



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

April 15, 2022

ICMS #: 2022-0289

On April 15, 2022, the OPO received a phone complaint.

The complainant alleges: Approximately [REDACTED] days ago, around [REDACTED] [REDACTED], sergeants pursued the complainant by vehicle for multiple blocks and eventually pulled him over on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], possibly because he was playing music. The complainant stopped his car when they turned on their lights and asked the cop why he was being followed. The complainant believes he was being stereotyped and harassed for not being white. Two cops approached him with a taser and gun, and the complainant believed he would be killed. Sergeant [REDACTED] had a taser while the other officer, a rookie, approached with his gun out. The officers told the complainant this was because they thought the complainant had a weapon, even though the complainant had no record of weapons and has only a non-violent offense history. While the complainant was trying to talk to the officers, they laughed in response to a comment from the complainant about the degree of violence in Austin. Years ago, other officers drew guns on the complainant in his driveway because the complainant was holding a red cell phone in his hands. The complainant's father was killed by APD and the complainant has been reaching out to victim services for many years yet has not received any contact or help from them. The complainant believes APD should help the children of people they have killed.

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.