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Disabled Man Assaulted by RPD While Waiting for Bus

On the evening of May 1st, 2013, Benny Warr was waiting for the bus in his wheelchair at the intersection of Bartlett St. and Jefferson Ave., near his home. As he was waiting for the bus, a Rochester police cruiser rolled up to the intersection. The officers exited the car and according to Warr, told him to move.

"I told them I was just waiting for the bus. I was being polite," he said to me in a brief phone interview today. One of the officers replied, "Fucking move!"

The next thing Warr knew, he had a face full of mace, thanks to officer **Joseph "Joey" M. Ferrigno II**, while, being punched, kicked, and thrown out of his wheelchair where he was further beat on the ground, by Ferrigno and possibly his partner, **Anthony "Rock" R. Liberatore**, and another **Sgt., Mitchell "Big Face" R. Stewart II**, who arrived shortly after Mr. Warr was thrown from his chair, according to a Notice of Claim filed against the city and the RPD on May 17, 2013. A savvy citizen, who goes by the handle Shakur Muhammed on YouTube, started recording the incident with her phone just before Warr was violently forced from his chair.

After Warr was arrested, he said he was taken to the Strong Memorial Hospital where he was released and given an appearance ticket. He was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Watch a higher res. video by Shakur Muhammed of Benny Warr being assaulted by three RPD cops: <http://blip.tv/indy-tv/corrected-higher-res-video-of-benny-warr-being-attacked-6587434>

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Support Benny Warr

&

Denounce Police Brutality!

community rally, march and press conference

WE DEMAND:

- 1. Drop the charges**
- 2. Fire the officers involved in the attack and bring them up on criminal charges**
- 3. the RPD publicly apologize to Benny Warr**
- 4. clarify policies and procedures and retrain officers when interacting with people with disabilities**
- 5. End Racial Profiling & the Criminalization of Neighborhoods of Color**

June 28, 2013, 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Rally at the Liberty Pole (East Ave. and Main St.) & march from there on the sidewalk to the front of the Monroe County Hall of Justice (99 Exchange Blvd.) for a rally/press conference at 1:30pm.

Benny will be in court on June 28th at 2:00pm before Judge Stephen Miller. His lawyer, Charles F. Burkwit will be submitting a motion to have the charges dismissed. Please come out and support him. Also, please call the DA and tell them to drop the charges now! 585 753-4500

For more on Benny's story and a link to the video, see the other side.