

# Town & Village

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## *'Keep the faith in officers, command of 13th Precinct'*

*Editor's Note: The following is a statement by Arlene Harrison, President of The Gramercy Park Block Association, a group that has worked closely for many years with the precinct.*

"I was shocked and very upset by the allegations made against some 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police Officers," said Arlene Harrison, President of The Gramercy Park Block Association, a group that has worked closely for many years with the Precinct. "I know some of these officers well and from everything I have ever seen or heard they are conscientious members of the police force.

"Of these officers the two I know best are Detective Brian Bartlett, a thirteen year veteran, and Detective Rodney Louis, a nineteen year veteran. I know them as extremely hard working, dedicated police officers and from everything I know their integrity is beyond question.

"The 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct has an excellent reputation throughout the city as one of its finest Precincts. In no way should these unproven allegations diminish our faith in and respect for the Precinct and its command," added Harrison.

"This is a terrible ordeal for all these officers and their families. At this time a lot of what we hear is merely speculation and none of us really knows all the details. We surely owe it to these men who have faithfully served our community for so many years, to reserve judgment until all the facts are in and the investigation is complete," said Harrison.