



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

October 28, 2022

ICMS #: 2022-0977

On October 24, 2022, the OPO received a phone complaint.

The complainant alleges: There was a misunderstanding about a parking situation. The complainant goes to the same parking lot at lunchtime every day and everyone always parks perpendicular facing the building. He pulled into the parking lot behind an officer and parked next to him. There are painted lines for parking and the officer told him he needed to park between the lines. The complainant told the officer if he parked correctly, he would have blocked his vehicle. The complainant got out of his car and the officer began telling him he needed to park between the lines. He told the officer he was blocking him from doing that. The officer got mad and told him he could park anywhere he wanted, and the complainant told him he could not because he was not above the law. The officer began escalating the situation and told him he better watch who he talked to like that. Complainant asked if he was threatening him, and the officer said no, just warning him. Complainant asked for his name and badge number. The officer gave him his business card. It was clear the officer wanted a reaction out of him and wanted him to do something stupid instead of de-escalating the situation over a minor parking situation. The officer told him he was soft for wanting to file a complaint. He told the officer he was not acting very professionally and needed to be trained in de-escalation. The officer told him he did not have to de-escalate anything. The officer was very dismissive and argumentative. The officer threatened him again by saying what if I was some big redneck and you talked to me that way and I got out of my car and beat your ass, (something like that--he does not remember the officer's exact words). The complainant thought that was a weird thing to say. He was concerned because the officer had a badge and a gun, and he clearly needs to be trained in de-escalation. The officer told him he better get his story straight because his body cam has been on, and they are going to look at his 22 years of service and see that he has never done anything wrong.

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.



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