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Office of the Independent Monitor
Wellington E. Webb Municipal Office Building
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RE: COMPLAINT OF OFFICER MISCONDUCT AND REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF BODY-WORN CAMERA FOOTAGE — Officer Byrne-Ray, Badge #25013, District 3, and one unidentified officer; DPD Case No. 2026-349629; Incident of June 27, 2026 at arc Thrift Store, 1515 S. Broadway, Denver, CO 80210

To the Office of the Independent Monitor:

I am filing this complaint regarding the conduct of Officer Byrne-Ray, Badge #25013, District 3, and a second, unidentified officer who responded with him, in connection with a theft I reported on June 27, 2026. I was the victim of the theft. My backpack — containing my laptop, wallet, government ID, debit card, approximately \$220 in cash, the only keys to my storage unit, and other essential property — was stolen from customer lockers at the arc Thrift Store at 1515 S. Broadway after store security required me to place it there as a condition of entry.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. I reported the theft to police after store management refused to review camera footage and told me to call the police. It was approximately 92 degrees, and I waited outside the store with no shade.
2. Approximately 30 minutes after my call, I received a phone call from the responding officer asking whether I still needed officers to come to the scene. I said yes. A theft of all of a person's essential property had been reported; the question itself communicated reluctance to respond.
3. When officers arrived, Officer Byrne-Ray's demeanor toward me was dismissive and accusatory from the outset, treating me as the problem rather than as the victim of a reported crime.
4. Before entering the store, Officer Byrne-Ray asked me whether I had locked the locker. I explained that the lockers have no posted instructions, that staff could not explain the locking system when I had previously asked, and that in more than a dozen visits I had never seen a locker locked.
5. Officer Byrne-Ray then went inside and spoke with the store manager. He emerged and, while still approximately 15 feet away from me, announced the locker code in a demeaning manner, as though it settled the matter against me. The code he announced is, per the store,

a single universal code shared by every locker — a fact that supports, rather than rebuts, everything I had told him before he went inside. He adopted the store's framing without taking my account seriously.

6. Officer Byrne-Ray then told me he could take me to jail based on a warrant for a 2022 battery case out of Georgia. I have no such warrant. The warrant belongs to my father, who shares my name and is 80 years old. The date of birth on the warrant record would have shown a discrepancy of decades. When I explained this, the officer responded to the effect of 'ok, must be that.' Threatening a theft victim with jail on a name-only warrant match, without verifying identifiers, was reckless and intimidating, and in context served to shut down my report.
7. At no point did the officers treat my report as a crime against me, take a full statement of the store's mandatory bag-check practice, or, to my knowledge, secure the store's camera footage at the scene. I was later told footage had to be requested from the store's corporate office.

ALLEGATIONS

1. Failure to properly investigate a reported theft, including failure to take the victim's account seriously and apparent failure to secure available video evidence.
2. Discourtesy and unprofessional conduct toward a crime victim, including a demeaning and biased demeanor consistent with prejudice of me based on my appearing to be homeless.
3. Improper threat of arrest based on an unverified, name-only warrant match belonging to another person whose date of birth plainly did not match mine.
4. Reluctance to respond to a call for service, as reflected in the callback asking whether I still required a response.

REQUESTS

1. That this complaint be referred for formal investigation.
2. That all body-worn camera and dash camera footage from both responding officers for this incident — including all interactions with me and all conversations with arc Thrift Store staff and management inside the store — be preserved immediately and released to me. Under C.R.S. § 24-31-902, unedited body-worn camera footage of an incident that is the subject of a complaint of peace officer misconduct is required to be released within 21 days of the request. I make that request here.
3. That the CAD record and any recordings of the callback call referenced in Fact 2 be preserved and produced.
4. That I receive a copy of the incident report for DPD Case No. 2026-349629.

5. That the warrant inquiry run on my name during this incident be reviewed, and that any record incorrectly associating my father's Georgia warrant with me be identified and corrected.

I am willing to provide a full statement and supporting documentation, including the store receipt from my purchase that day and records of my prior visits. Please direct all communications to me at the contact information above.

Sincerely,

William Lodge