

Laciana Archer

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Lieutenant Billy Pietsch

Township of Addison Police Department

Professional Standards

Incident #: NI2024-0971 City of Dallas Internal Affairs

Incident #: 2400-91669 - City of Lewisville Police Department - Officer Merchant Badge #763

Greetings Lieutenant Pietsch, Reaching out today to provide the requested information from the incident that occurred with the officer who will be later identified/referred to from a 2nd incident. Both incident number information is listed above and by searching all data related to both incident numbers referred to, all information will be available.

1st Incident - September 18,2024

Driving my White Mustang Convertible 5.0, heading home from work down Addison Road (N) - a motorcycle vessel turned out into traffic, almost causing an accident, as he was driving slower than the traffic he turned in front of, I went around him, and proceeded home. Turning left on Trinity Mills, into the right lane, the motorcycle vessel sped up and went around me, he turned right at the light (Voss road) I turned right behind him as well (this is my daily route home as it is the only street available to access my home). He began to slowly travel up the middle of the street, far less than the 30mph speed limit. The street turns from 1 open/wide lane, to 2 lanes, with obvious broken lines, indicating that the 2 cars are expected to travel, individually, in their respective lanes. He continued to slowly travel down the middle of the street, now driving in both lanes. I drove behind him for a moment, After stopping and proceeding through the stop sign, I accelerated and went around him. I arrived in the right lane, with 2 cars in front of me, and about 4 cars in the 2nd lane next to me (left turn lane). The light was red, I had a bad feeling about this guy and leaned over to get my phone out, just in case.

Before I could even open it up, there he was! At my window, banging on it, yelling, and screaming!! Windows are tinted and I rolled it down, he continued to yell and scream, "YOU CAN'T FUCKING DRIVE!!! LEARN HOW TO FUCKING DRIVE WITH YOUR STUPID ASS!!! He continued this rant and I told him to get the hell away from me and my car and how dare you have the audacity to get off your vessel, in the middle of traffic, and approach someone yelling and screaming because you don't like their driving!! He then yelled " I'M A OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICER AND I'LL DO WHAT THE FUCK I

WANT TO DO"! I said, "I don't care who the hell you are, unless you're about to identify yourself as an on-duty Dallas police officer, with a badge and badge number and you're issuing me a citation for a broken law, then get the hell away from me and my damn car! This is your fault in the first place as you have been ignoring traffic laws since we were riding down Addison Rd and you turned in front of oncoming traffic, then back there you were riding up the middle of a two lane street, taking up both lanes so you might want to learn to drive and get the hell away from me and my car"! He was LIVID!! He began shouting "FUCK YOU!! YOU BITCH FUCK YOU BLACK BITCH"! At that time I exited my vehicle, with phone in hand and said "I'm calling the police right now, since you are the police, they definitely need to know about your disgusting, vile, disrespectful, sexist, racist behavior that you are out here spewing because you don't like someone's driving. (ROAD RAGE) He continued to yell and curse, but began quickly retreating back to his vessel when he saw me calling the police.

Although PETRIFIED, I calmly walked behind his vessel and snapped a photo of the license plate. (no way I was going to let this egregious display go) He was trying to cut between traffic, to get through so that he could leave, I asked for his name several times and he cut off a final car, went around my car, and turned into incoming traffic, and sped off to the right. I was on the phone calling the police and pulled over to complete the complaint, advised them of the situation and they stated that because "he fled the scene" they could only take the info and encouraged me to reach out to Dallas Internal Affairs to further the complaint, as officer misconduct is investigated by the IA unit. I contacted them and after a couple weeks, received the attached letter, advising me that I needed to collect more information on the officer in order for them to proceed further. This was quite disheartening as how could they not find a registered motorcycle vessel that belongs to a fellow officer. Over the next few weeks/months, I continued to drive home and changed up my times as I was extremely scared out of my mind!

2nd Incident - November 13, 2024 While traveling home, riding down Voss Rd. he (off duty officer from initial September incident) happens to be right in front of me again! We crossed over the light and to my surprise we were heading right towards my home!!! We drove right past my home!! I stayed with him as I needed to get his information, as directed by a member of the City of Dallas Internal Affairs Department. Eventually ended up turning on a street, in Casa Hill. Just as before, the same officer was at my window screaming "DO YOU LIVE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD"? I did not respond and he continued to yell "DO YOU LIVE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, ROLL DOWN YOUR WINDOW"! I said "Call the police" (I knew in calling the police, he would have to identify himself) I immediately called the police as well and began to explain the situation, I advised how terrified I was and that the only reason he is sitting here and waiting is because I am in a different car, that he does not know, and he feels comfortable out here in his element and expects the police, in his neighborhood, to come with force, due to whatever story he is telling the dispatcher who is taking his call. She took a moment to investigate and learned that the officer was making a report exactly as I had said!! I asked that she send someone who is going to be aware of the situation, so that it doesn't escalate or I get killed due to whatever this shady officer reported, I also asked if the officer, upon arrival, could have on his body cam, to record the entire interaction and if she could stay on the phone with me until he arrives as I am terrified of what could potentially happen next as the

officer was sitting outside my car, on his vessel. I then heard a loud “thud” . He tossed his helmet down and it hit my car! I advised the dispatcher of this during the call as well. Moments later, Officer Merchant pulled up and advised that he was aware of the situation and had his body camera on. He asked me to repeat what happened and I did. Also showed him the letter received, via email, from the City of Dallas Internal Affairs Department. He apologized for the behavior and asked me to wait, he walked away and came back. He gave me a pamphlet with his name and complaint number. Both the City of Lewisville dispatcher and Officer Merchant were extremely concerned and disappointed in hearing about this. I was further advised that Lewisville PD was currently in “hot water” for officers' questionable behavior. I was then asked what did he want me to tell the officer because he had to tell him something, I initially state, “I don’t care because I was advised to get his info” I then realized that there were about 3-5 officers there and I needed to go home, I then replied “tell him, my sincerest apologies for any inconvenience that this has caused to him”.

Officer Merchant nodded and said thank you, I was then allowed to leave.

Attached you will find:

- Photos of Voss Road
- 1 open lane - no lines
- 2 individual lanes - lines separating lanes
- Photos, taken on the 1st incident
- Individual, motorcycle vessel, and license plate
- Photos taken on the 2nd incident
- Individual, motorcycle vessel, and license plate - the same as above.
- Letter/Response received from Dallas IA from initial incident report
- Letter/Response sent to Dallas IA after 2nd incident occurred

At this time, I would like the following:

- A full investigation
- An immediate protection order against this officer that will DEMAND that he:
- Cannot contact me, in any form, via
- Phone
- Email
- In person

- Through a Third Party
- Cannot be within a specified amount of feet from
- Me or my person - My home - My job - My vehicle
- Meeting with Counsel to discuss/determine a Plan of Action/Resolution and Remediation

I REFUSE to live in the fear, terror and anxiety that your Rogue off duty officer is comfortable in projecting on the citizens of Dallas anytime he chooses as then travels back to Lewisville, like nothing ever happened. Meanwhile rendering ill, low level, unprofessional, unbecoming behavior, as he appears to be extremely comfortable in emulating and will unleash terror, wrongdoing, fear, to anyone, in a disgusting display of power, that exposes the Public to experiences and behavior that are greater aligned with a Criminal Enterprise versus sworn officers, who took oaths, to protect and serve the same citizens that they are harming.

Spewing hate/racism/sexism and wreaking terror and intimidation on a African American (woman) Dallas Resident because he was upset about what he determined was a traffic offense, should not be an option when an off duty officer is traveling through multiple cities. Further, when that approach/position is taken, he should not ignore requests to contact the Authorities for the proper city's jurisdiction and instead flee the scene before they arrive.

He should have waited, on the scene, to address the alleged traffic offense he attempted to use to justify his ill behavior, and to address his meltdown fueled by his Road rage. The fact he parked his vessel, in the middle of the lane, in traffic, exited his vessel, walked in between several cars, approached my vehicle, demanded that I give him immediate attention, yelled, screamed, cursed, called me racial and sexist epithets, then fled the scene.

The decision to act in that manner was extremely irresponsible, selfish and dangerous as it put not only himself, but also, all of the drivers, including myself, in jeopardy as his actions were threatening, intimidating and random. Many people have been seriously hurt and or died over doing exactly what he did on this day! Although I attempted to advise him to walk away, he ignored and released upon me, extreme backlash and disrespect. With that said, it appears that the only way he will take this situation seriously is if it is addressed, by someone, whom he respects, and/or is unable to respond in the way he did to me, so that he can understand that this is not/will not be acceptable/accepted by anyone.

As an avid Community Volunteer in the City of Dallas and a Bank Compliance officer who renders coaching/training/development throughout various departments, it is imperative that this is handled, leaving not just myself, but the citizens, feeling safe. Providing you with this detailed data/information as an example to support the needed coaching/training/development that has been exposed regarding this officer.

This is an opportunity for you to address, individually/personally with the culprit, and also with your department, as a reminder, of what not to do as it will not be tolerated. It is imperative that officers actions align with your Brand's core/community values so that embarrassing, disgusting, Negative News is not finding its way to your doorstep.

I have lived/worked in this area for close to 10 years and anytime I have encountered a Township of Addison Police Officer, they have been professional and resolution oriented as your department has many great officers/employees, that go above and beyond, exemplifying their oaths, doing the right thing.

Unfortunately, each time an officer goes rogue, it is a setback for work/efforts being made and is counterproductive to not just the Department, but also to the Community and those you partner with.

Looking forward to your immediate resolution to this matter, as his actions from the initial incident and having to encounter him, randomly, as he continues to ride past the only entrypoint to my home, has caused/is causing me EXTREME anxiety, worry and concern, that I CANNOT and refuse to continue to suffer from/tolerate.

Sincerely,

Laciana Archer

PS - This am, 12/31/2024, I received a notification on my phone of an unauthorized Apple Air Tag that was tracking me, I took my vehicle to the City of Dallas Police Department North District, where Officer Mays took my information and looked over my vehicle, he did not find anything. I am mentioning this at this time, as I am unsure if this is related to any of these incidents and want to include all previous and (possibly new) information.