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Complaint: The Office of Police Oversight received an email complaint from [REDACTED], complainant, stating as follows:

“APD appear to have deployed an LRAD (Long Range Acoustical Device, commonly known as a "sonic cannon") on their building. This weapon causes painful and permanent hearing damage. Like other "less lethal" munitions, these devices are NOT appropriate to use on protesting civilians. After all we've seen of protesters and bystanders being maimed by so-called "riot control" weapons, the police need to DE-ESCALATE. It would be quite easy for trigger-happy police to decide to unleash this weapon at the merest hint of citizen resistance, but just because it isn't lethal does not mean it is a harmless alternative to direct physical violence.

I'm calling on you to have the APD remove these weapons.