apparently involved in an argument with Ms. Michael earlier in the day he was attacked.

When Smith left work later that day, he was accosted by eight white men who emerged from two vans and one white Cadillac.

Ms. Michael, according to police, left the scene with the man driving the white Cadillac. Police, locating her after about four days, told the AFRO that her story of not knowing Smith or ever having had contact with him had been satisfactory, and she had been released. They said that time that they were still looking for the man and the white Cadillac with whom she supposedly left the scene

But after finding Randolph, police told this newspaper that Ms. Michael had "done a little lying" and that they had found out that she had had a discussion of some sort with Smith earlier that day.

Smith, who lay in critical condition at City Hospitals for four days before being transferred to a private room, had to have emergency surgery two weeks ago to relieve pressure and fluid on his brain.

His parents say that his ability to communicate is still limited, and Mitchell said that it is possible he will have to continue his convalescence in a state hospital for the chronically ill.

MTA issues holiday schedule

The Mass Transit Administration (MTA) will operated on a holiday schedule Saturday, July 4, 1981, Independence Day.

To serve retailers and other businesses open on Friday, July 3, 1981, the MTA will operate on a modified weekday schedule. Most adjustments in service will be made during morning and afternoon rush hours, with very little changes during off-peak hours. There will be no special buses to Social Security-Woodlawn on Friday, July 3, 1981.

Specific schedule information is available by phoning the MTA's 24-hour Information and Service line at 539-5000.

BUS PASS SALES

All MTA offices and bus divisions will be closed on Friday, July 3, 1981. Persons interested in purchasing July bus passes may do so at the following downtown locations: Brager-Gutman's, Center Office Supply, Hecht's and Hutzler's. The MTA is an agency of The Maryland Department of Transportation.

Bulk item collection in county

County Executive Robert A. Pascal has announced a curbside, bulk item collection service designed to handle large objects.

This service will be furnished on an individual call in basis. The number to call is 569-6104.

Items that will be picked up by this new program include appliances, large pieces of discarded furniture; mattresses and box springs, disassembled swing sets and other large items. This curbside pickup service will be in addition to the ongoing containerized community oriented bulk item cleanup activities currently scheduled in many areas in the county.

Any Anne Arundel County citizen who would like to take advantage of this bulk item collection service, should call the Anne Arundel County Bureau of Solid Waste at 569-6104.

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MAJOR TALKS TO AFRO — Retired Major Herbert Armstrong was seen last week at the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) press conference held at the Forum. The police department's internal investigation division ended its probe of Armstrong and the department refused to talk about the internal investigation. Armstrong told AFRO reporter Pam Widgeon, "I am just beginning to enjoy my retirement."

Police official resigns without inquiry

The Internal Investigation Division of the city police department is no longer investigating the case of Major Herbert Armstorng, former director of Community Relations who was asked to retire last month.

Armstrong, one of the highest ranking officers, was accused of unprofessional conduct and the department refused to discuss the charges.

After the state's attorney's office reviewed the reports, it was reported that there was not sufficient evidence to bring criminal charges against Armstrong.

Last week, Armstrong was seen at the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executive (NOBLE) press conference and would not discuss his reasons for retiring.

Armstrong was told by the department if he did not retire, he faced possible departmental charges or reassignment.

Commissioner Donald Pomerleau announced May 22 that Lt. Col. Edward V. Woods, deputy chief of area three that included Eastern, Southeastern and Northeastern Districts would be named to assume the directorship of the Community Relations section.

Armstrong's retirement became official June 25 and no criminal charges were ever placed against him.

AFRO photo by Mark Gail
SHE DIDN'T WIN A MEDAL — but 17-year-old Chevelle Moore, artist, said she'd do it again anyway. Moore, a graduate of a Harford County high school, recently won a scholarship to the Maryland Art Institute for the painting she submitted to the NAACP ACT-SO competition held in Denver.

Local talent shines in NAACP achievement marathon

They arrived in Baltimore City Wednesday evening, tired, wide-eyed, and victorious.

Nine young people, all of them recent graduates of city or area high schools, had taken their talents all the way to Denver, Colorado to compete nationally in the NAACP ACT-SO program. The competition is held annually, and brings to the civil rights organization national convention the best talent in all fields—including art, music drama, chemistry physics, and the like.

"There was a lot of competition," said 18 year old Cyrus Chestnut, who won a gold medal in the composition and instrumental category. Chestnut, a student at Peabody who has been playing piano since he was about 6 years old, won his medal for playing a selection he turn to perform.

"I was scared at first but after a while, I had the feeling that I was playing well," he said.

Yvetta Smith, 17, a graduate of Havre de Grace High School who won a silver medal in the creative writing category for a poem she wrote and recited, said that she was exhausted by the time it was her turn to perfirm.

Western High School graduate Brenda McDaniels, 18, won a silver medal for playing the Beethoven Sonata: Pathettique; Opus 13. She lost first place to a violinist from St. Louis, who, she said, was outstanding.

"I feel good that I came in second to him," she said. "I mean," she said carefully, "I'm not glad I came in second, but if I had to, I'm glad I placed next to him."

Other participants included Cheryl Bryant, 17, who won a silver medal for sculpture, and who will study architecture when she enters the University of Maryland at College Park this fall, Leon Bridges Jr., and Larry Maybin, a Dunbar graduate.

Chevelle Moore, 17, an artist, who will enter the Maryland Art Institute this fall under a scholarship, was a bit disappointed at not having won a medal at the competition, especially since the picture she entered was enough to win her a scholarship over 1500 other applicants and make her the only black recipient, period.

"The judging was questionable," she said, "I don't know if there were any artists on the judging board."

But even she said that the experience had been worth it, and would do it again, given the chance.

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