



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

February 3, 2023

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On January 31, 2023, the OPO received an email complaint.

The complainant alleges: I called into the police department for domestic disturbance, [REDACTED]. My son heard a loud bang was really scared and called me over.

I called the police and they took roughly 30 minutes to get there. When upon arriving they didn't talk to my son they didn't try to question him or make sure to make him feel safe they simply talk to me and his mom.

Mom said that a shampoo bottle fell and they couldn't do anything else from there as well as the female officer insisted my son go with his mom and that it was what she requested.

They didn't try to get down to my son's level and talk about what's going on, why he called. They didn't make him feel safe for validate his concern that you guys were there to protect him and that at any time he's always welcome to call me or you guys if he feels unsafe. The whole interaction no one ever talked to my son or even ask me if they could talk to him, I had to get down with him at his level as his dad and as his protector and talk to him, try to ask him open-ended questions to see what he's feeling and when I talked to him he was generally scared his lip was trembling and he even wanted to come up with the emergency plan in case it ever happened again.

I told the female officer that next time if my son is going through something it's best for her to talk to him first make him feel safe and ask him what he wants to do and not just tell him what to do and the person he scared should not go to him it should be his mother that should go to him but the female officer took all my advice and didn't do anything about it and everyone just drove off. I hope nothing happens to my kids but if [REDACTED] does happen



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and no one stands out for him and someone does happen to his mom y'all's training failed this moment really bad.

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.