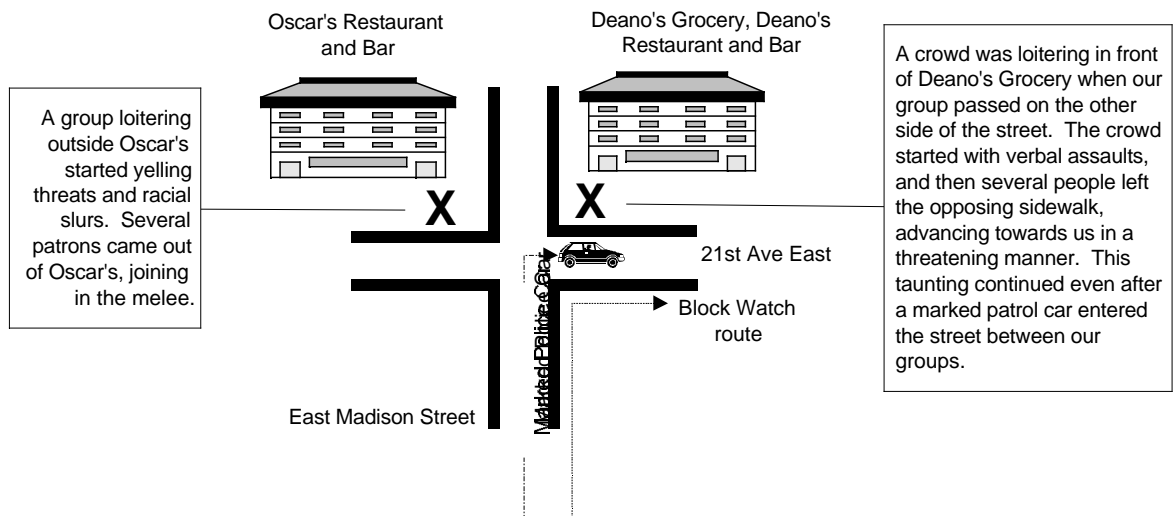


October 10, 2000

Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske
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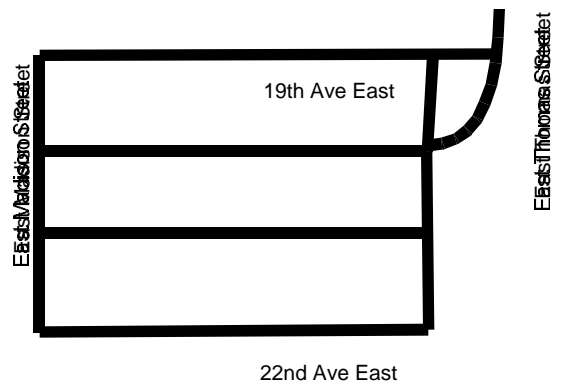
On October 6th, approximately 10:45PM, our Block Watch group was verbally threatened by hostile crowds while walking past the intersection of 21st Ave E and E Madison Street.



SPD response was immediate, with Officer Bogucki quickly maneuvering a marked police car between the gathering crowd and our Block Watch group. However, even in the presence of a uniformed officer, the crowd continued to shout over the roof of the police car and threatened us. This "corner crowd" is not new to our block, but the hostility and threat of violence was a large step forward in the escalating problems our neighborhood has endured.

The open hostility in my neighborhood has crossed the line - it has gone from being unpleasant to becoming a dangerous place to live. The loitering, prostitution, alcohol abuse and drug trafficking is constant. All of which brought us together as a community to stop the cycle of crime. However, when uniformed officers can not stop the harassment and threat of violence, it has simply gone too far. This neighborhood needs a wake-up call on a far greater magnitude than Block Watch. Our single Community Police Officer can not change our streets in one shift. We need a concentrated effort 24/7 and increased support for our Block Watch. The events that unfolded last Friday could have easily turned violent. This corner needs to be addressed by SPD and the WA State Liquor Control Board!

Our Block Watch meets once or twice a month on Friday nights. We walk through the alleys, streets and open areas in the map to the right. We receive direction from residents on sites where prostitution, drug trafficking and drug users are gathering and do our best to patrol this area. The various traffic has steadily increased in this four block area.



We need you to dedicate the services and support necessary to end the violence and addictions in this neighborhood. These issues are becoming too large for the community and our joint forces will be necessary to end these problems. We need your help and can not continue our efforts without you.

Sincerely,

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cc: Captain Metz
Officer Bogucki
WA State Liquor Control Board