

MAY 1990 ACTION SHEET

Sophia Cook

Constable Cameron Durham, who shot and paralyzed Sophia Cook last October, will appear in court **May 30**, for the fifth time to set a date for his trial which keeps on getting postponed. Come and observe the court hearings at College Park provincial courts [Yonge & College].

Kay Poon - Victory in court! Civil Suit Filed

Kay Poon, a 50 year old nurse who says she was assaulted by 14th Division officers last November, just had the charges of assault and disturbance against her dismissed after a long court battle. She has filed a civil suit against the Officers Debra Gillis and Michael Fletcher for her injuries and malicious prosecution. Follow her case with the **Public Complaints Commission**, 157 Bloor St. W. 963-1141.

Yvonne Taylor - East Traffic Officer Charged

Yvonne Taylor, a 40 year old Black nurse and single mother of 4, faces charges of assault causing bodily harm - after she says she had been punched in the mouth [losing a tooth], sat on, and called a "f---ing black bitch" by an East Traffic Unit policeman. She was able on a second try to press a charge of assault causing bodily harm against Officer Martiniuk. **Martiniuk** will be appearing in court at 1000 **Finch Ave. W.** [at Dufferin] **June 15, 10 am** to set a trial date. **Yvonne Taylor's** trial has been set for **October 3, 1990** in the Scarborough courts, **1911 Eglinton Ave. E.** at Warden. Support Yvonne at these court dates, and follow her complaint also filed at the Public Complaints Commission.

Police Appeals [Wade Lawson & Robin Voce cases]

Peel police Constable Melaragni was charged with manslaughter and Constable Draper with aggravated assault, after 17 year old Wade Lawson was killed over a year ago. The two officers are currently appealing to the Ontario Supreme Court to have the preliminary hearing judge removed, claiming he is "biased" because he had considered a charge of second degree murder. Officers Pugh and Tremblay, who sexually assaulted Robin Voces [who committed suicide], are appealing their dismissals from the force **May 26** at Police Headquarters, 40 College St.

Demonstrate Against the "Racist Ont. Museum" & recent Arrests

Every Saturday, 12:00 pm [in front of the ROM, Museum subway]

Scores of police moved in on peaceful demonstrators **May 5** at one of the weekly Coalition for the Truth About Africa protests against the racist "Out of Africa" exhibit at the Museum. Unnecessary force was used, and a young woman and man were arrested and charged with assault. The ROM got an injunction against demonstrations within 50 feet of the main doors, but weekly demos are still being staged on both sides of the entrance. The ROM is also suing the CFTAA for \$160,000 they claim to have lost because of the demos. Support the CFTAA in court, and join the Saturday demonstrations.

Woman Charged with Aggravated Assault after Defending Herself

Marta Calderon, a Salvadorean woman, was jailed and charged after defending herself against a man who sexually assaulted her **May 2** in downtown Toronto. Police did not charge the white man. Women are organizing to raise money and support for Marta.

16-year-old Marlon Neal Shot by East Traffic Officer Brian Rapson

Marlon Neal, a Black teenager driving a friend's car alone, was stopped for allegedly speeding **May 14**. After refusing to get out of the car, he was shot 3 times and badly wounded by Officer Brian Rapson - the car was not moving, the windows rolled up, and the youth unarmed. Officer Rapson has only been charged with criminal negligence, and will appear at College Park courts **June 5**. The OPP are investigating. **We need the immediate establishment of an Independent Civilian Investigative Body.** Protest the inadequate Bill 107 [new Police Act] - at Queen's Park and with letters to Solicitor-General Offer, Premier Peterson and MPPs.

If you want to help organize against police violence, please come to court dates, write letters, and come to the next meeting of the **Women's Coalition Against Racism & Police Violence**, **Sunday, May 27** from 1-3 pm at OISE [252 Bloor St W], all women welcome. **Call 532-6462 for more information.**