



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

September 23, 2022

ICMS #: 2022-0820

On September 19, 2022, the OPO received a phone complaint.

The complainant alleges: There was an 8-year-old little girl, [REDACTED] who said her mother slapped her in the face. Officer [REDACTED] and a taller officer, whose name she does not recall, responded to the 911 call ten minutes later. The complainant had an issue with Officer [REDACTED]. She met the officers at the entrance and began telling them what happened. Officer [REDACTED] told her that parents can parent the way they want to parent and if that's the way they want to discipline their kids that's on the parent and she should not be the one complaining about it. Officer [REDACTED] told her that in Texas it is legal to discipline your kids as long as there are no broken bones. The complainant told the officers that she felt the child might be autistic because of the way she was acting and that they should use precaution in approaching her. Officer [REDACTED] told her that's a mental health issue and it is confidential, and she should not be saying that. The little girl ran towards the end of the hallway and officer [REDACTED] yelled with an authoritative, intimidating voice, "Hey! Come back here! I don't have time for this, and I don't have the patience." As [REDACTED] walked toward the officer, another little girl tried to hug her and talk to her because the approach that officer [REDACTED] made was not appropriate. The complainant asked to speak to a sergeant or someone superior and Officer [REDACTED] said they did not have anyone, but he would send a corporal to talk to her. The corporal was very nice and told her there was going to be an IA investigation and the body camera would be reviewed to see what happened and how the situation could have been handled differently. The corporal asked if she wanted to file a formal complaint and she replied, "yes."

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.