

INITIAL INQUIRY REPORT

Date Received: 1/28/2003		Time:		Complaint: Station Informal: <input type="checkbox"/> Station Formal: <input type="checkbox"/> IAB Formal: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Incident Date: 12/17/2002		Time: 0900		Complaint Nature: Excessive Force / Discourtesy	
Incident Location: [REDACTED]		Internal Affairs Number:		Initial Inquiry Number: 236	
Complainant #1: [REDACTED]		Home Address: [REDACTED]		Home Phone:	
		City, State, Zip: Denver, CO. 80205			
		Work Address:		Work Phone:	
Complainant #2:		Home Address:		Home Phone:	
		City, State, Zip:			
		Work Address:		Work Phone:	
Witness #1:		Home Address:		Home Phone:	
		Work Address:		Work Phone:	
Witness #2:		Home Address:		Home Phone:	
		Work Address:		Work Phone:	
Officer #1: Mitcham, John		Badge: 86061		Assignment: District #6	
Officer #2: McAlexander, Kachina		Badge: 99076		Assignment: District #6	
Officer #3: Hrouda, Daniel		Badge: 00076		Assignment: District #6	
Officer #4:		Badge:		Assignment:	

Complaint Narrative

On December 17, 2002, officers responded to the complainants address and arrested her husband on a warrant. The complaint was ultimately arrested for interference. She claims that her wrists were bruised by the handcuffs and that an officer used profanity. She made several different allegations along these lines that were in need of clarification.

On Feruary 24, 2003, a letter was sent to the complainant requesting that she contact Internal Affairs for an interview regading this contact. As of April 21, 2003, she has failed to contact this office.

Police Commander's Name & Phone # given to Complainant as a Contact: Commander's Name Given

Action Taken

Request this matter be filed as "Information Only".



D/C Recommendation: Unfounded Exonerated Not-Sustained Sustained

Report Completed by: Lt. T.A. Wheeler #71010

Reviewed By:	District/Unit Lieutenant: [REDACTED]	District/Unit Commander: [REDACTED]
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Division Chief:

Copy forwarded to IAB on:

Copy Received by PSU on: 4-21-03

Instructions: A copy of this completed form, Citizen Letter from Commander, statements, along with a copy of any SSR entry made, must be forwarded to the Internal Affairs Bureau. Lieutenant, Captain/Commander, and Division Chief must review report for completeness and concurrence.



WELLINGTON E. WEBB
Mayor

CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1331 CHEROKEE STREET
DENVER, COLORADO 80204-2787
PHONE: 720-913-2000

February 24, 2003

[REDACTED]

Denver, CO. 80205

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

We are in receipt of your letter regarding your contact with members of the Denver Police Department on December 17, 2002. However, to ensure a complete understanding of the scope of your complaint, it will be necessary to interview you to clarify details surrounding several of your allegations.

In the meantime, we will research our records for information regarding your contact and arrest, and any records maintained by the Department of Human Services, to ensure a complete and timely investigation of your complaint. As it will be necessary to interview your witnesses as well, I ask that you be prepared to supply our investigators with their names at the time of your interview.

Please feel free to call the Internal Affairs Bureau during regular business hours, at (720) 913-6019.

Sincerely,

Gerry Whitman
Chief of Police

*3-21-03 11:20AM
Responses to Chief's
offer & spoke to
Angela. She said
this letter did
go out.
LW 7100*

Chief Whitman,

The officer that I am referring to in this poem is Officer John Mitcham from District Six. I am hereby registering a complaint about the manner in which I was treated in front of my children on December 17, 2002 in my home at approximately 9:30 AM. The attitude of this officer was very unprofessional and not at all conducive of promoting peace. While I understand that he was doing his job in regards to my husband, he had no right to disregard my children's presence in the manner in which was carried out. I feel that the actions of this officer at the time of my arrest should be examined closely and border on being negligent to the best interest of my children. He really did not have any "interference" from me in arresting my husband. He simply wanted to pull his weight and prove that he was being a big bad cop. He could have very easily issued me a citation and ordered me into court.

The profanity and force used in front of my children was unnecessary and uncalled for, I did not do anything but plea with this officer to issue me a citation. I feel that his actions were very traumatizing to my children and I have had to work hard to reassure my daughter that not all cops are bad. I should not have to convince my five-year-old daughter that any cops are not good and they are there for her protection.

While I may have been guilty of not initially telling the officers that my husband was there, I did let them in, which was not my legal obligation to do so without a search warrant being present. I willfully let them in to search my house for him.

On top of the bad conduct in front of my kids, he very condescendingly probed me with personal questions during my drive downtown. Upon his initial questioning, I was very upset and crying and said to him that I chose to not speak to him. He told me that he was going to go ahead and charge me with a felony for not telling him the answers that he was looking for, so of course I answered his unnecessary questioning.

If I can use one word to describe this whole mess, it would be vile! I do not know what the procedure is for reprimand in a situation like this, but I would only hope that someone take that officer to the side and teach him the meaning of compassion. As it stands now, in my opinion, this man hasn't an ounce of compassion in him.

His idea of compassion was to jail me on interference versus harboring a fugitive supposedly on the idea of Christmastime. And while it is true, he could have given me the felony, which would have been far worse with which to deal. He could have also had some compassion for the fact that it was only one week before Christmas I had just started a new job and that job was going to be the only source of income for my household. The entire time that he was arresting me, I repeated this to him over and over again. Then to make matters worse, the officers that came into my home put in a nice little complaint to the Department of Human Services. In their complaint they made statements that were false. Upon the visit of DHS, the complaint was dismissed on the grounds that it was unfounded.

At a time when our country suffers to sustain confidence in government not only on a local but a national level, these types of actions are inexcusable. I can only hope that this letter will not be used to bring me and my family anymore harm. I think that we have been harmed enough.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Denver, Colorado 80205