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Ground floor Nasby Bldg.,
Toledo, O. 5/3/25.

Mr. Arthur D. Hill,
Director of Public Safety, Toledo, O.

Dear Sir:

You and the Toledo Police Department are unlawfully detaining my Chevrolet Sedan, licence #727842 and unless I have same by 12 noon Monday, May 4, 1925, I intend to take such legal action as is necessary for me to secure the machine.

The machine was picked up by one of your efficient men Thursday night, April 30, 1925 on Jefferson Street between 10th and 11th St and was placed in the St Clair Storage warehouse, 230 St Clair St.

On Friday, May 1, 1925, I was informed it was at that address by the traffic department in the Central Police Station and given a release slip with instructions to pay the Storage Company four dollars charges.

I called at the St Clair Storage warehouse noon time Friday, May 1st and was unable to find anyone around the premises. I called there later in the day around 5 P. M. and still was unable to find anyone. I called there Saturday afternoon about 4.30 and the place was tightly locked. I called there again to-day (Sunday morning) and the place is still tightly locked, altho, the proprietor of Kirk's Garage informed me some one connected with the warehouse had been there early to-day.

And, all this time because the Safety Department seem unable to find a garage in Toledo that is open to the public, I have to pay a dollar a day extra charges until I am able to get some court action to open the doors of the St Clair Storage warehouse. As I happen to be in the real estate business, I want to say right here, that I will find you half a dozen garages in Toledo that are open day and night where a man can get some service and where the public can get their property without begging or going to law for it.

I think it is rotten shameful treatment by the police department to park cars with a concern that is never on the job and where the public is forced to pay a dollar a day extra until some one sees fit to open up the garage. I don't blame the garage as they are getting the dollar a day until the car owner finds them open and neither do I blame Kirk as he is getting three or four dollars for towing a car in but I do blame the police department for doing business with a concern that "gypps" the car owner.

I have already sent them \$5.00 and the release ticket and Unless I am able to secure the machine by 12 noon Monday, I will take court action to open up the place.

Very truly yours,

Theodore Haberkorn,
% The Ralph B. Smith Company.