

Roanoke complaint satisfied

ROANOKE — Wille Lee Baker of Roanoke says he is satisfied with the outcome of his police harassment complaint against the City of Roanoke.

The city's two-member police committee reviewed the black man's grievance at a hearing Tuesday night and determined no intentional harassment had occurred, Roanoke City Councilman Henry "Spec" Bonner said this morning.

Baker and his son-in-law, Thomas Lee, were stopped mistakenly by Roanoke police at a roadblock on Omaha Road near here Sunday night. The police were aiding Randolph County sheriff's deputies in trying to stop a vehicle driven by suspects involved in a Rock Mills shooting incident.

Baker and Lee were driving down the road toward the roadblock when two Roanoke officers stopped them and held them at gunpoint. The officers lowered their weapons

when they realized they had made a mistake, Baker said this morning.

He said the officers did not apologize until the hearing Tuesday night. He said, however, he is satisfied.

"You've got to have the law, but they (the policemen) were a little bit hasty," Baker said.

Randolph County NAACP President Wilke Clark of Roanoke said this morning he is not satisfied with the hearing's outcome. He said he will ask his organization's legal department to investigate possible legal action against the city.

"No officer ought to make an approach with a gun pointed at a man's face," he said.

He said Baker was not given fair representation at the hearing because there was "no one in the meeting who would speak for Baker."

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