

## Unit 3 Transcripts

### Respondent 1

1. *What caused you to file a complaint with the police department?*

While driving home from a church meeting in the evening, I was stopped by Officer P. without cause. The officer walked up to my car shining a bright light in my face with gun drawn and started screaming at me to get out of the car. After I got out of the car, he began to search it without my permission. He grabbed my purse and pulled my driver's license out and returned to his car. He came back five minutes later, handed my license to me, and reluctantly told me I could go. I asked him what prompted the stop and he said that my car fit a profile and I was driving 10 miles under the speed limit.

2. *How did the police department respond to the complaint?*

Approximately 2 weeks after I filed the complaint, I received a letter stating that no foul play or harassment was found.

3. *How did you feel about how the police department's responded?*

I do not believe that the department looked into the incident at all. This situation made me extremely angry. I feel like I was treated like a common criminal and I was traumatized when the officer approached me with his gun drawn. I feel like the police officers think we are all criminals. I thought they were there to protect me, not traumatize me.

### Respondent 2

1. *What caused you to file a complaint with the police department?*

I was racial profiled. I want an apology. I was stopped on Saturday night when me and my friend was riding our bikes down Mullis Road. When another Barney showed up we were handcuffed and then a third cop came and told them to release us. They were looking for 2 black guys over 6'2" who were 18-20 years old. I'm 5'4" and my friend is 5'7" and we're 33 and 36. I have a criminal record and I'm in the work release program but they stopped me because of my skin tone. That's not cool...it kind of just threw me for a loop.

2. *How did the police department respond to the complaint?*

The cop at the station desk took the report. I don't know what they're going to do with the report. Probably nothing. But I want an apology.

3. *How did you feel about how the police department's responded?*

I'm not holding my breath. It makes me realize that the cops are out to get you.

### Respondent 3

1. *What caused you to file a complaint with the police department?*

I got pulled over by Officer B. on Wednesday night for a broken. The officer got cocky with me and said I was being mouthy and he hit me with the flashlight. I'm pretty sure he was showing me who was boss because I know that he sells dope he bags from other guys.

2. *How did the police department respond to the complaint?*

I went to the front desk and the officer said that I could not file a report until I explained what had happened. I said that I would rather not do that and just wanted to write down my complaint. The officer said, "Well then you'd better explain it to me or you're not filing anything." I explained what happened and the officer became very agitated and said that I could file a complaint but I better be prepared to be hauled in if I file a false report.

3. *How did you feel about how the police department's responded?*

I am worried that the police are going to wrongly accuse me of something to protect the officer who pulled me over.