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Complaint: The Office of Police Oversight received an email complaint from [REDACTED] stating as follows:

“I do have pictures of these offices

Please see below

The blown kiss and smirks/look felt very violating.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED] personal Austin protest experience: 5.30.2020

I have never been to a protest, I usually post and always send love and thoughts and prayers, but this time I had to do something different. I’ve been lucky to be surrounded by great people, but by being [REDACTED] Austin on [REDACTED] (6 hours) to peacefully protest I encountered something different. I could see the smirks on some of the officers faces as they laughed at my sign when I walked by (my sign said: check the privilege & please don’t kill my son because he’s black). Some officers took 30 minutes of their time to tell me things like:

“you can hold that sign all day it won’t

make a difference”,

“we will always have each other’s back,

“my brothers in uniform die too”,

“your sign doesn’t even make sense”

.....oh and one officer even had the nerve to look me up and down and blow me a kiss.... I got so angry at his insensitivity.... those actions by OUR LOCAL PD make it hard to continue peaceful protests.



There were cops that took the time to acknowledge me with a nod or sense of understanding while working. I am thankful for them. I'm hoping officers take this time to recognize their power and do their part by not staying silent when they see bad happening. These officers are not only training other officers but they are raising their children along side ours.

*UPDATE: more about my experience & how the others around me took their opportunity to try to distract me from speaking up. There is no reason for an officer to poke at peaceful protestors emotions, I feel that was his intention. Why didn't the officers near by stand up and stop them from belittling my voice/sign at a protest???? Although my message was not accepted by APD that day, I know my actions down there were not without purpose. This message is not so you can feel sorry for me in anyway, but more to show an experience I personally had to those that still do not believe.

While at the protest (pleading with the same officer to just hear me) two young men came up behind me. They started to throw wadded up paper towels at the officers. A young girl and I quickly turned around and asked them to stop as not to hurt us. They seem to get agitated with US and then the young boys begin to belittle the cops based on their physical appearance. We immediately turned around again and told them they were defeating the purpose of our protest and asked them to leave. They cursed at me as they walked away. These young man saw an opportunity to agitate ME and the OFFICERS. Ask yourself what was THEIR reason for of being there? Protesters are there to protest. Believe us. The young men and many others i [REDACTED] violence we [REDACTED] th my same purpose.

I was there to ask for equality with the police system.

I explained we need laws that would address police murders investigations at a federal level not just investigated locally.

I simply asked for them to listen and speak up when you seeing wrong happening.

Things must change. If you are getting tired of seeing or reading about #blacklivesmatter try doing something more donate, educate yourself, protest and be mindful of those around you.

I know I can report it, but why do I have to police my police? There were other police around??? Dear Chief: teach your police See something Say something.

[REDACTED]

#blacklivesmatter

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