



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

May 6, 2022

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On May 2, 2022, the OPO received an online complaint.

The complainant alleges: On [REDACTED], Detective [REDACTED] went over to the [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Austin Texas [REDACTED] phone number [REDACTED]. And bullied and intimidated my brother who is a federal inmate on furlough at this location, at the request of his case manager [REDACTED]. Detective [REDACTED] stated to my brother if he fails to register as SO he will go to the prosecutor and have him arrested. Detective [REDACTED] arrived at the halfway house with another officer unidentified, we believe this was totally inappropriate for APD [REDACTED] to be threatening and demanding that my brother register as a sex offender at that particular time my brother has not been out of any compliance he had just arrived at the halfway house on [REDACTED]. The issue started with his case manager because my brother and I believe that he should not be registering until he left the halfway house, because he is still considered a federal bureau of prison inmate. My brother does not have an issue with registering nor do I we just felt like this should be happening once he leaves the halfway house, being that we live in Travis County and not Austin City limits. I reached out to Sergeant [REDACTED] to see if she could give me further clarification on this, she was unable to clarify so she had me to speak to detective [REDACTED] and which he was very rude to me and said he was not going to be my researcher and gather information for me to have an understanding of this, he also stated to me that if my brother doesn't register he's going to the prosecutor and have him arrested. I believe this is very inappropriate for a detective to speak to the people he's supposed to serve in this manner I was only trying to gain an understanding and clear information. The case manager [REDACTED] should have never involved detective [REDACTED] she should have contacted the federal probation office. If there was a problem. She should have also tried to de-escalate situations when in fact she escalated by involving detective [REDACTED]. My brother had not committed any criminal offenses so it was no reason for detective [REDACTED] to be going out there and giving his phone number to my brother on a sticky note pad and threatening him in harsh words that he would have him arrested and also having this discussion in the presence of other inmates at this halfway house where they can hear my brother's private personal business. Other inmates could attack my brother because of this conversation that was overheard putting my brother's life in danger. Since [REDACTED] I have repeatedly received calls from policeman's people from the county traffic and bridge department people calling my number asking if I am a



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wrecker truck company? late at night. Just on today [REDACTED] I received a call from gentleman with Travis County road and bridge asking to speak with [REDACTED] with TxDOT, the gentleman told me he was dialing [REDACTED]. All of these calls are being routed to my personal cell number, I have had my personal cell phone number for over 12 years and I'm just really baffled as how my number got involved with law enforcement in this manner? I believe that detective [REDACTED] may have something to do with this being that TxDOT has oversight over the sex offender registration unit. I have a current ongoing complaint and investigation into this with 311, the reference number for that complaint is # [REDACTED]. His case manager [REDACTED] [REDACTED] should have took him into her office and explain to my brother why she believed he should be registering at that particular time and not be calling APD on him, as if he had violated the law. And detective [REDACTED] should have told her that he is not going to get involved it's nothing to be calling him about and if he fails to register at that time he can do something about it. My brother's intent was never not to register we just believe that he was supposed to do that once he left the halfway house with the Travis County sheriff's office where we live. My brother is not on any current probation nor parole with the State of Texas. He is a federal prisoner on furlough so if anything the US Marshals have oversight over him.. and I repeat he hadn't broken any law at that particular time and he has since then scheduled an appointment to register with APD, and we would also like to understand that process because when he's scheduled the person setting the appointment told him it was going to take 2 hours. We don't understand why giving your name and filling out paperwork and taking a picture. Would take 2 hours so now it seems like something out of the ordinary is going to be happening to him at this appointment scheduled for [REDACTED] we would also appreciate more clarification on this registry when you are a federal inmate on furlough? we would also like more information on when you go to register how that process is supposed to actually take place and what information is being required at this appointment? And we would like the actions of detective [REDACTED] to be addressed. Also on [REDACTED] detective [REDACTED] signed out that he was going to lunch when he actually went out to the halfway house and his Superior [REDACTED] can verify that.

This notice of complaint is a request for Internal Affairs to initiate an investigation to determine if the employee conduct is within compliance of APD policy, Civil Service Rules, and Municipal Civil Service Rules.