



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

February 3, 2023

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On February 3, 2023, the OPO received an online complaint.

The complainant alleges: My son, [REDACTED], was working [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. His boss asked him and another employee to go out to parking lot to collect shopping carts. When my son and the other employee were walking across parking lot to the bus stop to collect carts they noticed several police cars near the [REDACTED]. My son and his coworker were dressed in the [REDACTED] uniforms with their work badges on. My son was wearing a big blue [REDACTED] coat with logo on back. As they approached the bus stop they hear "Stop, turn around, don't move!". So, they both turn around and before they knew it they were surrounded by 4 police officers who then grabbed each of them and placed handcuffs on them. My son quickly identified himself as an employee of [REDACTED] and asked what was going on. He then told officers that they were just picking up carts. The officer told him as he was being placed in the back of the police car that a witness saw the two of them get out of a stolen car. My son told officers he did not steal a car and that he drove himself to work in his own car which was parked on the other side of parking lot. My son stayed in the back of the police car handcuffed for about 30 minutes while police talked to [REDACTED] managers and viewed security cameras. I am upset that the officers did not question my son before putting on handcuffs. This has been very traumatizing for my son who has extreme anxiety. My son is a junior at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and has never been arrested or had a speeding ticket. He should not have been treated this way. Officers should have noticed that they were in work uniforms and both wearing [REDACTED] ID badges. They were not running or acting suspicious but simply doing their jobs.

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.