



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

April 22, 2022

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On April 22, 2022, the OPO received an online complaint.

The complainant alleges: PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: • [REDACTED]
– [REDACTED] (18yr/Senior), the son of Austin Police Department (APD) Detective [REDACTED] snuck up on our son from behind during wrestling practice ([REDACTED]) and choked him out until he lost consciousness. When our son went limp his attacker dropped him on his face and our son suffered multiple bone fractures in his jaw and had his mouth wired shut • [REDACTED]
– Officer [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Police Department called us and tried to dissuade us from filing a police report – he said that it would take 6-8 weeks and no charges would be filed as Travis County is too liberal o Please note that Officer [REDACTED] is a retired 27 year veteran of the Austin Police Department (APD) and knows our attackers son – Detective [REDACTED] and Officer [REDACTED] met while at the Austin Police Department (APD). • [REDACTED]
– I complained to the [REDACTED] Police Department Chief [REDACTED] that when the recorder stopped recording and my sons statement and was walking out, Officer [REDACTED] threatened our son so Chief [REDACTED] replaced Officer [REDACTED] o Please note that Chief [REDACTED] is a retired 22 year veteran of the Austin Police Department (APD) Chief [REDACTED] served as a police officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and division commander prior to his retirement. As a commander at APD, he served in a leadership role for hundreds of officers in numerous units including Patrol, Internal Affairs, Special Operations, Police Technology, Risk Management, Training, and Recruiting. • [REDACTED]
– Chief [REDACTED] sent us an email with the following update: o “I am writing to provide you with an update regarding the criminal investigation involving your son as a victim. After a very thorough investigation, the facts of this case and the events leading up to it were presented to a Travis County Assistant County Attorney (ACA) for review. After a review of the facts, the County Attorney’s office has advised they will not accept the case for prosecution. In other words, the ACA has determined that the facts of the case, and the totality of the circumstances surrounding it, are not strong enough to support a successful prosecution. Due to the ruling by the ACA, the criminal investigation is being closed exceptionally - prosecution declined.” • [REDACTED]
– We received the REQUESTED CITATION [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from the Travis County District Clerk’s Office (459th) and immediately sent it to Direct Results Legal Service (DRLS) to serve [REDACTED] • [REDACTED]
– DRLS tried to serve



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█ at home with no answer, they left their contact data. Later that day APD Detective █ called DRLS, said he is w/ the APD and threatened to arrest (trespassing) the DRLS agent person trying to serve his son our civil citation • █ – APD Detective █ called DRLS and said that said they are ready to cooperate and he will let me know when to return • █ – DRLS confirmed with APD Detective █ a time/place to serve █ with him present • █ – We received another email from Chief █ who told us the following: (*please note that all 3 students/accusers are kids of APD Officers that served with █ Chief █ and Officer █ – one of the accusers is who attacked our son) o “I am writing to let you know that during the course of the investigation regarding your son, █ several students have alleged they have been physically assaulted by █ Three of those students (or parents) opted to pursue criminal charges. The investigating officers gathered the facts and presented them to a Travis County Magistrate who determined there was probable cause and issued three arrest warrants for █ All three warrants are for Assault with Injury - Class A Misdemeanor.” • FACTS that tie this back to the APD o The CHIEF OF POLICE for the █ Police Department was Chief █ a 22 year veteran and retired Division Commander with the Austin Police Department (APD) o The INVESTIGATING OFFICER for the █ Police Department that was tasked with the initial investigation was Officer █, a 27 year veteran of the Austin Police Department (APD) o The FATHER of the Sophomore that is accusing our son of an assault with injury is retired Austin Police Department (APD) Lieutenant █, who worked for the department for >23 years and worked in the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC) o The MOTHER of the Sophomore that is accusing our son of an assault with injury is also an Officer with the Austin Police Department (APD) o The FATHER of the Senior (18yr old) that attacked our son, along with his Freshman brother, is Austin Police Department (APD) Detective █ To date, we have learned that the Travis County Assistant County Attorney (ACA) has no record of the Lake Travis ISD Police Department ever submitting anything regarding the attack on our son. We believe that there is a significant connection between the investigating authorities and the parents of these alleged victims. The one thing that connects them all is their association with the Austin Police Department (APD). All of them worked for or are currently working for the Austin Police Department (APD). We believe that they coordinated their efforts and leveraged both their knowledge of the legal system as well as their understanding of the differences between the Travis County District Attorney office, the Travis County Assistant County Attorney (ACA) office and the Travis County Magistrate office to help navigate or steer this investigation in a way that would intimidate us from pursuing criminal charges or filing our Civil Petition with the Travis County District Court. For some reason, these very experienced law enforcement officers decided to (allegedly) submit their investigation into the attack on our son to the Travis County Assistant



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County Attorney (ACA) rather than the Travis County District Attorney which is who should have seen it. Then they decided to submit the investigation that they ran against our son to the Travis County Magistrate instead of the Travis County Assistant County Attorney (ACA) as they did our sons report. We believe that the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] Police Department have an agenda to attack the REAL victim here and they weaponized the Austin Police Department (APD) to silence us and make us go away.

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.