



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

March 31, 2023

ICMS #: 2023-0254

On March 28, 2023, the OPO received a phone complaint.

The complainant alleges: She has a 50-year-old son who is mentally ill, has a brain injury, and is schizophrenic. The son charged at her, and she fell back on her bed with a cane in her hand because she cannot walk. She accidentally hit him hard enough that the ambulance had to be called. The son has attacked her before. APD asked her if she felt threatened and she told them yes. She was taken to the hospital because she has a heart condition and then taken to jail. She was charged for assault. When she was in jail, they asked her questions so they could release her. They fingerprinted her, even though they had told her they would not. They eventually took her in to put her on oxygen and gave her medication. It was a bad situation because she recently had a stroke. She is under the housing authority, and it is her house not her son's. Because they called her son the victim she is about to be put out of her house. The situation was not right. She is an old woman, and she must protect herself the best way she can. Her son had just gotten out of jail for beating her. She was treated like a dog. When she was released, they took her out of the wheelchair. She cannot walk so when she took a cab home she had to crawl to get to her door. She ended up with pneumonia. She now has nightmares.

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.