



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

February 17, 2023

ICMS #: 2023-0135

On February 14, 2023, the OPO received a phone complaint.

The complainant alleges: An APD officer came out to assist her with an issue involving a reckless and dangerous crew removing a tree that hit her house on [REDACTED]. The crew came back on [REDACTED] and illegally cut down a heritage tree that was protected under the city heritage law. The police later harassed her when she called them to come out and look at another protected tree that was being cut down without a permit. The responding APD officer was belligerent and unhelpful. The owner of the house has a previous relationship with the officer because the house on the property has been broken into multiple times. The responding officer brought the owner over and she was trying to get her not to file an insurance claim and basically sexually assaulted her. As the complainant was walking away the owner grabbed her arm and stroked it in a sexually suggestive manner and then offered her a massage if she did not file an insurance claim. The officer forcibly opened the complainant's locked gate. The officer told her she did not have the right to tell the crew not to cut down the tree. The officer tried to violate her first amendment right and was not very helpful in filing a police report about the damages that had been caused the previous day. She asked the officer to investigate. The officer looked at a giant area of her condo where the paint and tile were damaged and told her there was no way to tell if the tree had done the damage. Multiple eyewitnesses gave the officer reports about where the tree had hit the building and also stated that they saw the tree hit the building. The officer did not write down any of the information that was given to him. The officer treated her like a criminal. She waved at the officer from the street and the officer told her not to come onto the property. The officer told her that she did not have the right to tell the crew about the law concerning the trees. The officer failed to protect the tree and to protect her life. The crew was unlicensed and not trained to cut down the massive 40ft tall pecan tree. They were a danger to themselves and to her. They trespassed on her property and tried to cover up all kinds of damage to her property and ran away when the police responded. There were so many crimes that were committed, and the police are not being helpful. Officer [REDACTED], [REDACTED] was the officer's name and badge number.



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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.