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CPOC November 2024 Complaint Referral Report

In November 2024, 18 complaints of police misconduct were received by CPOC and referred to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD). So far in 2024, CPOC has received and referred a total of 184 complaints to IAD.

Summaries of the 18 complaints from November 2024 are below. All demographic data is reported by complainants. These complaints only represent complaints submitted directly to CPOC and do not include complaints filed directly with PPD.

These summaries are allegations made by complainants, they do not represent any findings of fact or conclusions.

Date Received	Demographics	Division	Summary
11/01/2024	Anonymous	North West	The complainant has tried to report the drug activity on their block to PPD many ways. They estimate that they have called 911 one hundred times for this issue over the past few years, in addition to visiting the district to file police reports in person, calling the anonymous tipline, and sending photos and videos of the drug activity to the PPD anonymous online webform for submitting tips. The complainant was frustrated that despite their numerous attempts to reach out to PPD for assistance, they have not heard back from PPD nor seen any law enforcement presence
11/04/2024	M – H/L	North East	on their block to address the constant drug activity. A PPD supervisor forced the complainant to remove the "clear" tag cover on their license plate. The tag cover did not block any numbers or letters on the license plate. The officer also threatened to tow the vehicle away if they put the cover back on.
11/05/2024	F-A	South	The complainant has called 911 numerous times regarding drug activity on their block. After calling 911, the complainant waits for PPD officers to arrive on the scene, but they never do. Frustrated, the complainant traveled to the District to report the ongoing drug activity. The complainant spoke with an officer who informed them that the police were aware of the drug sales taking place on that block. The complainant mentioned they have had issues renting their property on the block, citing previous tenants had left due to drug activity.
11/08/2024	Anonymous	Other	The complainant submitted screenshots of social media posts from an officer, which they described as threatening to retired PPD officers.

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11/13/2024	F – H/L	East	The complainant stated that their house was burglarized. The items stolen from their home included 3 laptops, a Nintendo Switch, keys to the complainant's home and car, as well as the complainant's passport and residency permit, among other items. The complainant went to the district to file a police report. Upon review of the police report, the complainant was frustrated by the lack of detail included in the police report. The complainant went back to the district to provide additional information they gathered including surveillance photos and videos from neighbors' surveillance cameras. The complainant stated they spent at least ten hours gathering camera footage and the contact information of potential witnesses, only for officers to tell them further investigation was "not their job."
11/16/2024	F-W	Central	The complainant was working as a nurse, treating a patient in police custody in the ER. The complainant states that two officers were assigned to watch the patient and were sitting outside the room when one of the officers began making extremely unprofessional and disturbing statements to the complainant and the student nurse. The complainant states that the officer also wrote an obscene remark on the back of a police notepad and put it into their partner's hat for everyone to see after the partner had fallen asleep in the hospital chair.
11/17/2024	F – A/AA	South	The complainant returned home to find two police officers on their porch looking through their things. The officers stated they got a call about a shooting, and someone screaming and were investigating. The complainant stated the officers confirmed that the call was for their specific address, and stated no one present called or needed police assistance. A short time later the district contacted the complainant, to inform them that their child was shot earlier in the evening. The complainant stated they do not believe that the officers involved followed the appropriate procedures concerning the search of their residence. Additionally, they believe the officers did not provide proper service in their neglect to notify them that their child was injured following the shooting.
11/19/2024	M – B/AA	North East	The complainant stated their spouse falsely accused them of kidnapping their children. PPD officers and SWAT arrived at the complainant's house and arrested them without cause. The complainant states that the children were never kidnapped, harmed, or withheld from their spouse in any way.
11/19/2024	M – W	Central	The complainant witnessed a woman attempt to purchase a coffee from a coffee shop and claimed the woman knocked over something in the store and left the store. The officers then forced the woman to the ground and began searching her. The complainant believes the use of force was unjustified.
11/20/2024	F – B/AA	South	After the complainant's family member died, PPD officers took them to be interviewed at four different times through the night. Each time they arrived, no one was present to interview them. The complainant does not feel that these officers provided them with adequate service by taking them to the district without confirming an investigator was available to interview them.

11/25/2024	Anonymous	North East	The complainant, who is a nurse, observed two of the officers at the hospital with a prisoner who was being treated. While conducting their patient checkups, the complainant heard one police officer telling the other police officer that they would be leaving them alone "at this fucking hospital, that they didn't give a fuck if the prisoner escaped." They listened as the two went back and forth about the first officer leaving. The complainant stated this was frightening to hear, and they were disappointed to hear trusted police officers saying these things to each other.
11/25/2024	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant alleges they were working with a detective regarding an assault that took place between their co-parent and their child, with the child being the victim. The complainant claims they told the detective that they wanted to press charges, but the detective accused the complainant of using this as an excuse to have leverage in court, as there was a custody battle for the child in question. The complainant claims the behavior of the detective was rude and unprofessional, and they believe the detective's personal bias has negatively impacted their ability to do their job.
11/26/2024	Anonymous	South West	The complainant reported juveniles are running around their property and causing disturbances on multiple occasions to the police. The complainant called 911 and asked if the police could escort the juveniles home. The complainant stated a police vehicle did arrive, but the complainant is upset at how the situation was handled. The complainant alleges the officer spoke with the juveniles and then left the scene. The complainant alleges the juveniles were mocking them and returned to play in front of the home and continued their disruptive behavior.
11/26/2024	F – B/AA, H/L	North West	The complainant has an ongoing conflict with their landlord, their residence has had problems with mold and water leaks throughout their tenancy. The complainant also claimed that the landlord repeatedly changed the locks on their apartment to perform an illegal lockout. The complainant stated that their landlord attempted to break into the property by sending two unknown individuals to repeatedly kick the front door and use an electric drill on the door. The complainant called 911 for a police response. When police responded one of the perpetrators was still present. The complainant showed an officer a video of the perpetrators threatening them and pointed out the damage to the front door. The officer looked at the remaining perpetrator and said, "You know I could lock you up for this?". However, the perpetrator was not taken into custody. The complainant was frustrated, as they felt they had provided the officers with sufficient evidence to make an arrest.

11/27/2024	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant stated that in 2019 and 2020 they were livestopped by PPD on two separate occasions driving their cousin's car. The complainant stated that on both occasions they provided a "valid international driver's license," and the officers still took the car unlawfully. Complainant stated they were eventually able to get the car back in traffic court, "the officers said they were sorry for doing it because they knew it was wrong." The complainant stated that now every time they are driving in the area the police always stop them, follow them, and harass them
11/27/2024	M – B/AA	Central	The complainant believes police failed to complete a full and accurate investigation of allegations that they were stalking. Complainant denies committing this offense.
11/28/2024	F – N/A	Central	The complainant stated a car was blocking the curb and advised this was not the first time. The complainant alleged no police action was taken at that time. The complainant requested officers to issue a ticket to have the car towed but they did not.
11/29/2024	Anonymous	Other	The complainant submitted screenshots of social media posts from an officer, which they described as "threatening and derogatory." This is related to a prior complaint made on Nov. 8, 2024, concerning the same officer.