



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

September 23, 2022

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On September 19, 2022, the OPO received an online complaint.

The complainant alleges: I would like to file a claim against an officer in relation to my case [REDACTED]. I received a text message from a [REDACTED] claiming to be the brother of [REDACTED], the man who was taken into custody for stealing my vehicle on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] claimed that he was given my personal information - both full name, personal phone number, AND HOME ADDRESS - by an Officer [REDACTED] of APD. Again, I want to stress that this officer gave out my information to the family member of a drug user who is in custody for stealing my vehicle from right out in front of my home, and the family member actually went to my physical home address in pursuit of finding some stolen belongings from my car. I have contacted a lawyer, and it is ILLEGAL TO GIVE THE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF THE VICTIM OF A CRIME OUT TO ANYONE, ESPECIALLY TO THE ASSOCIATES OF THE CRIMINAL. I will be pursuing legal action against this officer with both [REDACTED] and his mother, [REDACTED] as my witnesses to these illegal actions. My number is [REDACTED] and I expect a call in a timely manner.

OPO took the complaint on the phone as well. This is the description of that phone call:

The complainant called APD at about [REDACTED] because her car was stolen. APD did not arrive until about [REDACTED]. Her car was recovered on [REDACTED] at about [REDACTED]. Typically, her car would have been impounded but it was found about a mile from where she lives, so the officer told her if she could come now, they would just give her the car back. When she arrived, there were items stolen from others inside her vehicle. The officers gave her latex gloves and told her since none of the things were hers, she could just throw them away which she thought was bizarre because the items could have been evidence. She mentioned to the officers that there was a crack pipe and the officer said, "Oh, I guess we should take that." The following [REDACTED] she flew to [REDACTED] to get away. On [REDACTED] while in [REDACTED] she got a text saying, "Hey [REDACTED] this is [REDACTED] I am not sure how to reach out to you, but this is on behalf of my brother who stole your car." He stated he and his mother have been trying to find her keys which were also stolen by his brother. He stated he tried to go to her apartment, but no one was home, so he figured he would text



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her instead. The complainant inquired how he had her personal address, name, and phone number. The complainant stated the brother's mother called to see if her keys were found, the officer gave his mother the contact information and said she could probably get more information from her because they would probably be in her car. She explained to the brother that the officer told her to throw away the things that were left in her car. The complainant says it is so illegal to give out a victim of a crime personal information to anyone especially associates of the criminal. They could have used her information to harm her or her property. She plans to pursue legal action against APD for giving her personal information to the relatives of a criminal.

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.