

To the violators,

On May 30th, 2006, you were recorded by a security camera opening a fire hydrant. A concerned citizen burned that footage onto a CD, entitling it *violators.mov*. He wrote a sternly worded letter, attached his disc, and delivered it to his local alderman, Daniel Solis - the most minor footnote of a political corruption drama set to the backdrop of the Iraq War.

On April 24th, 2018, I was invited to examine the contents of an abandoned filing cabinet discovered here at 2439 South Oakley Avenue. Secretly hoping to dig up something scandalous, I sifted through

Sincerely,
Cameron Mankin

stacks of unused forms and CDs loaded with outdated drivers for long defunct printers. Instead I found a green folder labeled “Hydrants” containing the crumpled letter and the now badly cracked CD.

You, of course, remain elusive thanks to the twelve year gap and the low resolution of the footage. Nonetheless, one intruder to another, I wanted to forward along this little archive before it degrades completely.



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presence of *gang
drug/violence
domination* over
our street - No

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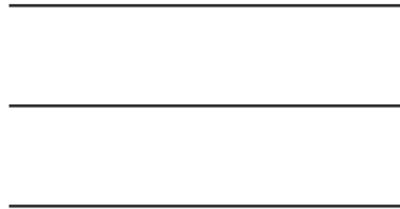
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as a recruiting
device for bringing
children into gangs





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home) - the hydrant
as a *recruiting device*
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into gangs thru favor
- a *riot* size mob of
young adults and
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throwing water
balloons, bottles, and

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children **running**
into the **streets**
throwing water
balloons, bottles,
and cans at moving
traffic attempting to

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children running
into the streets
throwing water
balloons, bottles,
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traffic attempting to
maneuver down the
flooded streets. - The

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neighbors using
violence and arson

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and cans at moving traffic attempting to maneuver down the flooded streets. - *The real threat of Gang retaliation* against neighbors using *violence and arson* for reporting these

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the flooded streets.
- The *real threat of*
Gang retaliation
against neighbors
using *violence and*
arson for reporting
these events.

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has been re-opened
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multiple times to ask that the fire hydrant be turned off, but the water department cannot come out for 8-14 hours, even when we cannot find another hydrant on in the neighborhood.

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cannot come out
for 8-14 hours, even
when we cannot find
another hydrant on
in the neighborhood.
While seeing the joy
in the faces of the
children cooling off

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cannot come out for 8-14 hours, even when we cannot find another hydrant on in the neighborhood. While seeing the joy in the faces of children cooling off at the start the crowd

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when we cannot find
another hydrant on
in the neighborhood.
While seeing the joy
in the faces of the
children cooling off
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soon becomes rowdy
throwing water

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another hydrant on
in the neighborhood.
While seeing the joy
in the faces of the
children cooling off
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balloons and trash

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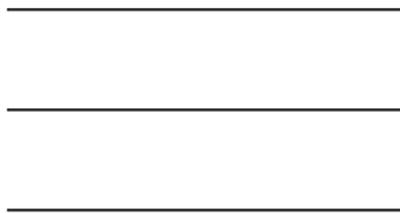
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We are again this year
seeking a solution to
protect our rights
as citizens, city

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city residents,
homeowners,

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our rights as citizens,
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(CPS Teachers).

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This is Chicago *not*
Baghdad, but minus
the *snipers and*
suicide bombers, our
water supply and
streetsafety appear to

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This is Chicago *not*
Baghdad, but minus
the *snipers* and
suicide bombers, our
water supply and
street safety appear
to be in similar

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This is Chicago *not*
Baghdad, but minus
the *snipers and*
suicide bombers, our
water supply and
street safety appear
to be in similar
jeopardy. How can
you go all the way to

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the *snipers and suicide bombers*, our water supply and street safety appear to be in similar jeopardy. How can you *go all the way to the Middle East* and not assure your own

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suicide bombers, our water supply and street safety appear to be in similar jeopardy. How can you go *all the way to the Middle East* and not assure your own residents the right to

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street safety appear to be in similar jeopardy. How can you go *all the way to the Middle East* and not assure your own residents the right to drinking water. I have lived in this

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jeopardy. How can you go *all the way to the Middle East* and not assure your own residents the right to drinking water. I have lived in this particular house for seven years before I

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you go *all the way to the Middle East* and not assure your own residents **the right to drinking** water. I have lived in this particular house for seven years before I ever experienced this

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the Middle East and not assure your own residents the right to drinking **water**. I have lived in this particular house for seven years before I ever experienced this level of crime, which

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not assure your own residents the right to drinking water. I have lived in **this particular house** for seven years before I ever experienced this level of crime, which began last summer.

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to drinking water. I have lived in this particular house for seven years before I ever experienced this level of crime, which began last summer. Since security is on the minds of our city

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I have lived in this particular house for seven years before I ever experienced **this level of crime**, which began last summer. Since security is on the minds of our city officials I would ask

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seven years before I ever experienced this level of crime , which began last summer. Since security is on the minds of our city officials I would ask that our street receive special attention and

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neighborhoods.

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Included with this letter are pictures of the *key Gang players* and the “Fireman’s key” provider who possesses the stolen

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the 12th Precinct on
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on 21st Street
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near Leavitt and the
building at 2224 W.
21st Street. I called
the 12th Precinct on
the 30th and a Police

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near Leavitt and the
building at 2224 W.
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the problem and building at 2224 W. 21st Street. I called the 12th Precinct on the 30th and a Police woman told me they were aware of the problem and someone would call

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me back-they have as
21st Street. I called
the 12th Precinct
on the 30th and a
**Police woman told
me** they were aware
of the problem
and someone would
call me back-they

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have as of yet not.
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woman told me
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call me back-they
have as of yet not.

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the problem
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I am including a 2
minute Quicktime
movie with still
photos, showing
the opening of
the hydrant with

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I am including a 2
minute Quicktime
movie with still
photos, showing
the opening of the
hydrant with the
“Fireman’s key,” on
May 30th, the first

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the opening of the
hydrant with the
“Fireman’s key,” on
May 30th, the first
of many we would
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movie with still photos, showing the opening of the hydrant with the “Fireman’s key,” on May 30th, the first of many we would have to endure on a daily basis this

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hydrant with the
“Fireman’s key,” on
May 30th, the first
of many we would
have to endure on
a daily basis this
summer if the city
cannot change
this problem. Last

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“Fireman’s key” on
May 30th, the first of
many we would have
to endure **on a daily
basis this summer**
if the city cannot
change this problem.
Last summer it
got so bad, people

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many we would have
to endure on a daily
basis this summer
if the city cannot
change this problem.
Last summer it
got so bad, people
from up to five
blocks away were

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to endure on a daily basis this summer if the city cannot change this **problem**. Last summer it got so bad, people from up to five blocks away were lining up with their

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summer if the city cannot change this problem. Last summer it got so bad, people from up to five blocks away were lining up with their sandals and beach towels for 24-hour

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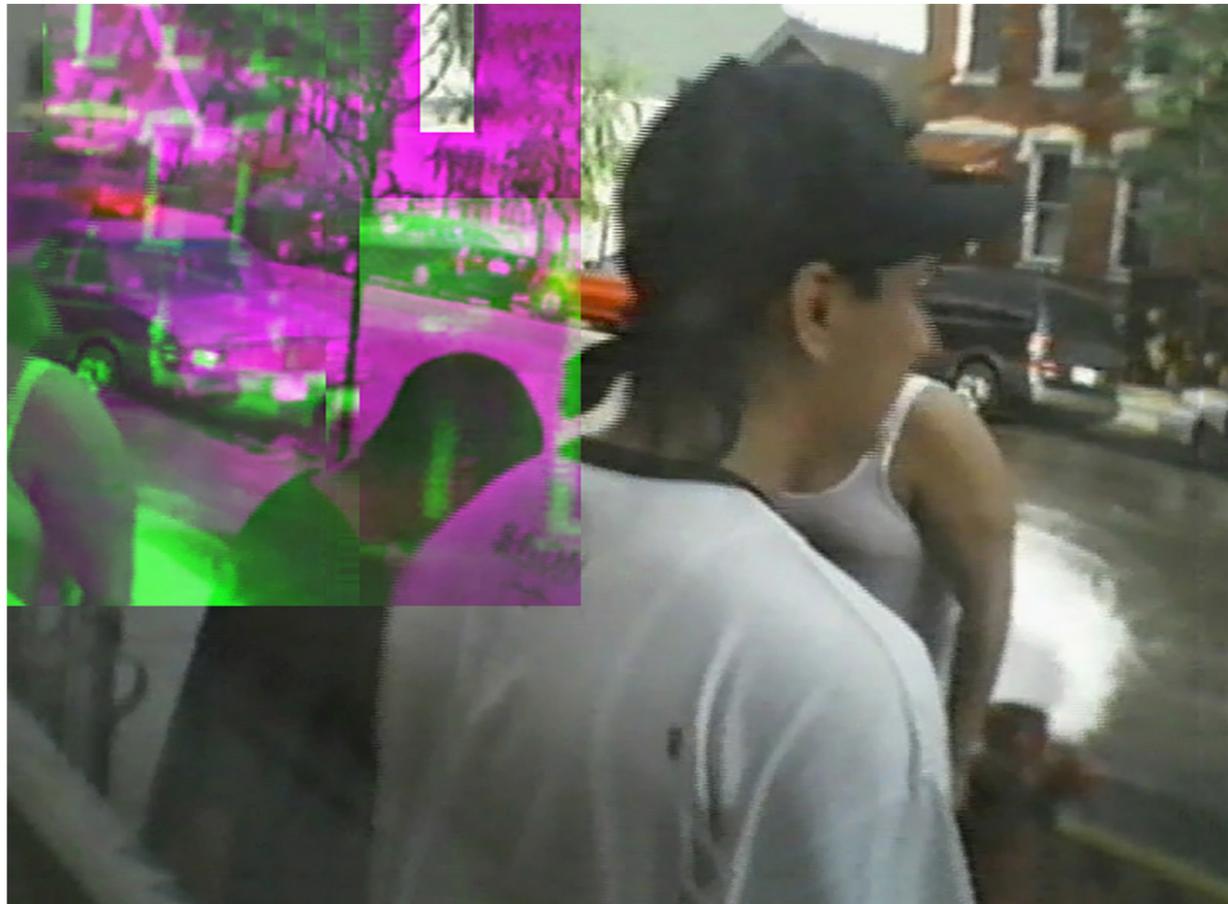
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It is a sad comment

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It is a sad comment when Chicago citizens have to rely on news media to solve problems that are intended for government. As I type this I am watching kids on our

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that are intended
for government.
As I type this I am
watching kids on our
camera monitor at

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to solve problems
that are intended
for government.
As I type this I am
watching kids on our
camera monitor at
10:05 PM pelting an
ice cream truck with
water balloons and

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for government.
As I type this I am
watching **kids on our
camera monitor** at
10:05 PM pelting an
ice cream truck with
water balloons and
trash and the steady

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As I type this I am watching kids on our camera monitor at 10:05 PM pelting an ice cream truck with water balloons and trash and the steady drip of water leaking into the basement.

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camera monitor at 10:05 PM pelting an ice cream truck with water balloons and trash and the steady drip of water leaking into the basement. Your assistance in this matter is greatly

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10:05 PM pelting an ice cream truck with water balloons and trash and the steady drip of water leaking into the basement. Your assistance in this matter is greatly is greatly

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water balloons and
trash and the steady
drip of water leaking
into the basement.
Your assistance
in this matter is
greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,

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drip of water leaking
into the basement.
Your assistance
in this matter is
greatly appreciated.
S i n c e r e l y ,

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Cameron Mankin

with thanks to
Hope Esser

