



## OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

### NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

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March 10, 2023

ICMS #: 2023-0192

On March 7, 2023, the OPO received a phone complaint.

**The complainant alleges:** She and a group of friends came to Austin, just a bunch of girls, to have fun and go clubbing. She is not from Texas and has never seen police officers on horses before. After she and her friends left the club, they waited in line at a pizza place. She and her friends were not loud or drunk. She saw a horse walk behind her, which was fine, so she moved out of the way. While she was standing in line she was knocked down by the horse. As she laid on her back kicking and screaming, the giant horse continued to walk over her. The complainant thinks one of the officers picked her up -- but by this time she was hysterical, frightened and scared out of mind. During the incident the horse also stepped on her friend's foot. The complainant sustained scratches and bruises on her back, leg and chest. The complainant took pictures. She has never endured anything like it. Her biggest question is she does not understand why they did that. It was beyond frightening. She was traumatized and it felt like bullying. She was aggressively knocked to the ground. She had a skirt on as she lay on her back, and she is sure she flashed everyone in sight while the horses continue to try to walk over her. Everyone understands a horse can kill you. The situation was very inappropriate and aggressive for people who were just standing in line to get food.

*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.*