Transcripts of Interview with Officer Lawson, District 3

Brianna: What is your point of view on the neighborhood as an officer and an old resident of public housing?

Officer Lawson: I grew up living in Cabrini Greens public housing complex and now I am a police officer so therefore I have a view coming from both ends. I did not live in Parkway Gardens but I am sure it’s all the same in a way. As a resident of the complex or an outsider it is easy to just want more police officers in the neighborhood to patrol the area to keep the violence to a minimum. But as an officer, it is not as easy as it sounds. Officers have to patrol all neighborhoods especially during school hours and at night. There are also neighborhoods a little worse than Parkway Gardens I believe. But then again, violence still has its way around the police.

Me: So what do you think about our action to add police to the neighborhood during school hours and at night?

Officer Lawson: I think the chosen actions are a good gesture but like I said it is never as easy as it sounds.