



## CPOC February 2026 Complaint Referral Report

In February 2026, CPOC received 27 complaints of police misconduct and referred them to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD).

Summaries of the 27 complaints from February 2026 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 include allegations made by complainants; they do not represent any findings of fact or conclusions.

Date Received	Demographics	Division	Summary
02/02/2026	M – W	Outside Phila	The complainant was attacked by three men outside their mother’s home, one of whom was an off-duty officer. The complainant was punched and kicked to the ground. The complainant’s girlfriend yelled at the assailants to stop, then the off-duty officer attacked, punched and threw the complainant’s girlfriend by her hair. The officer is the partner of the complainant’s daughter’s mother. The complainant believes this was retaliation due to the current custody dispute over his daughter.
02/02/2026	F – B/AA	North East	The complainant called the police for service, due to contractors for a neighbor’s property that were trespassing on her roof and messing with her property. The officer was rude while collecting the information. The officer seemed upset that the complainant was asking for a report and she felt the officer only offered to complete her report when she indicated that she would call the district.
02/04/2026	M – B/AA	Central	The complainant was stopped by two officers who made discriminatory remarks. The complainant asked why he was being stopped, and for names and badge numbers. The officer refused any of the requested information. The complainant called 911 to request a supervisor but no one showed.
02/05/2026	F – B/AA	Central	The complainant’s neighbor is a police officer and is reported to have broken into the complainant’s apartment and taken things.
02/05/2026	F – H/L	Central	The complainant’s assigned detective delayed and mishandled a criminal investigation following a physical assault. The complainant was arrested, despite being the victim and providing extensive corroborating evidence. Their arrest was later cleared after video evidence disproved the allegations. The detective initially refused to obtain that video evidence until another detective and a public defender intervened.

02/05/2026	Anonymous	North East	The complainant's neighbor is a police officer who parks personal vehicles completely on the pavement and obstructs the sidewalk. The local police have been notified and PPA, but no one does anything because it's a police officer.
02/06/2026	Anonymous	Online	The complainant is being cyber bullied by an officer regarding a shooting that they witnessed.
02/09/2026	F – W	South West	The complainant was hit by another driver who had road rage. The complainant called 911, but police did not come to the scene. The complainant went to the district to report the accident, and the other driver was present and began yelling at her. The complainant felt uncomfortable and the officer at the desk didn't do anything to defuse the situation. The officer took a report but said "there are cameras in the area. The insurance will just have to work this one out."
02/09/2026	Anonymous	North West	The complainant reported that their car had been stolen, but later discovered that the vehicle had been repossessed. The complainant was able to retrieve their vehicle; however it was still marked "stolen" in police databases.  Officers pulled the complainant over and said that the vehicle was stolen. The complainant attempted to clarify the mix-up but the officers were dismissive, aggressive, and refused to let the complainant explain the situation or provide paperwork to show that the car belonged to them. Officers aggressively removed the complainant from the vehicle, handcuffed them, and searched the vehicle without consent. The complainant reported this happened three additional times, one of which resulted in the complainant being forcibly removed from the vehicle and searched again.
02/11/2026	M – W	Central	Two police vehicles were illegally parked, blocking an ADA curb ramp, fire hydrant, and creating an extremely dangerous blind spot for cars and pedestrians. The complainant wasn't aware of any emergencies the police were responding to, and no sirens or lights were used while these two city-owned vehicles were illegally parked there for over an hour.
02/12/2026	Anonymous	South West	The complainant witnessed an officer issuing a parking ticket. The store owner came out and asked for the ticket not to be written because the owner of the car was just grabbing something out of the car and there was no parking available due to all the remaining snow in front of the store. The officer said no, then proceeded to tell the store owner to be quiet before the officer called ICE on the store owner.
02/12/2026	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant was driving for a rideshare and was driving a student to school. The complainant was stopped for allegedly not stopping at a stop sign. The complainant felt like the passenger's rights were being violated because the complainant was the one that was driving. The officers pulled the passenger out of the vehicle, were aggressive, and detained the student in the back of the police vehicle. The passenger told the complainant that this had happened before with the same police officer.

02/13/2026	F – B/AA	Unknown	Complainant submitted a complaint on behalf of her brother who is currently incarcerated. While being arrested, officers used excessive force, slapping the brother in his face while he was already detained.
02/13/2026	F – Other/Not listed	North West	The complainant went to City Hall to get a police report and paid the \$25 fee. The complainant discovered the police report was inaccurate and missing information. The complainant called the district to discuss these issues and feels they did not do a complete and thorough investigation.
02/13/2026	F – Other/Not listed	North West	The complainant called Internal Affairs to discuss a previous complaint and was not provided support or answers to her questions by the officer.
02/17/2026	M – B/AA	East	Officers approached the complainant and questioned him. He informed the officer he left uncomfortable and asked them to stop approaching him. The complainant entered his home and shut the door behind him. The officers told the complainant that if he did not open the door, they would kick the door in. After the officers kicked in the door and entered the home, they handcuffed and searched the complainant. The officers asked for proof of residence and the complainant called out for another tenant. Officers forcibly pushed the complainant against the radiator and told him to “shut the fuck up.” After the officers did not find a firearm searching the house, they uncuffed the complainant and told him to “keep it down” (the complainant was visibly upset).
02/17/2026	F – AI/AN, B/AA	North West	The complainant returned home after finding her car had been damaged and vandalized. The complainant filed a police report with the district and informed the police she thought she knew who had damaged her car. Several months later the complainant called NW Detectives to find out the status on her case and to ask why they had not reached out yet. The complainant discovered that the district had not referred the case to the detective division. The complainant then spoke again with the district, and the officer was rude and not helpful.
02/18/2026	M – W	North East	The complainant was stopped and detained twice by officers in an unmarked vehicle. Both stops were due to officers believing the complainant was carrying a firearm, which he was not. The complainant reported sustaining injuries to his head and knees after the first encounter.
02/24/2026	F – L/H	Outside Phila	The complainant reported a drug deal to her local police district involving a coworker and a PPD officer. After making the report two PPD officers showed up to her job to intimidate and threaten her. The complainant has continued to be harassed and to receive threats from these officers, as well as civilians she believes were sent by the officers.
02/25/2026	Not specified	Central	Police came to the complainant’s home twice in one day. The second time, an officer said they had an arrest warrant for the complainant. The complainant requested to see the warrant, but it was not provided. The officer threatened to kick the front door down. The complainant believes they are being harassed by PPD officers, as this is not the first time that PPD officers have come to the home claiming to have a warrant.

02/26/2026	M – B/AA	Central	The complainant was in the passenger seat of his car and his wife was driving when police pulled them over. The officer then told the complainant to put his hands on the dashboard and drew his firearm, pointing it at the complainant in the car. The complainant was holding a phone, but showed the officer his hands, asking him not to shoot. The complainant stated that the officer told both the complainant and his wife to exit the vehicle. A second police vehicle arrived, and the officers pulled the complainant out of his car, handcuffed him, frisked him, and placed him in the back of a patrol car. The complainant's wife was taken out of the driver's seat, placed in handcuffs, and held on the ground while being told to stop resisting. The complainant stated that while his wife was on the ground she was kicked and punched by the officers detaining her. After the officers looked up her information, she was removed from handcuffs and allowed to leave. Since the vehicle was being towed, she then had to walk home. As a result of the incident, the complainant's wife sustained a concussion and was bleeding from the head and was treated at a hospital for her injuries. The complainant was arrested and held over the weekend before being released. While being detained in the patrol car, the officers removed the complainant's jewelry, but did not list it on the property receipt. The officer told the complainant that their vehicle was pulled over for not using a turn signal and that the tint on the vehicle was too dark. The complainant believes the tint on the vehicle is within legal limits.
02/26/2026	Anonymous	Unknown	A police vehicle was parked in an unauthorized area, where there are blue lines marking handicap parking. The complaint was made anonymously sharing the incident from a Reddit.com post.
02/27/2026	M – W	South	The complainant was issued an improper ticket by PPD for parking in a handicap spot. However, the complainant had a handicap placard posted to their rearview mirror while parked in the spot.
02/27/2026	F – W	Phone	The complainant was a victim of an aggravated assault and filed a police report regarding the incident. The complainant contacted the detective division; she was advised that her matter was closed because she would not cooperate with the investigation. The complainant reported that the detective did not contact her at any time and that the detective falsely submitted a statement that she refused to come to the police station for an interview. The complainant was assaulted and revictimized again by the same assailant and still has not received proper police service.
02/27/2026	F – W	East	The same incident of the officers parking in an unauthorized area, marked by blue lines as handicap parking. This complaint was from the original poster of the Reddit.com post. The complainant shared there was ample parking in the parking lot and added that when she was exiting the Wawa, the officers were leaving. There was no incident occurring that would have required them to park illegally, and they appeared to be inside getting food.