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STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF LAW



Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigative Office
28 Liberty Street, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10005
<http://www.ag.ny.gov>

Intake Id 1-990927462

Your Information

First Name Kevin
Last Name Riford
Street Address 3038 Michael Drive
Address Line 2
City/Town North Tonawanda
State NY
County NIAG
Zip/Postal Code 14120
Phone Number [REDACTED]
Email Address kevinriford4@protonmail.com

Subject of Your Complaint

Do you know the law enforcement agency involved? Y
Law Enforcement Agency Involved Niagara County Sheriff's Office
Do you have any information to identify the police officer(s) involved for example: name, badge number, police department? Y
First Name Nick
Last Name Ross
Badge Number
Rank Deputy
Precinct
Command/ Unit Assigned

Complaint Details

How were you involved
I was directly involved in interaction with Law Enforcement Officers
Location of Incident 3038 Michael Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Do you know the date and time of the incident? Y
Date and Time of Incident 2024-10-07 21:00:00.0
Type of Misconduct Alleged
Abuse of authority;Corruption;Criminal activity;Force;Fraud;Wrongful search or stop

Force

Hand/body strike;Other

Please describe other force:

twisted my arm, tossed me to the ground, laid on me (could not breath)

Please provide demographic information, if known, of the person who was the subject of the alleged police misconduct.

NOT KNOWN

Please provide a general description of the misconduct.

On 10/07/2024, around 9pm the Niagara County Sheriff's arrived at my residence. Shortly upon them arriving, the front door was opened then closed. The door was then re-opened and they told me to come outside. I did, and immediately had my arm twisted behind my back causing severe pain (I was screaming in pain), I was violently taken to the ground, laid upon (could not breath) where I would sustain injuries to my arm, legs and head. Blood was present and visible on my arm and head. The police did not have probable cause or reasonable suspicion to immediately do this to me. I was only told I was being detained, yet was charged with resisting arrest, obstruction of justice, and criminal mischief. They alleged I damaged my mothers property, yet never asked my mom if she owned the property. I have attached a signed affidavit from my mother with photos of my injuries. They came inside our residence without a warrant, probable cause, or exigent circumstances. I was never told I was being arrested. I was never read my rights also.

Have you made a complaint regarding the incident(s) you describe above to the law enforcement agency involved or to any other agency?

N

Is court action pending?

Y

Please describe the court action, including venue

Town of Wheatfield

Uploaded Documents

User Uploaded Document Names

Brutalized_1.jpg
Brutalized_3.jpg
Brutalized_4.jpg

Brutalized_5.jpg

Joanne_Rifords_Affidavit.pdf

In filing this complaint, I understand that:

- The Attorney General is not the complainant's private lawyer. The Attorney General is a public servant who protects the public from illegal or misleading practices. This complaint does not mean that the Attorney General will start a lawsuit for the complainant.
- The Attorney General cannot give me legal advice or represent me in court. If I have any questions about my legal rights or responsibilities, I should contact a private lawyer.
- The Attorney General may send a copy of my complaint, and any documents I provide, to the person or organization I mention in my complaint. I give that person or organization permission to provide information about my complaint to the Attorney General.
- The Attorney General may use information from my complaint to show that the law has been broken.
- The Attorney General works with other government agencies at the state, local, and federal levels to investigate complaints and with the police. The Attorney General may share my complaint with these agencies.

I affirm this 12th day of December, 2024, under the penalties of perjury under the laws of New York, which may include a fine or imprisonment that:

- **my complaint is true;**
- **any documents attached are true and accurate copies of the original; and**
- **I understand that this document may be filed in an action or proceeding in a court of law.**

Signature

Kevin Riford