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Civil Rights Division
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Thank you for submitting a report to the Civil Rights Division.

Report successfully submitted

Please save your record number for tracking.

Your record number is: **628540-XWK**

Save report

What to expect

1 We review your report

Our specialists in the Civil Rights Division carefully read every report to identify civil rights violations, spot trends, and determine if we have authority to help with your report.

2 Our specialists determine the next step

We may decide to:
Open an investigation or take some other action within the legal authority of the Justice Department.
Collect more information before we can look into your report.
Recommend another government agency that can properly look into your report. If so, we'll let you know.

In some cases, we may determine that we don't have legal authority to handle your report and will recommend that you seek help from a private lawyer or local legal aid organization.

3 When possible, we will follow up with you

We do our best to let you know about the outcome of our review. However, we may not always be able to provide you with updates because:
We're actively working on an investigation or case related to your report.
We're receiving and actively reviewing many requests at the same time.

If we are able to respond, we will contact you using the contact information you provided in this report. Depending on the type of report, response times can vary. If you need to reach us about your report, please refer to your report number when contacting us. This is how we keep track of your submission.

What you can do next

① Contact local legal aid organizations or a lawyer if you haven't already

Legal aid offices or members of lawyer associations in your state may be able to help you with your issue.
Legal Services Corporation (or Legal Aid Offices), to help you find a legal aid lawyer in your area visit www.lsc.gov/find-legal-aid

② Get help immediately if you are in danger

If you reported an incident where you or someone else has experienced or is still experiencing physical harm or violence, or are in immediate danger, please call 911 and contact the police.

Your submission

Contact

Contact information

Your name

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Address

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-
Denver, Colorado 80211

Are you now or have ever been an active duty service member?

No

Primary concern

What is your primary reason for contacting the Civil Rights Division?

Mistreated by police, correctional staff, or inmates

Location

Did this happen while in custody or incarcerated?

No

Where did this happen?

Organization name
District 1 Denver Police Department

Address
1311 w 46th Ave
-
Denver, Colorado

Personal characteristics

Do you believe any of these personal characteristics influenced why you were treated this way?

None of these apply to me

Date

When did this happen?

2/14/2025

Personal description

In your own words, describe what happened

I attempted to report an officer for misconduct and called District 1 office to do so. The officer laughed and hung up the phone. I then called 911 to report the officer who hung up the phone (as I know it is a criminal offense for a 911 operator to do so).
After speaking with the 911 dispatch I was instructed to go to the District 1 station and attempt to speak with an administrator to report the incident.
When I arrived at the station I had my phone out and recording as I entered the station.
When I approached the front desk I was met by a younger looking woman who I asked if she had been the person who had just hung up the phone when I had just attempted to report police misconduct. She then began to laugh and giggle. I requested to speak with an administrator and she said she would allow me to do so. She requested I wait patiently by the wall for 10-15 minutes. As I was waiting by the wall another officer walked through who I attempted to inform of the incident. This was as she was walking quickly through the station.
After the officer had left the dispatch officer then came out and requested that I leave the station. I told her I would still like to speak to an administrator but she refused saying I would have to leave. I repeated that she had previously informed me that she would allow me to do so. She then said she was not going to allow me to speak with the administrator. I informed her that I was going to call 911 in response to not allowing me to speak to administrators. She said if I did so she would arrest me. I asked what for and she responded: for making a false report. I verbally disagreed with her but the threat of false arrest impeded me from being able to properly report the incident and forced me to leave the station. From my understanding these acts performed by a law enforcement officer constitute a breach of the Fourth Amendment and obstruction of justice. After the threat that she would arrest me in the station if I called 911 I immediately left the station and called 911 from outside the facility. I talked with 911 dispatch regarding the former call and dispatch instructions which I had performed. The 911 operator put me in contact with his 911 manager who I then spoke with regarding the incident.
There is ample evidence to support my claims including the video that was recorded, 911 open records reports available, another officer walked through when the incident was occuring (witness), and there should more than likely be video recording of the incident from within the station.