



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF FORMAL COMPLAINT

ICMS #: 2021-0690

July 14, 2021

Complaint: The complainant alleges she called for police assistance for domestic abuse because her husband had taken her purse, ripped her phone from her hand, broke things in her house and accused her of taking his car keys, which she did not. Complainant alleges three officers came but told her because it was her husband it was community property and he has a right not to give the items back and to resolve the issue among themselves. Complainant alleges later she called a supervisor [REDACTED] who came out and the other 3 officers also came out and they left with her husband and her purse. Complainant alleges Officer [REDACTED] was very accommodating and took her complaint and gave her the information to contact OPO to file a complaint against the other 3 officers. Complainant stated that officers need to be trained to handle/de-escalate domestic violence situations.

This notice of formal 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.

Recommended Administrative Policies to Review (to include but not limited to):

301.2 IMPARTIAL ATTITUDE AND COURTESY

Employees shall provide equal and fair protection of all rights under local, state, and federal law for all members of the community. Law enforcement will be conducted in an impartial and equitable manner.

In an effort to create an organizational culture that is inclusive and nondiscriminatory, employees shall act professionally, treat all persons fairly and equally, and strive to interact with the community in a positive manner. Employees will perform all duties objectively and without regard to personal feelings, animosities, friendships, financial status, occupation or employment status, sex, disability status, housing status, mental health or ability, citizenship, language, national origin, creed, color, race, religion, age, political beliefs, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, ethnicity, or social or ethnic background. Employees will endeavor to understand and respect cultural, national, racial, religious, physical, mental, and other differences.

Recommended Classification: *The OPO is permitted to make a preliminary recommendation on the classification of administrative cases.*

The OPO recommends this complaint receive a B classification.