



## OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

### NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

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March 31, 2023

ICMS #: 2023-0248

On March 27, 2023, the OPO received a phone complaint.

**The complainant alleges:** He has a license and owns a few cannabis dispensaries in [REDACTED] Austin, and the [REDACTED] area. He deals with cancer patients and [REDACTED]. The complainant traveled with 10lbs of CBD/hemp from [REDACTED] to Austin with his paperwork and license. When the complainant arrived at the Austin [REDACTED] Officer [REDACTED] opened his luggage and threw his things on the floor. The complainant asked the officer if he was going to take him to jail. The officer said he was not going to. The officer refused to give the complainant his supervisor's name and his badge number, but he did give the complainant his personal phone number. The complainant called the officer several times for updates on his case. The officer was rude and told him he could not test the product for five years and there is a waiting list. The complainant requested a receipt for his product for tax purposes. The officer only gave him a receipt for 13 of the products but he had 20 in his bag. The complainant also did not get a receipt for a couple thousand dollars that was taken. The complainant ran a background check on the officer and found out the officer is his neighbor in [REDACTED] which is too much of a coincidence. When the complainant tried to call Officer [REDACTED] his phone number, his wife's phone number, and his attorney's phone numbers were all blocked. The complainant feels like he is being watched. The complainant follows the rules and procedures that Austin requires. The complainant is 41 years old and never committed a crime in his life. The complainant asked about Austin rules for transporting his product from [REDACTED] to Austin. The complainant has talked to the FBI and other APD officers and there is no illegal way of bringing his product from any state to Austin. The complainant wants to know what is going on. It was not right the way the officer embarrassed him. If he committed a crime, he should have been arrested on the spot. He is sure there are cameras in the [REDACTED] and video of the incident. His rights were violated, and he feels very racially discriminated against. If he had been any other race the officer would have looked at his paperwork and given him the same common respect that he was giving. If the complainant cannot be reached, contact his lawyer, [REDACTED], who is a retired FBI agent, and his attorney in [REDACTED].



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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.*