

[REDACTED]
Pine Bush, NY 12566

September 16, 2004

Chief McCann

Town of Crawford Police

PO Box 109, 121 Rt. 302

Pine Bush, NY 12566

Dear Chief McCann,

We are writing this letter to inform you of a situation that occurred today which we believe warrants further investigation. We would like to file a complaint regarding the behavior of Officer Duran.

At approximately 10:45 AM today, Officer Duran approached a group of 6 or 7 children in the Valley Supreme parking lot near the Chinese restaurant. He asked the children if "they were the kids that just got kicked out of the parking area near Pete's Pizza." They informed him that they were not and that the man from the restaurant told them they could skate near his store as long as they did not ruin anything. Officer Duran left.

Sometime around 11:30 AM Sergeant Meier entered the Pete's Pizza parking lot. He stopped his car and the children approached him. They spoke with him about where they were allowed to skate and he asked them to stay out of the roads. He was very respectful to the children while making his point. According to the sergeant, the children were very polite and were not doing anything wrong.

At approximately 1:40 PM Officer Duran approached the children again at the Pine Bush High School. They were sitting on the grass talking, not skateboarding. According to my 11-year old son, Officer Duran got out of his car and said: "You can't skate her, get in a line. I'm taking your names and phone numbers." He then said: "Can't you guys fucking read signs. Come with me and read it." The children read the sign and he then said: "Okay, now I know you can read. If you guys were sixteen, I could arrest you." He then asked their ages and said: "You guys are fucking kids." One of the children told him that another officer said they could skate around town but

not on private property. Officer Duran then asked: "What did he look like? Was he a fat fuck?" He continued to intimidate the boys by saying "I arrested 3 kids the other day for skating here." They asked if one of them was [REDACTED]. He answered by saying "that kid is still in fucking babysitting." He told the kids to go to Town Hall and read the rules for the skate park. He returned to his car, sat for a few minutes and then left.

The boys went to the Town Hall to report the incident. They also picked up copies of the rules for the park. At 2:12 PM our son called home to report this very upsetting information to us. We waited for about an hour and then went to the police station to report the incident. We wanted to see if he would call us. In our minds Officer Duran used his position as a police officer to harass and intimidate these children. There is just no excuse for his behavior or his use of profanity. He was dealing with 11 and 12 year old children. We believe he was out of line and may have violated their rights.

At 3:50 PM the boys were on Kelly Avenue when Officer Duran approached them again. He told them that "he took their names and phone numbers to scare them so that they won't do it again." My child is still not sure what they did. Maybe Officer Duran could explain it to you and then you could let the children know what they did wrong to deserve such treatment.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this serious matter. We have raised our child to have respect for authority. I am not sure Officer Duran earned that respect today. It is a shame that one officer's poor judgment makes the police something to fear in the eyes of the children. Sergeant Meier was very professional when I came to the station to voice my concerns. I hope that the majority of your force is as kind as he is.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Cc: Eric Meier
Charles Carnes

Sept. 16, 2004

Chief McCann,

I am writing on behalf of my 12 year old son, [REDACTED] to inform you that one of your police officers, Officer Durant was verbily abusing my son and his friends.

On Thursday, September 16, 2004 the boys had stopped in at the Health Center to ask if the could skate there. They were told that they could as long as they don't bother any one and that they stay out of the way of cars. Then the boys went to Petes Pizza after skating for a drink. They saw Sgt. Meier pull up in the parking lot and the kids went up to him to say hello. This was around 10:00 am. Sgt. Meier told the boys that they could sit at he High School but they are not aloud to skate and not to skate on private property. He told the boys to be safe and enjoy the day. At aproximatley 11:00am Officer Durant first spoke with my son and his friends at the Valley Supreme Supermarket and said "You boys know that you are not aloud to skate here." One of the boys replied that the owner of Valley Supreme had jut told them that they could skate their. Just before Officer Durant came by the boys were skating on a wooden box and the owner of Valley Supreme told the boys to put the box back . One of the boys then asked if they were still aloud to skate there and he said "yes as long as you don't touch anything." Then at aproximatley 1:45 while the boys were sitting at Pine Bush High School (some under a tree and the others on the grass by the stairs at the far end of the school closest to the football field) Office Durant pulled up to them, opened the door of the car, took out a notebook, got out of the car and slammed the door and said "Can any of you guys read? Can any of you guys Fucken read?!" Then he told the kids to get up. He pointed to the sign that is located all the way up at the top of the building . One of the boys then started reading the sign and officer Durant said "thats enough." Then one of the kids asked why the sign is so high up. Officer Durant replied "so that no jack asses can come by and take it down." Then he said to them "All right you guys line up" He asked them for thier names, phone numbers, and parents names. After he got the information he made them repeat it to make sure that they were telling the truth. One of the kids told Officer Durant that a cop in Dodge Durango # 211 had told them that they

were aloud to sit at the school. Officer Durant then said "Oh that fat fuck." Another kid replied "I wouldn't call him that cause I personally like him but I guess you could say that." Then the officer asked the boys their ages. After the boys stated their ages Officer Durant replied "Oh your all fucking babies." He then said to the boys that just last week he caught these 3 kids and they had their boards taken away. The boys then said "thank you". Then the officer said "What are you thanking me for, I'll be calling your parents."

After Officer Durant drove off the boy went over to the town hall and reported the abuse to Kelly Eskew - Town Clerk.

At 2:15p.m. my son called me from his friends cell phone to inform me of what had just happened. He said tht all the kids were calling their parents. I then went to pick him up and went to the police station and spoke with Sgt. Meier. Please contact me as soon as you can in regards to this matter.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

cc: Sgt. Meier
Supervisor Charles Carne

9-16-04

We were sitting under a tree because it was hot out, and I was standing on my skate board. Then a cop named Mr. Duran drove by and seen us and told us to get into a line. He then asked if all of could read and we told him yes. So he then told us to come over to this sign that was about 20 feet up on a wall, and read it so we did. Then he took our names, phone numbers and our parents names. He then said why were you out here and we told him that we were on our way up to P.B.E because there were no signs that said you couldn't. then he said who told you that you could be here. , and we another cop he drove car #111. After that he said who that fat fuck and we didn't say any thing because we knew that it was wrong. After that he said why are u fucking babies out here. None of these cops know what they are talking about and you cant be here. So then he told us that he was going to call our parents and tell them what we did. Then he asked us why we don't skate at the park in town and we said because you have to pay 25 dollars. Then he argued about it and none of us said any thing. Then he told us to go to the town hall and get our own papers and after that he left.

[REDACTED]

September 19,2004

To Seargent Meier,

I am writting to you on behalf of my son [REDACTED] d an incident which occured last week in Pine Bush.I understand that [REDACTED] and a few friends were approached and verbally attacked by officer Durant.My girlfiend [REDACTED] was made aware of this by another Mother.

It was suggested that I write this letter and be as discriptive as possible, however I don't find that to be appropriate.I do however understand that the "F" word was used multiple times and directed to the group of boys.

I also want to add that this particular group of kids are good and respectful and do not cause any problems,and do feel that each one of them deserve an apology.

Does officer Durant have any children? and if so would he tolarate someone attacking them in this fashion?? I think not!

Thank you for addressing this matter.

Respectfully Submitted:

[REDACTED]

c.c./Cheif McCann
c.c./Charles Carne

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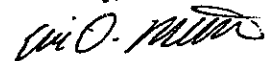
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Memo

To: Chief McCann
From: Sgt. Meier
CC: File
Date: 9/24/04
Re: Complaint PO Duran

Attached are your copies of the letters of complaint, copies of my activity sheet, and a copy of PO Duran's activity sheet for the B-line on September 16, 2004. Reported to me by the parents of the youths involved and Town Clerk Kelly Eskew would be foul and abusive language on the part of PO Duran. At this time this is all the information that I have regarding this complaint, I am turning everything over to you for your determination of any disciplinary action. Any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,



Sgt. Eric O. Meier

DORAN 118 THUR 9/16/04
 Officer Badge# Day of Week Date
 56560 210 0800 1600 B
 Car# Time On Duty Time Off Duty Hours Worked Shift Worked
 56560 56653 93 OK
 Mileage: Start & Finish Total Mileage Vehicle Condition: Start & Finish
 0 Number V&T Stops: 0 Warnings issued / 0 UTT's issued 0 Business Checks/Door Slips issued
 5 VISITS

Parking Tickets 0 Log Of Activities

Time Received	Time Completed	Complaint #/ or Source	Location, Activity and Action Taken
0805	0840	dispatch	Medical 510 Union School - Fall/Judder
0850	0930		Village - Park Areas
0930			302 CR17 Meadowood Youngblood
	0957		Wendenghills -
0957	1030		Return Ri: Fingerprints
1030	1105		Village Area
1105	1127	dispatch	Hit/Miss dispute - Resolved
1127			17K Long Petaloot Denton 48
	1156		Gillegue Bouyn 302-52
1156			52, Center North Rd Mills, Wallkill
	1215		Dover 52-302
1215	1240		STATIONARY 302/STOCKMARKET
1242	1252		Bouface 52 Railroad Park/Walkway
1252			Rd Mills Knopf White, Flury CR17
	1325		New Construction Fuel 16gal
1325			CR17 Howell Mallory Searville
	1350		Hill 52 Bouface P/B/H/S Skateboarders
1405	1430		H.Q
1450	1514		Ulsterville STATIONARY
	1530		Town Park

Sergeant Daily Activity Report

Sergeants Name. MEIER

Date. 9-16-04

Car #. 212 Mileage start. _____ End. _____ Total. _____ Condition. _____

Time on Duty. 08:00 Time off Duty. _____ Total Hours Worked. _____

PATROL

OFFICERS

Name. SPINATO Time on Duty. _____ Off Duty. _____

Name. DRAN Time on Duty. _____ Off Duty. _____

Name. _____ Time on Duty. _____ Off Duty. _____

DISPATCH

Name. PATTY CARR Time on Duty. _____ Off Duty. _____

LOG OF ACTIVITIES

Briefing of patrols. (Y) or (N)?, Details of briefing or reason for none. _____

SPINATO → PD GARAGE CLEANUP

NO SCHOOL KEEP A WATCH ON YOUTHS

VACATION ✓ 4DB BURLINGHAM RD RON PERKINS

List your activities for shift.

Start	Completed	Description of activities
06:45		ASSIGNED 105 TO RADAR / SPEED MEADOWWOOD
		7:00 - 7:20
		#5 ASSIGNED TO VTL 1225 DETAIL 52+302
		DDPS NO SCHOOL. (CANCEL DETAILS)

Interoffice Memo

Office of the Chief of Police

To: Officer Richard Duran

From: Daniel P. McCann, Chief of Police

CC: Charles Carnes, Town Supervisor

Subject: Discipline Action

Date: October 8, 2004

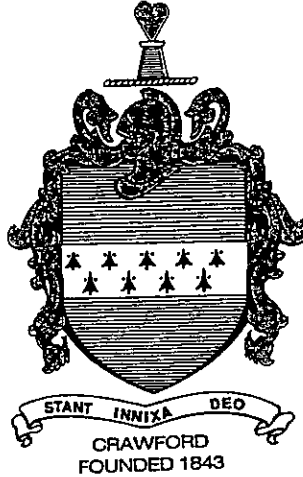
Regarding our conversation concerning an incident at the Pine Bush High School on September 16th 2004, involving youth's that were on the grounds of the school, and your inappropriate language used during your interaction with them. I have discussed this incident with the Police Advisory Board and they are very disappointed with your actions. It was determined that this memo will serve as notice to you that this type of conduct will not be tolerated in the future. This memo will be placed in your employment file and will be reflected in any and all employment reviews and discipline considerations.



Chief Daniel P. McCann

Daniel P. McCann
Chief of Police

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October 12, 2004

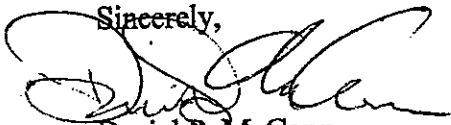
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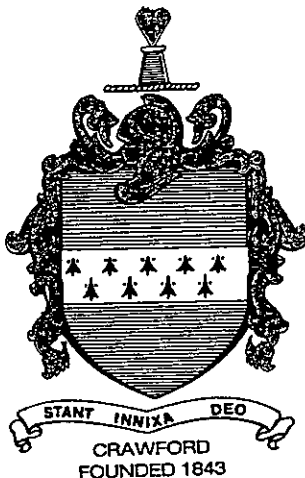
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October 11, 2004

[REDACTED]
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