



CPOC December 2025 Complaint Referral Report

In December 2025, 33 complaints of police misconduct were received by CPOC and referred to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD).

Summaries of the 33 complaints from December 2025 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
12/01/2025	Anonymous	South West	The complainant was pulled over by police for speeding and not using a turn signal. The complainant reported they had Google maps up which confirmed they were not speeding and their vehicle has safety features that show blind spots and are illuminated when vehicles are present, which they said only come on when the signal is on. Police also searched the back of their vehicle without consent or a warrant.
12/01/2025	F – B/AA	North West	The complainant is the landlord of a property where SWAT served a warrant. The individual that SWAT was looking for had never lived in that property. The tenant, who had lived there for over a year, reported emotional trauma to themselves and their child. The landlord also reported property damage, and significant concerns about verification protocols for warrants.
12/02/2025	F – W	East	The complainant received a parking citation for what they believe is a legal parking space on the street near their home. The complainant believes the neighbor that lives nearby has a connection or is a retired officer and is using their position to have a citation issued.
12/03/2025	TF, F – W	North West	The complainant reported police were parked for an extended period in the loading zone of a pre-school blocking access for parents trying to use the area for student pickup.
12/03/2025	Anonymous	Phone	The complainant was speaking with their investigator about their case. The investigator told the complainant conflicting information. When the complainant pointed this out the officer got agitated and hung up on the complainant. The complainant also reported when they were attempting to provide the officer with video evidence for their case, the officer seemed reluctant to make accommodations to receive it. This made the complainant feel their case wasn't important.
12/03/2025	F – B/AA	North West	The complainant is the parent of a deceased gun violence victim. While on the phone, the detective assigned to their case was rude and unprofessional. The complainant also feels the detective did not do a complete and thorough investigation.

12/04/2025	F – H/L	East	The complainant was pulled over by two officers. During the stop the complainant and their two passengers were asked to exit the vehicle. The officer repeatedly asked the complainant if they had a firearm, even though they told the officers several times they did not own any weapons. The officers searched the vehicle without reason and were rude during the interaction.
12/06/2025	F – B/AA	North West	The complainant's child was driving the complainant's car and was pulled over for tinted windows. Officers detained them because "they felt he looked suspicious" and he was driving a car registered to a woman. The vehicle was searched and the complainant's child was arrested. The complainant believes their child was racially profiled by police.
12/07/2025	M – H/L	East	The complainant was driving when police started following them for several blocks until eventually being pulled over. The officers said the complainant failed to use a turn signal 7 blocks earlier, which is why they were pulled over. The complainant felt they were being harassed by the officers, who followed them for almost 10 minutes. The complainant also reported that the officers failed provide their names and badge numbers.
12/07/2025	Anonymous	North East	The complainant was stopped by police then told they could leave. After a further discussion that escalated, the officer told the complainant they were being issued a citation. The complainant felt the officer was unprofessional and disrespectful.
12/08/2025	Not listed	Phone	The complainant called PPD and requested an interpreter for language access. Instead, an officer who is not a certified interpreter and was not fully fluent at translating, joined the call to speak with the complainant. The complainant was denied proper language access by police. PPD also closed the complainant's missing person case and did not provide the complainant with answers to their questions. The officers were also rude and dismissive.
12/10/2025	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant was nearly hit by an officer who was not paying attention while driving. The complainant confronted the officer and told them to be more careful. The officer escalated the situation, becoming hostile and aggressive. The officer even opened the vehicle door and stepped one foot out as if they were going to start a physical altercation.
12/10/2025	M – B/AA	East	The complainant was pulled over by police and told the reason was for not signaling 100 feet before the intersection. The complainant was then taken out of the vehicle, patted down, pockets searched, and then held at the rear of the vehicle, standing in the rain, while their vehicle was searched.
12/12/2025	F – Prefer not to answer	South West	The complainant is being harassed by an officer who is using tech to spy on them in their house. They even went to a phone store to have a diagnostic test run which proved the officer had been accessing their phone and deleting pictures.

12/13/2025	M – W	Central	The complainant was fishing and had their firearm on them. They having a legal permit to carry a firearm and a PA fishing license. The complainant got into a dispute with another civilian and police were later called to the scene. The other civilian said that the complainant threatened them with their firearm. Police requested the complainant's permits and license and told the complainant that their permit to carry was illegible and not valid. The officers arrested the complainant and confiscated the firearm and did not provide a property receipt.
12/14/2025	TM – B/AA	North West	The complainant called the police to report that they were being harassed by a neighbor. When two officers arrived at the scene, they told the complainant "Get mental help" and refused to take a police report.
12/15/2025	Anonymous	Unknown	An officer was rude to the complainant and escalated a calm situation.
12/15/2025	F – B/AA	North West	The complainant's child was previously arrested and incarcerated. Police came to the complainant's home to execute a warrant in search of firearms belonging to the child. The complainant reported they left their home to run errands and noticed an unmarked vehicle outside their home. While out, a neighbor called and informed the complainant that police had broken into their property to execute a warrant. The complainant returned home to speak with police and find out what was going on. The complainant is frustrated that officers didn't notify them that they needed to search for the property, especially since their child was already in police custody. Police broke the door and confiscated property that they are still attempting to retrieve. The complainant also reported that the officer leading the execution of the warrant was rude and dismissive of their concerns.
12/16/2025	M – B/AA	North West	Police executed a warrant at the complainant's home and arrested them. The complainant reported they have no connection to the case and were falsely arrested.
12/17/2025	F -B/AA	North East	The complainant has been harassed by a co-worker and went to the district to report it, because they felt their employer was not handling it properly. The officer failed to create an accurate report that highlighted all their concerns.
12/19/2025	F – B/AA	North West	The father of the complainant's children was arrested for physically assaulting and pointing a firearm at the complainant. The complainant had partial custody of their children, all minors at the time. Following the arrest, the children's paternal grandparent – who was a police officer at the time - took the children to their home and refused to return the children to the complainant. The complainant called the police several times requesting that the children return and arguing that this constituted kidnapping. The complainant spoke with several officers and supervisors. One officer suggested that the complainant file a modification to the custody order, but did not assist with returning the children. The complainant feels the officers failed to be impartial.

12/19/2025	M – not listed	North West	The complainant was pulled over while riding as a passenger in their own vehicle. The officers informed them that the vehicle was stopped due to an improper tag. During the encounter, an officer asked whether the complainant had any guns or knives. The complainant replied that they were armed and possessed a valid concealed carry license from Ohio, which was presented in the form of a photo from their phone. The officers then asked the complainant to exit the vehicle, at which point they removed the firearm and placed the complainant in handcuffs. The complainant complied fully with all officer instructions throughout the incident. The complainant was transported to the district so police could research the permit to carry and was later released. The complainant was never given a property receipt for the firearm and the firearm has not been returned to the complainant since the incident.
12/19/2025	F – B/AA	North West	The complainant was involved in a landlord-tenant dispute, where the landlord shut off utilities to the residence. The complainant called police for assistance, but felt that they did not take action, and it took a second officer to respond to get a police report for the incident.
12/19/2025	F – not listed	Unknown	The complainant's grandchild was driving to work when they were stopped by police and subsequently beaten during the traffic stop. The grandchild was admitted to the hospital and placed in a medically induced coma.
12/22/2025	F – B/AA	North West	The complainant reported a burglary in their home including property damage. The complainant called police to follow up on their report and the officer they spoke to was rude and dismissive. The complainant felt police should investigate the incident, but the officer they spoke with just said "What do you want us to do? It's unsolvable."
12/22/2025	F – W	South West	The complainant was driving and stopped at a 4-way intersection then proceeded through the intersection. A police vehicle blew through the intersection without stopping, without their emergency lights on. The complainant made a frustrated face at the officers, since they nearly hit their vehicle. Officers then followed the complainant and pulled them over and accused the complainant of not coming to a complete stop at the intersection. Officers were rude and aggressive and the complainant felt they were harassed by police.
12/23/2025	M – B/AA	East	The complainant was stopped by a foot patrol officer. They were detained, searched and subsequently released after the officers conducted their investigation. The complainant states that officer's reason for the stop was illegal tints, however, the officers did not issue a citation. The complainant feels the officers illegally searched the car and their person (in pockets).
12/25/2025	M – H/L	East	The complainant's neighbor was outside of their home and began to become verbally aggressive. The neighbor went into their own home, returned with a shovel and threatened the complainant. The complainant then contacted the police to report the incident. The officers responded and took a report but did not arrest the neighbor who threatened them, despite being shown video evidence of the encounter.

12/26/2025	Anonymous	Central	The complainant's vehicle tag number was given to an unknown officer so that they could run it in their database and then disclose it to an individual that has personal issues with the complainant. The complainant fears that this information was illegally given to this individual and now they fear that they may be in danger as this person has their name, address, date of birth and other personal information obtained from the license plate.
12/28/2025	F – B/AA, H/L	Unknown	The complainant was pulled over by police. The officer refused to provide their name or badge number when requested. The complainant also reported the officer never returned their registration.
12/30/2025	M – B/AA	East	The complainant was denied a permit to carry and went to the district to get more information. The officer at the front desk told the complainant that they "smelled like weed". The complainant said that this was very offensive, as they do not smoke weed. The complainant said that the officer at front desk was cold, unfriendly, with a smug attitude.
12/31/2025	Anonymous	South West	An officer was verbally abusive to the complainant.
12/31/2025	Anonymous	Phone	The complainant called 911 to report a missing parent who is a medically vulnerable adult. The dispatcher responded with sarcasm and dismissiveness, failing to treat the situation with the urgency it warranted. This caused a delay in critical welfare check procedures and exacerbated an already distressing situation.