

CPOC July 2026 Complaint Referral Report

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Overview

In July 2026, CPOC received 37 complaints of police misconduct and referred them to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD).

Disclaimer

Summaries of the 37 complaints from July 2026 are below. All demographic data is reported by complainants. These complaints represent only those submitted directly to CPOC and do not include those filed directly with PPD.

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

Complaint Summaries

Date Received	Demographics	Division	Summary
07/01/2026	Anonymous	North East	An officer regularly parks illegally on the neighbor's pavement. This blocks pedestrians from walking safely on the sidewalk, causing them to walk in the busy street.
07/01/2026	F – not specified	North West	The complainant is dealing with ongoing issues with a roommate and called the police to file a report. The complainant gave their statement and received a report number. The complainant went to the DA's office to file a Stay Away order, but found that the officer had not written a narrative or description of the incident. Due to this, the DA's office was unable to help her.
07/01/2026	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant was stopped by an officer outside his home. The officer asked whether anyone was in his car, and the complainant opened the vehicle's back door to show the officer that there was no one inside. The officer asked for the complainant's ID. He questioned the officer as to why this was necessary. Other officers arrived and were alerted that the complainant had a firearm. The officers detained the complainant and removed his firearm from the holster, then

			handcuffed him. The complainant was detained for over 25 minutes before being released. The handcuffs were so tight that he went to the hospital for medical attention.
07/01/2026	F – B/AA	Central	The complainant's son was with a friend, waiting for another friend. Officers stopped and frisked the teenage boys without consent. The son felt the officer violated his private area during the frisk. The son attempted to leave the situation and was chased by an officer and almost hit by a police vehicle. Police detained and questioned the son for about 2 hours. He was then released outside the DHS building, but this information was not properly shared with the complainant to pick up her son.
07/02/2026	M – Not specified	Central	The complainant was arrested by officers. His property was taken from him and not returned when he was released. He also did not receive a property receipt.
07/06/2026	M – W	South	The complainant was denied access to a public event by a police officer. No reason was provided as to why he and his party could not enter the event area.
07/06/2026	F – prefer not to answer	North West	The complainant was stopped by PPD for an alleged traffic violation. During the traffic stop, the incident escalated, and officers took the complainant into custody, which the complainant felt was unwarranted.
07/08/2026	ENBY/TG - W	South West	The complainant witnessed approximately 100 teenagers walking down the street. The complainant stated that they saw a few police vehicles and that 3 to 5 officers were walking behind the teens using force to disperse the crowd and keep them moving forward.
07/08/2026	F – B/AA	South West	Police served a warrant at the complainant's home and broke down the door. During the search of the complainant's home and their vehicles, two firearms were found in her home. Both firearms were registered to her son. The complainant's son provided documentation showing that the firearms were his and that he has a valid license to carry. Despite providing the proper paperwork, the firearms were still taken into custody, and the complainant's fiancé was arrested. The police did not explain to the complainant why her fiancé was arrested. The complainant feels her fiancé was wrongly arrested.
07/12/2026	F – W	Central	The complainant was struck by a vehicle. The complainant was in the hospital, heavily sedated and intubated. An investigator attempted to interview her at this time, but she was unable to do so. The police report was finalized before

			she was interviewed by the investigators to get her side of the story. Complainant believes that the report was completed incorrectly and that the investigation was concluded without obtaining all evidence of the incident.
07/13/2026	Anonymous	South West	The complainant is frustrated at the lack of police patrols in their neighborhood. The complainant stated that under past police captains, officers consistently walked through the neighborhood, which acted as a deterrent to crime. The complainant noted that there are now fewer officers walking through the streets, and they rarely leave their vehicles when in the neighborhood. The complainant is also frustrated by the number of vehicles parked on the sidewalk on their block, as it is a violation of the law. They stated that officers never ticket or tow the vehicles, even though they are consistently parked on the sidewalk.
07/13/2026	M – W	Central	The complainant's ex-wife has actively used her position within PPD and her relationship with other PPD personnel to gain a favorable position/advantage in Philadelphia Family Court during the custody hearings for their son.
07/14/2026	M – B/AA	East	The complainant was arrested in connection with a case that had already been closed.
07/15/2026	F – B/AA	South	The complainant has experienced ongoing harassment at various casinos. She attempted to report these incidents to the police but she has not heard back from PPD regarding the harm she reported. Each time she goes to a PPD district, she is told to go to a different location to file the report. As of now, to her knowledge, no detective has been assigned to investigate her concerns, and no officer has reached out to her to follow up on the investigation into her allegations.
07/15/2026	Not reported	Central	The complainant was stopped by police at a protest for having a firearm on them. The complainant feels their rights were violated.
07/16/2026	M – B/AA	East	The complainant was stopped by police because he matched the description of an individual they were looking for. The officers held the complainant in the police car for at least 30 minutes and did not have anyone come to try to identify him. Later, the complainant learned he did not match the description of the person they were looking for and felt his rights were violated.
07/17/2026	F – B/AA	Central	The complainant was attending a protest. There were a large number of officers present at the protest. The complainant

			felt there were more officers than necessary, given the size of the protest, especially since it was peaceful.
07/17/2026	Not reported	North East	The complainant was stopped while driving and claimed that they had run a red light and that their car was "getting towed that night." The complainant was given a citation for not having working headlights. This was later disputed in traffic court. The complainant believes their ex-partner's new partner has friends in the police department and abused their connections to have the complainant pulled over and given a citation.
07/17/2026	M – W	East	The complainant was stopped by the police. They were handcuffed, and the officer took his phone and placed it on the roof of the vehicle. Following the complainant's release, their phone was never returned, and it's now missing.
07/18/2026	M – B/AA	North West	The complainant was involved in a road rage interaction while driving. Police later pulled him over, opened the doors to his vehicle with guns pointed at him, removed him, handcuffed him, and put him in the back of the police vehicle. While he was detained, the police searched his vehicle without consent, even searching the rear passenger compartment.
07/21/2026	F – B/AA	Central	The complainant's wrist is in a splint due to officers placing cuffs too tightly on her. The complainant was also "thrown" in the back of a police car while the windows were rolled up, and the vehicle was very hot.
07/21/2026	F – W	North West	The complainant is dealing with ongoing issues with a tenant. The tenant threatened the complainant, so she called the police to file a report. The complainant went to the DA's office to file a private criminal complaint and discovered the report only listed a "minor disturbance" and did not mention the threats of violence. This will impact their ability to resolve the issue and evict the tenant.
07/22/2026	Anonymous	South West	The complainant was illegally evicted from the home by the police.
07/22/2026	F – prefer not to answer	South West	As the complainant was coming upon an accident, the driver of the third car in the line began reversing into the complainant's car. Despite both EMS and the complainant calling the police numerous times, the police never responded to the scene or to the complainant's address, where she was staying. The complainant waited an hour at the scene and stayed up until 12:30 AM – 6 ½ hours after the accident – waiting for police to arrive at her address. When

			she tried to call to follow up with a district supervisor, the sergeant who answered hung up on her twice.
07/23/2026	M – B/AA	East	The complainant was stopped by police due to traffic violations. Police requested his license and registration. The complainant was driving his mother’s vehicle and told the officer this. He stated he wasn’t sure where the registration was located and would not reach for anything, as he felt scared for his life. He requested to call his mother to confirm where the registration was, but the officers denied him permission. The complainant was told to step out of the vehicle. He asked why he was being asked to get out of the vehicle for a traffic violation. Police escalated the situation and opened the vehicle door, ripping the complainant out of the vehicle with force, handcuffing him, and detaining him in the back of the police vehicle. The complainant was eventually released and given a citation for speeding. The complainant went to get his phone to document the officer's badge numbers. One officer slapped his hand because the complainant “had his phone in the officer's face”.
07/24/2026	F – prefer not to answer	North West	The complainant’s vehicle was hit by a drunk driver. Police were called to the scene. The officer did not arrest or take a breath test on the drunk driver. The officer was also very dismissive of the complainant.
07/24/2026	F – B/AA	Central	The complainant asked the officer if she could park in the spot they were in so she could unload supplies for her school, showing her school district identification. Noticing two vehicles behind her, the complainant turned on her hazard lights and began unloading supplies. The officer then told her, “If you park there, I’m going to write you a ticket.” The complainant moved her vehicle to a legal parking spot ahead. Despite her relocation, the officer exited his vehicle, took her license plate information, and issued a ticket.
07/25/2026	M – B/AA	East	The complainant was working security, conducting crowd control after an event. An officer was yelling at one of the complainant’s employees, so he stepped in to alert him that they were working the event. The officer then yelled at the complainant, saying, “I’m in charge.” The complainant requested the officer to get a supervisor, but the officer refused and forcefully placed him in handcuffs. The complainant was physically abused while handcuffed and thrown into the back of a police wagon. The complainant requested medical attention after enduring multiple injuries

			from police. The complainant was eventually released and given a citation for <i>Failure to Disperse</i> , even after informing the officer he was one of the lead security guards detailed to this event.
07/27/2026	M – W	North East	The complainant and his wife have had an ongoing issue with their neighbor. They feel the police have failed to intervene in the issue. They had a stay-away order against the neighbor, but still ran into harassment from them. Police failed to provide service when requested.
07/28/2026	F – W	Central	Youth were playing somewhat rowdily in a park. The complainant felt that while it was a little loud, it was clearly just playing. Officers approached the youth, yelling at them to leave and disperse. The complainant witnessed the officer shoving the youth to get them to disperse. One youth mentioned they have a brother who is an officer, but the officers didn't care and even threatened this youth with a taser and then arrested him. The complainant felt the way the youth were approached and treated was unnecessary and escalated the situation.
07/28/2026	Anonymous	North East	The complainant experienced and observed officers engaged in serious misconduct, including unlawfully searching unoccupied vehicles, making false statements, and using excessive force.
07/28/2026	M – B/AA	Central	Over the span of a few months, an officer has repeatedly stolen clothes, books, tents, sleeping bags, sneakers, shoes, boots, tools, toiletries, and mobility assistance devices from the complainant and their friend, who are both unhoused.
07/29/2026	M – B/AA	Central	The complainant was stopped, and his vehicle was searched without adequate probable cause or consent. The complainant's license and registration were valid; a lapsed insurance policy had triggered the stop. The complainant didn't understand why this minor infraction escalated to his being detained.
07/29/2026	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant was a victim of a home robbery while at work. Another neighbor saw suspicious individuals near his home and called the police. While a police vehicle drove by, they did not get out to investigate. The complainant returned home to find his house burglarized and called the police to file a report. Officers never responded, so he had to go to the district the following day to follow up and make a report. The complainant feels this was avoidable, had officers done a more thorough job when initially called.

07/30/2026	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant's son was driving her vehicle when he dropped his phone under the seat. The son pulled over to search for their phone in the car. Police pulled up behind the complainant's son to conduct a stop. Officers detained her son and searched the vehicle without consent. The complainant got to the scene and had negative interactions with the officers, who were rude and dismissive.
07/30/2026	M – B/AA	Outside Philly	The complainant's neighbor's partner is a Philadelphia Police officer. While off duty at the neighbor's house, this officer verbally threatened the complainant.
07/30/2026	Anonymous	North East	The complainant has been continuously harassed by police officers. One officer jumped out of nowhere to scare the complainant for fun. Another officer drove by and said problematic things to the complainant.

- Date received refers to the date the complainant filed their complaint with CPOC.
- Demographics refer to the gender, race, and ethnicity of the individual filing the complaint.
- Division refers to the police division where the incident occurred.
- Summary is the summary of the complaint against police made by the complainant.