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Hello, my name is Tom Donohue. I am a Southeast Washington DC resident on Wednesday the 3rd of February. I went to the Walmart where upon coming into the parking lot. I saw a bunch of several units leaving. I think there was a Prince George's County officer couple years ago unit squads leaving and begin to park.

While I walking into the car or into the Walmart and I noticed that there were two Bladdensburg police cars running with their lights on and I didn't see anybody around and it just happen to remind me of a conversation that I was involved with or had overheard with some ANC commissioner about how MPD recently had a car stolen because somebody jumped in and took off with it while it was.

Running and nobody was around so I was just curious about the policy. So I did my shopping for about 40 minutes. I came out and there was an officer standing outside right in front of one of the units and I kind of pause and kind of stood around because he was on the phone was wondering, you know, if he was going to be done shortly or not. I was curious and he acknowledged me so I began to ask him. He clearly took offense to it and began to.

He said, you know basically told me was none of my business. There should be none of my concern and being sort of dismissed like that in that way as a citizen as a tax paying customer or person as a community member as you know, any, you know, just normal Joe Schmo type of person I was sort of taken back by that and I began to engage him by saying, you know, well, I think it is my business.

I was surprised to see a public servant making that sort of a statement when it comes to tax paying money at no time. Did he indicate what he was doing or if he was if he was too busy or that he couldn't talk to me. He engaged in me. He his tone with me was was challenging. He didn't appreciate me.

Me asking in fact, he told me that it was none of my concerns multiple times. I told him that I didn't that I thought that he needed to check his tone and that that he needed to basically take a moment to think about what he's what he's saying. I thought I there was nothing that I had done wrong or no reason for him to take that sort of tone with me. It was disappointing surprising. I was a little bit taken back by it. I've never had to.

Complain about necessarily somebody's police officers way of handling anything like that. I've often found myself.

Supporting them in general and so basically he dismissed me and he went inside and I just stood there for about you know, I don't know like 60 seconds or so and it was just puzzled by the interaction and how he just you know, rudely just walked away from me and dismiss me. I went in after surely they're after him and he was still on the phone and I said to him I only wanted to know one thing was is whether his body camera was activated or not.

Actually, he refused to answer me or acknowledge me at this point. I only wanted a yes or no answer his partner or someone of the other officers that was near the security room and service death came and said and asked me if I could if he could help me and Corporal Humphrey, you know told him basically to you know, not to worry about me and and I said well, I was wondering if you you know, if he had his body camera on and he also there are other officer said well, that's our supervisor.

And I said to perform for you know your supervisor. This is the way you you hand you plan on handling the situation. I just thought it was completely inappropriate and unnecessary and I you know had asked him for his kind of information before coming in back into the store so that I could with the intent of filing a complaint I went on to I went tried to looking for an online Complaint Form or Complaint Form in general for the Bladensburg Police Department was unable to find one so I made.

Vision and I called the iceberg police chief of police for which the executive assistant think took my took, you know, listen to it was very understanding was very apologetic and then asked me if I

wanted to have the chief called me back and they said yes, and so this is the conversation that I had with her to the workup of a phone of a return phone call from.

The police chief of police.

Bladensburg police? Yes, ma'am. Can I speak to the chief please? May I ask whose calling? Tom Donohue from? Uh, I'm a citizen Ohh, okay.

Thanks.

Good morning. Chief executive Adams. Can I help you? Yes, ma'am by my name is Sean Donahue. I wanted to call in voice a concern in regards to station that I had with one of your officers. I was actually this was Wednesday evening are right around I guess it was probably 11. I was walking into the Walmart there and noticed two of your units outside out front with their lights on with nobody around it.

And the only thing that made me think of is that day I had I was on a call where a discussion had taken place about one of our one of these Cruisers be stolen as a result of walking away from the unit and leaving it running. And so that's the only reason I hate even came to my mind. So when I walked out there's an officer sitting there standing there on the phone and I you know sort of waited for a second and he kind of gave me the you know, what did you need type thing? And I said, oh my said you could you guys have.

A policy of you know, keeping your your units running while while you're away from the vehicle. I was a genuine question only because I was following it was something that was on my mind from you know, right. So the behavior of this officer makes me want to call you I and I can't tell you that are called police station in regards to any many officers behavior in the past, but when he flat out, you know.

Told me that it was it was none of my concern and and I I said, you know, of course, it's my concern. I'm a taxpaying citizen and he he literally dismissed me was yelling at me that it was none of my business like escalating it to I got his name. I wish I had I wish I had recorded it, but it wasn't my intent to create an issue. It was a genuine.

Fiery it was caught any of the Corporal at it and I told him I said Corporal you but you need to check your attitude. I say and I'm not trying to be and you know that excuse me for the thing but and ask her anything, but when he escalated it to a point of he and his Corporal Humphrey is what his name was and he left he left me and went inside and again left the vehicles running and so I followed him in, you know part 36 is 6.

Seconds later and asked him and I stood there it was trout wasn't trying to be rude because he was still on the phone, but I was sure I had I wanted to ask the question is whether or not he had his body unit camera on and so he refused to acknowledge me. So one of I guess I guess they were dealing with biggest shoplifter something at Walmart. But in off another officer had asked had inquired me a subordinate had asked me, you know and Corporal Humphrey, you know told the other officer who was addressing me if I had a question.

Um, you know to to do not worry, you know to not worry about me and I said and he said well, well, he's our supervisor and I'm like, are you serious Corporal and like, you know, I kind of know how will your manager your levels or ranks go or anything like that? But you know, I'm telling you I wanted to make a complaint and I don't know anything about this job. There's officer. I don't know anything about your department. It's the first is the second time I've ever shopped in at Walmart. But I need some slack since um, you know, basic stuff for the next day and I am extremely disappointed and if this is the way that your officers are treating the general public and the general public of which they are responsible, you know to ultimately report to you know, that is you know it even if he was doing wrong and they should and they you know, you do have a policy of not leaving, you know, so big deal, you know, I was I was genuinely in.

Hiring and for him to respond the way that he did if that's his temper and if that's the way that he responds to most of your citizens, you got a problem with him. I want to you know, send my sincerest apology that you were treated that way and that's a bit shocking to me.

Yeah, because I don't I mean I don't I don't know anything. I don't know. I I live in DC. I mean I live in Southeast DC. Like I said, I don't really I got you used GPS to get to your location. So like I don't know anything about your area. I know it's not far but I just yeah, I know that they would walk in and out and you know, you know.

For him to be a Corporal and not take a citizen's Queen choir worry about that. You know, it's just it just makes me wonder you know what you know, that's that's unacceptable Behavior. I mean, I don't care who you're treating your talking to these people that I'm the type of person that you're supposed to, you know, pay the taxes and it granted I may not pay your local taxes, but I paid taxes when I bought something at Walmart, you know, so it's like, you know, but but whether I live in.

And Blaine's bird or not. It's like, you know, I'm still a normal citizen. This is the exact attitude why people have problems with the police these days I certainly would not want to be want to grow up to be a police officer like Corporal Humphrey. That's for sure. I apologize and I'll no one should be treated that way and you know, I don't even change your concern you just you know, I'm concerned about you his reason why we're having this conversation and this will be dealt with okay.

Yeah, I'm will make sure to speak to him and make sure that Chief is aware of this as well. Would you like to choose to give you a call if I would yes, I'm sure he's busy. But if you has a form online, I'll throw it out. And you know, I'm just genuinely concerned that that he should be welcoming those places.

You look two units there that were running with nobody around. I am anybody could have walked in. I mean, I don't know I didn't I was really curious to see if there are locked I want but I'm still gonna try opening your Cruisers just to see if it's a lot but either way, you know, if it's if it's not something if it is a policy or if it isn't a policy, he's not something you guys even think about maybe it's just something you guys should think about because somehow I ain't jumped in it, you know, and and so with where they have it in here in DC and I was on a call where there was just wear one of our owns was.

Disgust, I thought you know, maybe it's something they should think about to okay. What's your first name? Sure, it's Tom Tom. And your last name is Donnie Udo. And your phone number? It's two zero two five two five four three nine zero extension 102.

102 okay, and our chief of police is a chief Collington calling in. Okay. Okay. Great. My name is Natasha Adam Natasha. I'm sorry. All right. Well, thank you very much. I I will take much of the time. I think it's important that he is it from the you know from me as well. So of course, he's got a chance does it have to be today if he's busy whenever supposed to be for him? Absolutely. How long are you going to be at this?

Alright. Thank you very much.