

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL COMPLAINT

The City of Middletown Police Department encourages citizens to report legitimate complaints against employees of this Department. As a result, a thorough, impartial and confidential investigation will be conducted. If this complaint leads to a formal charge against the employee, you will be asked to participate in the hearing and/or arbitration process.

Date of Report: 06/17/09	Time: 145	Event No.:	Case No.: (If Applicable)
Type of Complaint: <u>External</u>	Internal	Other	If Other, please explain:
How Received: Phone	<u>Walk-In</u>	Other	If Other, please explain:
Date of Incident: 06/17/09	Day of Incident: Weds	Time of Incident:	
Location of Incident: Wickham/Robertson	Nature of Complaint: <u>Excessive Force Racial Profiling</u>		

Complainant: <u>Vvonne Cooper</u>	Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
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Details of Incident: (ADDITIONAL SPACE AVAILABLE ON BACK OF FORM, IF NEEDED) Complainant States she was stopped by shield 1037 near Rt 211 + Robertson Dr. Comp. States Officer walked over to the car and ASKed for license + reg. Driver states she asked why was she being stopped while handing the officer her license. Comp states the officer stated "he observed her on her cell phone." Driver/Comp responded by stating

Personnel Complained Of: (NAME OR PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, BADGE #, CAR #, ETC.)
Officer 1037

Witness Info: (NAME, D.O.B., ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER)
LWA - MAE Cooper [REDACTED]

NOTE: PURSUANT TO SECTION 210.45 OF THE PENAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, ANY INCORRECT OR FALSE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO YOU AND CONTAINED HEREIN IS PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS "A" MISDEMEANOR.

St Ramon Bellmont Headquarters x Vvonne Cooper 6/17/09
Reporting Officer's Signature Location Report Taken Complainant's Signature Date

ADMINSTRATIVE USE ONLY Reviewed By: <u>[Signature]</u> <u>LT</u> Name & Rank Date Reviewed: <u>6/17/09</u>	No Further Action Needed: _____ Investigation Assigned To: <u>SGT Booth</u>
MPD-II #: <u>09-12</u>	Shield No.: <u>776</u>

Details of Incident: (CONTINUED)

he did not observe her on her cell phone, that is a lie. Officer stated once again that he observed the driver on her cell phone. Driver/Comp then picked up her cell phone and called 911. At this time the officer asked about the child in the rear seat of the car. The officer asked how old is the child. Driver stated 7 years old. The officer then grabbed the rear door, snatching it open where the child lost her balance as she was leaning on the door almost falling. Child immediately started crying. Officer asked the child how old she was. Then he proceeded to ask driver/comp her date of birth and her name, which was given. I was speaking w/ 911 and they asked for a location. I went to open the door to get a street location and was told by the officer "Close the door, you can't do anything." I then advised 911 operator that the officer would not let me give him the exact address of my stop. I then waited approx 25 minutes before 3 tickets were issued. During this time I saw another officer speaking to officer 1037. Officer 1037 then came over and stated this is the ticket for is for talking on your cellphone given to me to give to you by the other officer. I asked how do I get to the police station, and he gave me directions.