



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

August 5, 2022

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On August 3, 2022, the OPO received an online complaint.

The complainant alleges: Good afternoon, I submitted a complaint with the City of Austin online on [REDACTED] and was informed today [REDACTED] it was not the correct website to file an online complaint. I now submitting my complaint to the correct website. Unsolved Crime - Detective [REDACTED] of the Austin Police Department investigated the death of my former husband I am the first wife, case # [REDACTED] the deceased resided in [REDACTED] Texas and was found dead at his former second wife's apartment the once shared. Detective [REDACTED] did a poor job and only questioned two witnesses where the deceased was found no further investigation was conducted this matter did not make it to court, Detective [REDACTED] did not contact the deceased family or order a polygraph for the only two witnesses he questioned. The deceased children contacted Detective [REDACTED] requesting copies of his report and pictures which he denied family access to for 9 years and after he was promoted as head of the [REDACTED] Department. The family was finally able to obtain copies in [REDACTED]. I took over and contacted Detective [REDACTED] now Lieutenant returned my call on [REDACTED]. I provided Lieutenant [REDACTED] with over whelming information, that should have been his job at the time he was conducting the investigation. I mentioned his report included discrepancies and that he didn't bother to further question the witnesses statements, which were not consistent and did not make sense and that if the incident occurred at [REDACTED] but was not reported until later that evening approximately at [REDACTED] he should have further investigated, and I further questioned why he did not order finger prints and why he didn't confirm with the second wife's employer if she had left her job to come check on her husband as she claimed even though he was not married to anyone at the time of death. Why didn't he question the witnesses why no one called 911 immediately at the time of the incident and why they waited until the end of the evening. Lieutenant [REDACTED] tried to convince me it was an accidental overdose. The picture indicate his death was "staged" according to the witnesses statements. Lieutenant [REDACTED] requested documents and names of family and address phone numbers and provided me with his email address. The deceased children/ family did not give consent to release their personal information to Lieutenant [REDACTED] as it was he who refused to provide the family with the final report and pictures for 9 years. Lieutenant



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██████ received an email from me regarding our phone conversation on ██████, and to inform him that the deceased family prefers to discuss the matter with the Austin Police Chief or other departments that investigate these matters of "unsolved" crimes. The family is willing to make the trip to Austin to provide documents and discuss this matter.

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.