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So this was the chief of police for Bladensburg police department calling back as a result of my asking him to do so.

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Candy and prizes down speaking. Yes. May I speak with mr. Tom? Donohue speaking. I do service to thank you. I'm sorry. There's a bunch of construction going on outside my window right behind me. But thank you very much for a couple minutes of your time to talk about one of your officers. I don't know if it's greater name explain to you the situation, but you know, I've never called.

About complaining about any police officer in my entire life. However, I was moved to do so after being after the conversation that I had with Corporal Humphrey. I was at the Walmart on Wednesday night, probably I guess it was around 11 o'clock or so and as I was walking into the Walmart I had noticed in Cruisers.

From your from your office out in front with there with some of the lights on and notice that there wasn't anybody around him and I maybe reflect upon a conversation that I had that day on a call where some of our ANC Commissioners that an MPD unit was stolen because it was left running and and it may be, you know, just ponder about whether you guys had a policy of.

Making sure that you didn't leave, you know units running and walking away from them. So I did my shopping and I came outside and I as I was leaving there was an officer out on his phone. I kind of paused because I was curious whether you guys had a policy and maybe if not one could be suggested or you know, you know in light of what you know, DC recently went through and so he acknowledged, you know me. So I you know, I've asked him I said, you know, you guys have a policy about leaving.

Your you know your units running and walk-in walking away from them. I said, you know, it wasn't it meant to insulting or you know Point finger at him or anything. It was genuine inquiry because it had you know, it's just a conversation that I had that day and he obviously took offense to it and literally said to me that's none of your concern. Well, you know that kind of irritates me because. The taxpaying citizen whether I'm paying taxes, you know in Bladensburg or whether I'm paying, you know retail tax, you know it is it is it is the the general Public's interest of how policies are handled and whether or not these types of things so it is my interest and by him insulting me that way, you know, I got into a back-and-forth with him to what.

A point he eventually dismissed me and came inside and I pondered it for a quick second and Then followed it in and I had to ask him. You know, I really want to do is asking to see I just want to ask him one question was whether he had his body unit is camera on and he was still on the phone. He wouldn't acknowledge me to to ask it and I sort of asked it without him, you know, sort of ignore trying to ignore me.

And that's when one of your other units or officers came out of I guess maybe the security office. I used to be an assistant store manager for Walmart. So I'm assuming they were dealing with some sort of shoplifting issue. But the other officer was was in the doorway over the by the service desk and had asked me if there was something you know, he can help me out and Corporal interrupted him and said that you know not to deal with me and not to worry about me and and I said something to the something where the other officer had.

It came back and said to me while he supervisor and I turned it and I said Corporal come on. I was like this is this is this is really the example I was and then he said he said something to the effect of are you harassing me? And I said sure yeah, right and then I thought oh gosh. I hope I didn't set myself up to you know for him to one arrest me for harassment or something like that, but I felt I felt strong enough in a position of asking.

A question, you know that anybody should be able to ask or even challenge when it comes to publicly paid entity and I it saddens me that that that Corporal the Corporal would have taken this

sort of position on it rather than you know being offended rather. You know, he should be grateful that somebody from the community is.

Is is interested in and the way that the the office you know that you guys are serving his overall demeanor and personality surprise me. It certainly didn't give me any qualification any sense of that's the type of person that I would want to go to, you know, raise and want to you know be like, you know in my days, you know, we all want to be firemen and police.

And things like that. Well, it's that exact type of personality in that type of response when a when a citizen is is asking about a you know, a public entity that's tax-funded that he would respond the way that he did now if I interrupted him in the middle of doing something, you know, my apologies, however, the way that he treated me the way that he responded to it completely.

Lee 100% inappropriate and you know, I'm I am sorely disappointed to a point where I'm calling you and taking the time out of my day and I you know, make sure to write down his name and took pictures of your Cruisers and just in case there was any question as to who he was because you know these this is this is the attitude that is wrong with with our law enforcement that gives them such a bad rap and and I am I'm always defending.

Like you sir and your department when you know when people are easy to point fingers and you know and back you guys. It's people like me that defend you yet. When I asked a simple question, you know, I expect to be restate respected like they themselves expect and be giving a you know, you know an answer that's appropriate. I'm very disappointed.

Noted in your in your corporate in your Corporal and I was calling because I was going to write a do a formal complaint, but I guess you don't, you know, I'm online. It doesn't say it doesn't appear to be so I wanted to wanted you to hear it from me from from my horse's mouth. And I've just a Joe Schmo that needed some slacks for for a for a funeral that I was recording from for a family and it was being buried in Arlington.

And so I was out late just trying to grab that and get back and I took this at the time to have a conversation with one of your your officers and was sorely disappointed sir.

Okay, we definitely appreciate you bringing this to my attention because we definitely appreciate having people that you know, pro-police and being vigilant because we don't always you know, we make mistakes from time to time I said but the fact of the matter what that one was I was like he was actually on the telephone with me very good.

He was making notification to me. So the we weren't there dealing with a shoplifter. We were there dealing with a person that had a gun in the Walmart. Okay, so he was he was talking to me when he was on the phone with you and you know, not and again, I definitely appreciate the fact that you were just looking out for us because our cars do not make things better, but as a general statement.

Payment please cause us stolen regularly and like you said you just had one stolen out of the district.

But I will tell you that you know, I definitely appreciate if you do want to file a formal complaint you have that right to and I'll make sure you get the information and I'm not here to defend it the officer if I officers were wrong, but I this situation that they were dealing with was very chaotic up there at the Walmart and I'm not sure how much of the youth did you witness any of it now? No, I did not I was not.

Sure, that that any of that was occurring a simple explanation, you know explanation, you know, it surprises me what IM Sue me that you heard the exchange of conversations and between him and I was what was your impression of it? Do you think he that your officer acted appropriately well, and it did point where he was saying I did hear him say to you that you know, that's that's not any of your concern and that I.

Can't say that I absolutely agree with him saying that to you but you should agree with it at all service with all due respect. But what what I'm saying to you is the reason I'm saying it this way is because he was he was really trying to get something resolved with the other situation and I you know.

We can't always just stop what we're doing to to have that conversation about the cause. Do I want my cars running? Absolutely not and I will put something out for me sir and gets knotted it was it's not as much as the policy or whether you have a policy or not. It's at the time it was I was

just curious about it, but I'm more concerned about the way that your officer handled himself in relation to another citizen any.

Firing the way that he responded to me was completely inappropriate and I you know, I guarantee I understand that he may have been dealing with you know, a bit more important matter a simple explanation of that would have had made it much more understandable. But the way that he conducted himself towards me as a citizen was inappropriate. His tone was inappropriate and you know, I'm assuming that you folks are you.

No able to handle more than one thing at a time. It didn't look like anybody was in danger or that there was any issues immediate issues around exert. I wouldn't have had bothered him at that point. But the way that he handled it his tone that he handled it and then he suggested that I was maybe harassing him to maybe suggest that that he might have grounds to to arrest me or something of some sort why he would have said that of that's the only reason I would I would think that he would he would have.

Try to intimidate me for that reason. It's inappropriate and I given the fact that he was on the phone with you. If that's the way he's going to respond to a citizen while on the phone with the chief of police makes me even more concerned about it. Well, let me say that let me say this to you mr. Donahue that is not the way they expect more officers to respond to anybody. So I want to make that clear to you. So I'm not.

Not saying what the officers said to you in a way he said it to you was right. I did not imply that in any way but I will you know again put something out. I do appreciate that you bringing this to my attention. Do we want our cars running absolutely not that is not what we should be doing. But if you've been around and you seen officers if there's something that was going on that was fluid. Yeah.

Also may jump out of their culture and deal to address the situation and even car running but we do not condone or support our cause being left running unattended at all period when it's time to shut the car off and remove the key and James you have officers speak to to Residents in certain ways know that is not acceptable, so I hope that you do not interpret what I said to you as.

I support what the officer said to you. Well I guess I was just suggesting that I was surprised that you know given the fact that you were on the phone with him at the because I you know, I recall how I know he was on the phone, you know, it's like that he was speaking with you. You know, I'm a bit taken back that even even when I followed him in and and asked him whether his body camera was on, you know, and he refused to acknowledge me at first.

First until his subordinate came over and asked if I needed something and he told the other officer basically to you know to ignore me or to not deal with me, you know, I would have hoped that you would have said something to him at that point Chief. Well, I'm not saying I did not say anything to him Miss Donald. First of all, I will you know, the situation is definitely being addressed. This is not over so.

I am you know, if you would like to send me over a written statement, that will be great. But I just want you to understand that I'm not taking any officer side. I'm just on the right side of the totality of what I heard that night and what was actually unfolding at the time. So that's where I am with it. I'm not saying that the officer was right or you were right when you kept approaching him.

Well, I mean, well, I approached it twice once when he walked once upon my initial enquiry with him and then when you walked when he recently walked away from me and went inside I wanted I wanted to ask one question. That was whether or not his body camera was with on in order to and that was it. However, you know continue to want to refuse to ignore me and and we didn't was only about you know.

Maybe two minutes is that at the most inside but you know generally don't you know walk away from you know, citizens like that and if he's the one that acknowledged me to even begin having a conversation with him, so he acknowledged and welcome to my Interruption of his caucus. I certainly wouldn't want to interrupt him. Like he he offered that he you know extended that so, you know I said, you're the one that you know.

You know allowed me to the interruption. So yeah, I will send over a written complaint. If you provide me an email address or something. I will prepare that today and send it over.

Co LL ing ing bump shot of okay. Okay, I won't take any more time. I'm sure you're busy. I

appreciate the time. You've already given me thank you very much for that and and I'll get this off to you.

I'm time, hopefully today great. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Bye.