

THIS IS ENTRAPMENT



BOSTON — John Kelly (not his real name) was walking on the first floor of the Boston Public Library in Copley Square last week when he was approached by an attractive young man dressed in tight-fitting clothes. "What do you like to do?" the young man asked John. "What do you mean?" John replied. "I mean sex," was the answer. "Oh, I guess I like to screw." The young man showed him a badge.

For that conversation, John Kelly was arrested and charged with "open and gross lewdness," a felony carrying maximum penalties of three years in jail and/or a \$300 fine. He was taken at gunpoint, in handcuffs, to Boston Police District Four.

Steven Smith (not his real name) was walking on the third floor of the library when the same young man smiled at

him and scratched his own crotch. After exchanging pleasantries, the young man told Steven he was under arrest for "open and gross lewdness." When they got to the station, Steven, who is 35 years old, was told he had been charged with prostitution.

Their cases are similar to that of Kevin Jones (not a real name), who was in the library for a concert and had to use the bathroom. The same young man approached him, asked if he was interested in "fooling around," and gestured for him to come closer. Kevin said that he wasn't interested. "But aren't you gay?" the young man asked. "Yes, but I'm not interested," Kevin answered. "You're under arrest." The charge was open and gross lewdness.

OVER 100 MEN HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AT THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY in the last few weeks. They are charged with offenses from prostitution to gross and open lewdness. These are felonies. 40 men have already pleaded guilty, the arrests continue daily. Three policemen have been planted in the men's room of the Boston Public Library. They stand at the urinals, expose themselves, solicit others and manipulate themselves. They arrest anyone they perceive to be gay — including, so far, a straight man.

ENTRAPMENT IS ILLEGAL wherever it occurs. Men are being arrested only for the reason that they are gay.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

EMERGENCY MASS DEMONSTRATION Sat., April 1, 1978 1 PM

Boston Public Library

PROTEST THIS OUTRAGE

END POLICE HARASSMENT

WHY ARE WE HERE

We are here at the Boston Public Library today . . .

—**We Protest**

The Illegal Police Tactics used to entrap over 100 men in what appears to be an official campaign against the gay community. Illegal police entrapment is used to arrest and falsely charge men within the Boston Public Library.

—**We Protest**

That Gay People are being denied access to a public institution through the general climate of fear and harassment which still prevails at the Boston Public Library.

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That these mass arrests are a part of the continuing pattern of harassment and assaults against homosexuals and those perceived as homosexuals. From Anita Bryant to Ed David, from Dade County, Wichita, St. Paul and to Boston — homosexuals are under attack.

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The one-sided distortion of the major Boston media. They present only the police lies as fact and they never seek out responses within the gay community. How long will we tolerate their ignoring us and slandering us?

We Demand

That the Boston Public Library and its Board of Directors be responsive to all elements within our city — specifically the needs of the gay community.

WE DEMAND AN END TO POLICE ENTRAPMENT!