

Status: Closed

Case No: P200701056

**Denver Police Department  
Internal Affairs Bureau  
Complaint Summary**

How Complaint Was Received: Email

Date Received: 01/09/2007

Requesting Station Officer: Montoya, Joseph (P91011)

Date Closed: 01/17/2007

Type of Complaint: Discourtesy

RR Code: 140

OMS Code:

Taken By: Montoya, Joseph (P91011)

Officer: Pineda, Michael (P04096) Assign: District 6

Notify Date:

Case Type: Decline

Assign To:

Decline Reason: No Misconduct

Officer: Manzanares, Rudy (P04077) Assign: District 6

Notify Date:

Case Type: Decline

Assign To:

Decline Reason: No Misconduct

| Complainant | D.O.B. | Home Address | Home Phone   | Notify Date |
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| ██████      |        |              | (303) ██████ |             |

| Complainant Officer(s) | Badge # | Assignment |
|------------------------|---------|------------|
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| Witness Officer(s) | Badge # | Assignment |
|--------------------|---------|------------|
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| Complainant | Type    | Address | City | State | Phone  |
|-------------|---------|---------|------|-------|--------|
| ██████      | Witness |         |      |       | ██████ |

| Place of Occurrence: | Second Street | Date       | Time  | District |
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| 1612 Wazee ST        |               | 01/01/2007 | 01:25 | 6        |

**Incident Summary:**

The complainant stated that Denver Police Officers were rude to her and her husband and failed to take action against the suspects who had assaulted them.

**Internal Affairs Bureau Command Review**

Assigned By:

Case Assigned To:

Assigned On:

**From:** MileHighMayor  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2007 10:44 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Denver Police/Downtown Denver  
Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

I am so sorry you and your husband had such a bad experience on New Year's Eve. The Mayor has asked that I forward your email to our Office of the Independent Monitor. They are the office that handles complaints about Denver Police Officers.

The Monitor's Office will be in touch with you.

Tina Rae Gelt  
Administrative Assistant to  
Mayor John W. Hickenlooper

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 02, 2007 10:34 AM  
**To:** MileHighMayor  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Denver Police/Downtown Denver

Mayor Hickenlooper -

I am not sure if you will ever see this email, or if it will just pass through your staff, but I am writing this because I feel there is a serious problem brewing in downtown Denver and the police department is only exacerbating the problem. I am a 30 year or women and my husband is 41. We are contributing members to this society and are by no means "trouble makers." In fact, you know my brother-in-law personally, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Two weeks ago my husband was downtown when walking along the sidewalk when a car pulled in front of him and his friend and six boys jumped out and tried to start a fight. Luckily my husband thought of our three children and turned around and headed the other direction. They followed for a little while and then let them go. The next morning he went to pick up his car that was in a paid lot at Market and 20th only to find that it had been broken into.

We decided to spend New Year's having dinner and going to a friend's party in downtown. At 1:00 am we headed back to our hotel and decided to stop in the Jet Hotel bar. To make a very long story short, I was sitting on a bar stool when I was grabbed by my shirt by a man in a fight thrown on the ground and dragged across the floor. One man I was with tried to get him off of me and was instead beat up by the bouncers. The harassment by the staff continued outside and at one point the man who assaulted me came outside. I was yelling to the bouncers that this was the guy they needed to be restraining when a girl he was with charged down the steps and punched me in the face. At one point the bouncers told this group to get out of there and continued to harass us until the police showed up. I realize that these incidents do not have to do with the Mayor's office, but I think you need to be aware that downtown Denver is being taken over by a bunch of thugs and it is getting too dangerous for the average person to even go out and enjoy themselves. Isn't the shooting of Darrent Williams another perfect example? The other really frustrating part of the evening was when the Denver police finally showed up. Besides being extremely rude to us they were completely without compassion and did not want to be bothered by us at all. The man I was with decided to press charges against the bouncer that hit him and the police basically tried to talk him out of it because frankly it seemed to us that they didn't want to do the paperwork involved. (Incidentally, he is filing charges.) When I told them happened to me, he didn't care at all and basically ignored my entire story. My husband became angry at this and asked for their names. They told us if we "pissed them off" they would throw us in jail. I will tell you the exact same thing I told him, "How is it fair that you are

threatening to throw me in jail when I was assaulted, my friend was assaulted, no one cares and you are going to throw me in jail?" His response, "Yep, if you piss me off."  
Again, I realize that this is very far down on the list of things that are problems to you, but I think you need to know what is happening in your town and that police department treated us so poorly. My brother is a policeman for the City of Broomfield. When I told him what happened he said, "Well, that is the Denver Police department for you." How awful is that? Have we really become resigned to a police department that treats its citizens like that? I hope you will read this email just so I can have some piece with this issue. I will tell you that I will not be frequently downtown Denver anymore and unfortunately, if things continue to go they way they are I believe many people will be following suit.

Thank you for your time -

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