



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of Police Accountability and Transparency
Stephanie Everett, Executive Director

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD - COMPLAINT #33

DATE OF INCIDENT: May 2, 2022

DATE OF FILING: May 2, 2022

ALLEGATION OF MISCONDUCT: Disrespectful treatment

PRECINCT: A-1 & A-15, Downtown & Charlestown

INVESTIGATOR: Tastery Reed Jr

OPAT FILE NUMBER: 33

CRB MEETING DATE: August 9, 2022

DISPOSITION: Not Sustained

SUMMARY OF FACTS:

On May 2, 2022, the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT) received an allegation of police misconduct from a Complainant alleging they were treated disrespectfully when they called the Boston Police Department Precinct located at 40 New Sudbury Street Boston, MA 02114. The Complainant stated they were attempting to conduct an audio audit to determine how Boston Police employees adhere to their policy of staying professional and respectful at all times. In order to determine this, the Complainant initiated the conversation with employee by asking “What's going on, motherfu****?” The Complainant then asked for the Officer’s name. The officer provided their last name but did not repeat when the Complainants asked the Officer to. The Officer inquired about the Complainant’s name and the Complainant refused to provide it. The Officer began to refer to the Complainant as “George” in absence of a name. The Complainant was offended by the name choice and states that they believed that the name was a “slave name”. The Complainant also alleges that the Officer made a comment about their accent not appearing to be from Massachusetts. The Complainant believed that they were profiled based on their



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accent and believed that the officer was attempting to bully them into a conversation about themselves, rather than the complainant's intended purpose of the call, the audit.

INVESTIGATION:

Investigator Reed initiated contact with the Complainant to discuss their encounter with the Officer in greater detail. The Complainant stated they had not been denied a specific service as the point of the call was to conduct a 1st Amendment audit.

OUTCOME:

The Civilian Review Board voted unanimously (6-0) to consider this complaint **Not Sustained**. The Board reasoned the Complainant failed to make a specific claim of misconduct by the Officer.