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## INITIAL INQUIRY REPORT

Date Received: 04/28/2003		Time: 1355		Complaint: Station Informal: <input type="checkbox"/>		Station Formal: <input type="checkbox"/>		IAB Formal: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Incident Date: 04/28/2003		Time: 1350		Complaint Nature: Discourtesy					
Incident Location: 1200 B. W. 38th Avenue				Internal Affairs Number:			Initial Inquiry Number: 269		
Complainant #1: [REDACTED]				Home Address:			Home Phone: [REDACTED]		
				City, State, Zip:					
				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: Unknown				Badge:		Assignment: Traffic Operations			
Officer #2: SEE ATTACHED				Badge:		Assignment:			
Officer #3:				Badge:		Assignment:			
Officer #4:				Badge:		Assignment:			

### Complaint Narrative

The complainant was driving westbound on W. 38th Avenue. A police officer in a marked Denver Police Car with " a big white thing " on top of the police car pulled out of a parking lot onto W. 38th Avenue, directly in front of her car. Ms. [REDACTED] was forced to slam on her breaks to avoid a collision with the police car. She honked her horn. The police officer raised his hand and flipped her off with his middle finger.

The officer drove westbound and turned right onto Lipan Street and then into the 7-11 Store parking lot at W. 38th Avenue and Lipan Street.

Ms. [REDACTED] provided unit number 0458 on the police car. Fleet Maintenance shows this unit is assigned to Traffic Operations.

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

### Action Taken

**D/C Recommendation:** Unfounded  Exonerated  Not-Sustained  Sustained

Report Completed by: Sergeant Steve Wilson 73034

Reviewed By:	District/Unit Lieutenant:	District/Unit Commander: [Signature]
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Division Chief: [Signature] Recommendation: Not Sustained

Copy forwarded to IAB on: 6-9-03	Copy Received by PSU on: 6/11/03 [Signature]
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Instructions: A copy of this completed form, Citizen Letter from Commander, statements, along with a copy of any 88R entry made, must be forwarded to the Internal Affairs Bureau. Lieutenant, Captain/Commander, and Division Chief must review report for completeness and concurrence.

**Addendum Initial Inquiry Report**  
**Re: Roumph, Todd # 95105**

**Incident:**

On April 28, 2003, while driving on W. 38 Th. Ave, approximately 1600 hours, Ms. [REDACTED] came close to striking a Denver Police vehicle, driven by Officer Roumph.

**Complaint:**

Ms. [REDACTED] alleges that the officer driving marked Police vehicle # 0458 exited a private driveway on to W. 38 Th. Ave. forcing her to brake in-order to avoid an accident. The officer then made an obscene gesture by extending the middle finger of this hand.

**Investigation:**

Review of Traffic Operation Bureau Records, indicates that on the date in question, April 28, 2003, Officer Todd Roumph was operating Unit A0458, in the area of West 38 Th. Ave and Lipan St. Please note the Traffic Operations Vehicle Sign-out form and Officer Roumph's Daily Activity Log for April 28, 2003.

On May 4, 2003, Sgt. R. L. Hanna, Traffic Operations Bureau, made phone contact with Ms. [REDACTED]. She again related that the officer involved in this situation exited a private drive forcing her to "lock up her breaks to avoid an accident." While she was following the police vehicle at a distance estimated to be ten feet, the officer "flipped her off." When asked if the officer's gesture could have been a simple hand wave she replied, "there is a big difference between a wave and being flipped off. He flipped me off." Ms. [REDACTED] related that she was alone in the vehicle at the time of the alleged incident. Ms. [REDACTED] provided a mailing address of 3874 Nucla St. Aurora Co. 80013.

On May 4, 2003, Sgt. R. L. Hanna informed Officer Roumph of Ms. [REDACTED] Complaint. Following his signing an Advisement Pursuant To Investigation, Officer Roumph completed a written statement. He related that he had been in the area of W. 38 Th. Ave and Lipan St. but did not recall any event which would be a traffic related altercation. Specifically, he emphatically denied making an obscene ~~gesture~~ *gesture* to a citizen

**Conclusions:**

The Bureau's documentation and Officer Roumph's statement indicates that Officer Roumph is the officer Ms. [REDACTED] is making the allegation against. Lacking an independent witness of the events of this allegation there does not appear to a way to ascertain Officer Roumph guilt or innocence *se*