



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

September 16, 2022

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On September 19, 2022, the OPO received an email complaint.

The complainant alleges: I just saw the videos below of [REDACTED] calling the police and trespassing members of the public from a public [REDACTED] for public photography in the publicly accessible areas of the [REDACTED]. This is beyond outrageous and a violation of the First Amendment. It opens you up to civil litigation. I've been to your [REDACTED] many times and I've taken video and pictures with no problems. I've also seen many many people doing the same things, especially when sending or receiving loved ones from a [REDACTED] or when we see a celebrity. [REDACTED] even went so far as to tell the photographers that if they're not [REDACTED] out, then they cannot be there. Ridiculous! I can't come to the [REDACTED] to meet my girlfriend for lunch or buy something from you shops???

[REDACTED] told the photographers that they had to get permission from your PIO. Your employees do not know what they're talking about and they're misleading the public. Your employees were enforcing their feelings instead of [REDACTED] policy and the law this is unacceptable. They appeased the women at the [REDACTED] because they're friends and again that's unacceptable. They refused to provide the name of their supervisor because the photographers dared to film his friends at the [REDACTED].

The first set of officers that came had to explain your policy and the law to your employees, and let them know that the photographers had a lawful right to film there. But that wasn't good enough for [REDACTED], so they went and got another set of officers that didn't know the law and would do what they wanted. Smug and ignorance is a bad combination when dealing with the public. [REDACTED] comes in at the 23.25 mark on the first video and the 24:00 mark on the second video.



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Please educate your employees on the law especially when they're dealing with the public and calling the police on law abiding citizens. These videos will be on the internet forever. Not a good look.

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.