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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 R. Liberatore, and another, unnamed officer, 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 and press conference

WE DEMAND:

- 1. Drop the charges**
- 2. Fire the officers involved in the attack**
- 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**

May 30, 2013, 8:30am - 9:30am

**sidewalk, in front of the Monroe
County Hall of Justice
99 Exchange Blvd.**

Benny will be in court on May 30th at 9:30am before Judge Stephen Miller. Please come out and support him. Also, demand that the District Attorney drop the charges against Benny Warr. Please call their office 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.