



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

January 12, 2022

ICMS #: 2022-0003

On January 3, 2022 the OPO received an online complaint.

The complainant alleges: Officer [REDACTED] responded to a report of sexual assault at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. He entered the room and quickly introduced himself. The survivor was sitting down on the couch, and Officer [REDACTED] still standing, said "so what happened?" in a nonchalant tone. I asked him if he could sit down and he responded that he was "too fat". The forensic nurse, [REDACTED], offered to find him a larger chair. He eventually sat down. Officer [REDACTED] repeated the same questions over and over. He asked the survivor, "did the assault occur before or after you were released from [REDACTED]?" even though this was irrelevant to the matter at hand. The survivor stated that the assailant pushed his way into her apartment. Officer [REDACTED] began a question with, "so when you allowed this guy to enter your apartment...." Officer [REDACTED] held up his hand and said "wait" several times throughout the interaction and fixated on certain details of her story - it was clear he didn't believe the survivor. Officer [REDACTED] line of questioning jumped back and forth between the sexual assault that was being reported that evening and events that had happened months ago. Officer [REDACTED] asked for either me or [REDACTED] to step outside with him. At this time he told [REDACTED] that people can experience delusions of sexual assault. [REDACTED] explained that the survivor's memory gaps could be a result of trauma. He insisted he needed to establish a timeline. When he returned, he resumed the same line of repetitive questioning. When Officer [REDACTED] stepped outside to call a detective, the survivor stated, "I just want to go home". Before her interaction with Officer [REDACTED] she stated she wanted to report to law enforcement and have a full speculum exam. When he left, she opted to just have swabs collected. I believe that the way Officer [REDACTED] treated this survivor absolutely affected the way that she proceeded and his behavior discouraged her from having the full exam conducted.

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.