



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

April 8, 2022

ICMS #: 2022-0244

On April 4, 2022, the OPO received a phone complaint.

The complainant alleges: The complainant works as a security officer for [REDACTED]. There was an event held on the high school field and the administration asked to have everyone park on the [REDACTED] parking lot and walk to the event on the high school field. Over 200 people attended the event and not one of them gave them any static except one police officer who parked in a handicap space on the [REDACTED] parking lot. The police officer told him that he had a handicap placard because his mother-in-law has to have the vehicle accessible. He told the police officer that he would have to drop his mother-in-law off and pick her up in the high school parking lot. The officer then told him federal law says he can't kick him out of a handicapped spot. The complainant then responded -- he was not kicking him out of the handicapped spot but off of the parking lot. The complainant is a retired officer with 24 years of experience, has knowledge of the law, and would call APD to remove him. The officer responded he was a 14-year veteran of APD and there has to be signs up. The security guard called his boss and his boss said just let it happen, so he walked away. As he was walking away the police officer made a disparaging remark about him being a security guard. When the complainant asked the officer to identify himself, the officer pulled out a card. When he tried to get a closer look, the officer pulled it away and said, "You can't touch it." The officer would not tell him his supervisor's name or the division he was in. About 30 minutes later the complainant approached the officer and asked, "Where do you want your vehicle towed to?" The officer got really upset -- so he smiled, shook the officer's hand, and told him he was just messing with him. He told him everything was fine, but he would be contacting OPO.

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.