



# OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

## NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

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March 31, 2023

ICMS #: 2023-0245

On March 27, 2023, the OPO received an online complaint.

**The complainant alleges:**

Location: [REDACTED]

Regarding [REDACTED]

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I was at the [REDACTED]. I watched an officer drop an African American male off. I was in view of him walking into the building because I was right by the door the entire time. I got there about [REDACTED] and he arrived around [REDACTED]. I overheard a White Male Security say, "Oh, they just dropped him off."

The African American male looked like he just had been released from incarceration. However, he was peaceful the entire time he was in the building. He never screamed out, shouted at anyone, or did anything to disturb folk in the building.

The next thing I know, I watch the White Security guard walk up to him and start interrogating him over a spilled drink. The African American male kept asking why he was bothering him. He said, "I am just here to get a check and I am leaving, why are you bothering me man." He kept asking the security guard this.

Then the situation turned for the worse. The security guard walks up to the desk that I am standing next to and calls the police. He lies the entire time he is on the phone to get them back out on the scene. I still cannot believe that I am reporting this incident because it was unnecessary.



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A police officer arrives on the scene and goes where the African American male is sitting and talks with him. Then another cop (Cop #2) enters the building (why was he called – this man not acting out in any way?) There conversation was not loud it was peaceful. I remember the cop say to the African American male that he was going to talk with the security guard to see if he could stay.

Cop #1 gets up and goes towards the security guard and have a conversation. Then it gets baffling. Officer #2 (██████████) standing by the African American male as Officer #1 walks up to him. He then tells him he must leave (All Because A WHITE security guard did not want him in the building). The situation elevates where the African American male is now trying to reason with the cops about why he has to leave.

Yes, the conversation escalated and got louder between the accused and the officers. They then handcuff him and take him out the building. I am for what is right and this was terrible to watch a Black man do nothing and get hauled off to jail. I got my stuff and walked right behind them. They were wrong and the security guard was wrong.

I walk up the police car and stand there for a few seconds and ask can I speak with them. They both were rude to me. I asked one of them if they talked to their mother, the way they addressed me. They continue to touch his body as if he was not human and treated him as such. It was very alarming to watch all of this go down.

They took their precious time; I asked them again if I could speak with them and they tell me to hold on. Officer ██████████ then walks up to me and is rude again; I say to him that I did not want to talk with him because he was rude. Officer #1 – was rude too. My tax dollars are paying cops to talk to me indifferently, because I saw what was going on and it was out of order.

I ask Officer #1 to walk with my a few feet from him car – by my car. He said he could not do that. I stood in my same position, and I ask him again, why did you arrest this man? His response, “He was trespassing.” The security guard did not want him here.



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I am still stuck on this that he was trespassing in a public institution that the APD dropped him off at? Does that make any sense to you who is reading this statement? He could not be in the building because a WHITE security guard did not want him there.

I do not appreciate the officers being rude and upset that I was standing up for an innocent person! As a Black woman, I was appalled by their behavior and lack of care for human dignity.

I needed to report this incident. Mental Illness is real and Black Lives Do Matter!

***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.***