



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

April 28, 2022

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On April 27, 2022, the OPO received a phone complaint.

The complainant alleges: He went to get a COVID booster at a clinic provided by the Health Department at a local public library. One of the workers asked him if he had been vaccinated and he responded yes but he did not have his vaccination card. The worker told him he could not be vaccinated without his card. He told the worker about a database that could validate previous vaccines. The worker still said no, so he asked the worker for a supervisor. The supervisor began to lecture him in a disrespectful condescending tone in front of everyone standing in line. The supervisor finally agreed to allow him to be vaccinated. As the supervisor walked away, he told her the employees were not properly trained and they were turning people away. The supervisor became defensive and told him he was creating a disturbance and he needed to leave, or the police would be called. A third worker also began to speak to him in a disrespectful tone and told him to leave or the police would be called. Police were called and when they arrived, they told him if he did not leave, he would be arrested. He told the officer he was not breaking any laws and could not be arrested for being at a public library. He asked to speak to an APD supervisor and when the supervisor arrive, he responded the same, leave or be arrested. So basically, his option was to go to jail or leave without a vaccination. The APD officers and supervisors failed to investigate what had happened and they only spoke to the workers and did not ask the security guard or anyone else waiting in line what happened. He asked officer [REDACTED], APD supervisor, if he was going to write a report and he responded no. The APD officers and supervisors violated his rights, failed to do their jobs and they all should have known better. It appeared they were all sticking together.

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.