



## OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

### NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

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December 16, 2022

ICMS #: 2022-1126

On December 14, 2022, the OPO received a phone complaint.

**The complainant alleges:** She spoke to an attorney who told her she needed to file an APD complaint first. She went for an emergency dental appointment located on [REDACTED]. The lot was really hard to pull into and there were only 2 spaces, so she parked next door at the [REDACTED] store because there was nowhere else to park. She had also picked up her 15-year-old son from [REDACTED] who stayed in the car to study. Her son said he would come inside if the appointment took too long. She went in for her appointment at about [REDACTED], about at about [REDACTED], while in the middle of her dental procedure, a dental assistant came in and said the police were outside. She went outside and her son was out of the car. The police told her she was parked in a no-parking zone, and she could not park there, so she apologized. A police officer told her they frisked her minor child. Her son was shaking. Once she finished her appointment and was in the car with her son, he told her while he was sitting in the car the police drew guns on him and he thought he was going to die because he was holding his cell phone. One of the cops came to his window and another cop drew a gun on him. He told her when the police started to handcuff him, he told them he was a 15-year-old kid, and his mom is in the dentist's office. They removed the handcuffs but did not try to comfort him. Number one, why is a police officer pulling a gun on anybody in a tow-away zone on private property, and number two, on a child? Her son did nothing wrong. Her son was completely traumatized and was in shock the entire night. Her son keeps saying he thought he was going to die because he was holding his cell phone. Her son has never been in trouble and has never seen a gun in his life. She is sure APD will be hearing from her attorney, and she is going to call the mayor's office and every news station that she can because a lot of parents need to know that APD is pulling guns on children. She called the [REDACTED] store, and they said her vehicle was a suspicious car because it was a black Tahoe. What is interesting is that her son is half middle eastern, so she thinks there was some racial profiling going on. Someone is going to help deal with this.



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*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.*