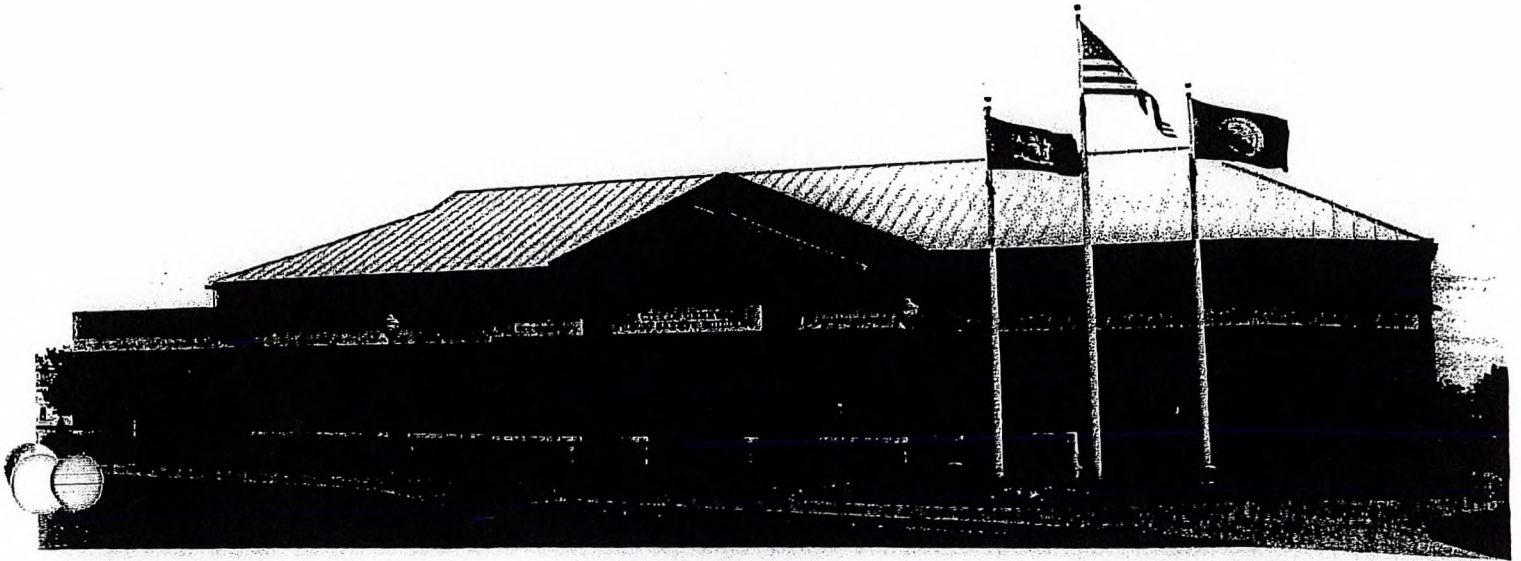


GENEVA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Citizens Complaint Form



Chief J. Trickler

Public Safety Building
255 Exchange Street
Geneva, New York 14456
315.789.1111

Summary of Complaint Process

- The complaint can be downloaded from the City of Geneva website: www.geneva.ny.us or picked up at Geneva Police Department, 255 Exchange Street, Geneva, New York.
- After completion of the form it should be notarized by a Notary of your choice or signed in front of Sergeant or Lieutenant of the Geneva Police Department.
- After your complaint has been filed, it is assigned and investigated and given a Case Number. All available witnesses will be contacted, and any physical or other relevant evidence including records, reports, recordings and computer data will be collected and reviewed. You will be personally contacted by a Lieutenant or another person designated by the Chief of Police.
- Once the investigation is completed, the investigation and its report will be forwarded to the Chief of Police for final disposition of the case. When a complaint is sustained, the Chief shall determine and administer appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary action.
- Department policy requires that the complaint investigation to be completed within 45-60 days; however, the Chief of Police can waive the time frame depending on the complexity and sensitivity of the investigation.
- After the investigation has been completed and the Chief of Police has made a final decision on the case, you will be notified of the results by mail.

Most Often Asked Questions

- **HOW DO I FILE A COMPLAINT?** We would prefer to talk with you about your complaint in person; however complaints will be accepted by mail or in person. If they are submitted by mail, please ensure they have been notarized.
- **WHAT IS A COMPLAINT?** A complaint is a belief that a member of the Geneva Police Department has violated a Department Rule or Procedure, a federal or state law, an ordinance of the City of Geneva, or dissatisfaction with a policy or procedure of the Geneva Police Department.
- **WHAT DOES THIS PROCESS NOT HANDLE?** This process does not litigate or decide the outcome of any parking, traffic, criminal or non-criminal offense. These questions should be directed to the court of jurisdiction or your own legal counsel.
- **WHO CAN MAKE A COMPLAINT?** Anyone can file a complaint if they truly and honestly believe a police employee has acted improperly.
- **WHO INVESTIGATES A CITIZEN COMPLAINT?** Complaints of alleged misconduct are investigated by the Internal Affairs Lieutenant and his staff as needed. The investigation is then reviewed by the Chief of Police and Personnel Office if needed.
- **WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE EMPLOYEE?** That will depend on the results of the investigation. If the employee is found to be at fault the complaint will be SUSTAINED and the appropriate corrective

and/or disciplinary action will be taken. If they acted properly, they will be EXONERATED. If the facts show that the complaint is false, the complaint will be unfounded. In those cases where the department is unable to determine the validity of the complaint and cannot arrive at any other conclusion, the complaint will be NOT SUSTAINED. If the investigation concludes that the involved employee's conduct was not misconduct but rather an issue of department service or procedure, your complaint will be satisfied as such. In cases of department service or procedure, Geneva Police Department will attempt to clarify or correct the issue.

- **WHAT IF MY COMPLAINT INVOLVES CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR?** The Ontario County District Attorney's Office may be consulted on any complaint that alleges criminal investigation while the internal investigation is pending.
- **WILL I BE TOLD THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION?** YES – At the conclusion of the investigation and review by the Chief of Police, you will be notified of the results by mail. Due to contractual and legal restrictions, you will be only be given the finding of the investigation of whether your complaint was SUSTAINED, UNFOUNDED, EXONERATED, NOT SUSTAINED, OR IS ONE OF DEPARTMENT SERVICE OR PROCEDURE. The department is prohibited from revealing specific personnel actions taken against the employee.
- **CAN I GET IN TROUBLE FOR MAKING A COMPLAINT?** NO – Every citizen has the right to file a complaint, if it is done in good faith, with an honest belief that an employee of the acted improperly. If a false statement is made you may be charged under the NYS Penal Law Section 210.45.
- **ABOUT THE COMPLAINT FORM.** The attached form should be used to file your complaint. You can attach as many additional pages as necessary, along with any supporting evidence you may have. After you complete the form have it notarized or sworn to by a Sergeant or Lieutenant of the Geneva Police Department. After it being notarized you may also mail it to the following address:

**City of Geneva Police Department
Office of Chief of Police
PSB, 255 Exchange Street
Geneva, New York 14456**

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Complaint Action Form

This form is to be completed in full and signed by the complaining citizen and a notary republic, if not signed by a sergeant or Lieutenant of the Geneva Police Department. **WARNING: False Statements made herein are punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor crime pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law of the State of New York. Please type or Print.**

COMPLAINANT

Name:

Address:

Occupation:

Work Address:

Email Address:

ACCUSED OFFICER(S)

Name:

Timothy Peters

Badge Number _____

Name:

Badge Number _____

INCIDENT

Time/Date:

Nature of Complaint:

WITNESS(ES)

Name:

Address:

Name:

Address:

Are you making this complaint of your own free will:

Yes ☒No ☐

Were you arrested as a result of this incident:

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, what charge: _____

Date: _____

Disposition (fine, imprisonment, etc.): Tickets, fine, court appearance

3. Are you willing to appear and give testimony under oath at a department hearing and/or criminal proceeding: Yes ☒ No ☐

COMPLAINT - state exact circumstances of the complaint

I was stopped on the date of [REDACTED] by officer Timmy Peters. As he approached the car I asked the officer very kindly why he was pulling me over. He then asked me for my I.D. ^{again} I then asked "why are you pulling me over". He repeatedly began to demand that I give him my I.D.. I said officer I would be happy to give you my I.D. if you state why you are pulling me over. He then said "No, when an officer ~~at~~ tells you to ~~give~~ ~~the~~ over your I.D. you must." I then told the officer that he has to tell me a reason for pulling me over before he collects my I.D. (Now this is where ~~our~~ our buddy Tim should have simply stated his reason for pulling me over.) Instead he replies with "Give me your F*cking I.D." Now as I know, Mr Kizer, there are much serious matters that you and your officers have to attend to, and I'm not tryna get anyone in trouble. I simply request that Tim Peters is reminded of correct, and professional procedure so that circumstance like these won't get blown out of proportion. Officers should not make citizen feel uncomfortable when they ask why they are being stopped. I know your a busy man so thank you, officer for hearing this out.

****if necessary, additional sheets may be attached hereto and made a part hereof.**

I understand that this statement of complaint will be submitted to the Geneva Police Department and may be the basis for an investigation. Further, I declare the facts contained herein are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Further, I declare that my statement has been made by me voluntarily without persuasion, coercion or promise of any kind. **False statements made herein are punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.** Accordingly and with notice of the foregoing I hereby affirm that the foregoing statements are true.

Signature of Complainant:

Date 10-5-17

(must be signed in presence of Supervisor, *if not notarized*)

Time 12:47 PM

Supervisor Receiving Complaint:

St J Kiper

ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

Reviewed By: _____

Name & Rank

Date Reviewed: _____

GPD Log No.: _____

☐

NO FURTHER ACTION

☐

INVESTIGATION ASSIGNED TO: _____

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTARY PUBLIC

State of New York

COUNTY OF _____

This document was acknowledged before me on _____ [Date] by
_____ [name of principal].

[Notary Seal, if any]:

(Signature of Notarial Officer)

Notary Public for the State of New York

My commission expires: _____



To: Chief Jeffrey Trickler

From: Lt. Michael J. Passalacqua

Date: 11.27.2017

Subject: Internal Investigation – Procedural [REDACTED]

Introductory Paragraph

- On 10.5.17 this Lieutenant was assigned a Complaint Action form by Chief Jeffrey Trickler regarding a Traffic Stop involving Officer Tim Peters and [REDACTED] alleges that he was stopped and when Officer Peters approached, he was never informed as to why he was stopped and after requesting his license several times and [REDACTED] continuing to ask the reason for the stop, Officer Peters said to him, "Give me your fucking ID". This behavior potentially violated General Order 305 III(25) **Courtesy**

Findings Section for the Specific Violations

- The allegation is as follows: Officer Tim Peters, a Uniformed Officer with the Geneva Police Department while operating a marked patrol vehicle did initiate a traffic stop on North Street on [REDACTED] being the operator of that vehicle. Officer Peters approached the vehicle and asked [REDACTED] for his documents including his license and registration. After not producing the documents requested, [REDACTED] asked to be told why he was being stopped. Officer Peters did then state to [REDACTED] "give me your fucking license"

The Facts of the Investigation Support the Findings of:

- Sustained** – The act complained of did occur and constituted a violation of police, procedure, rules, regulation, or statute.



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Evidence to Support the Specific Allegations

- Officer Tim Peters in his response letter (attached) to this Lieutenant did state that he had asked for the documents from [REDACTED] on at least 8 occasions to which he did not provide them. Officer Peters also indicates that he did inform [REDACTED] for the reason of the stop which was violation of Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1201(A). In his response letter, Officer Peters states "On the last request, due to frustration with the driver, I did say "give me your fucking license"
- Sergeant Jeff Keyser in his response letter (attached) to this Lieutenant does state that Officer Peters did come to him and tell him he had just written [REDACTED] traffic tickets and that he did swear at him after he had asked [REDACTED] for his license several times and he refused to give it to him. Officer Peters also stated to Sergeant Keyser that he knew he should not have sworn at [REDACTED] and that he let his frustration get to him.
- [REDACTED] was interviewed and states that he did not feel as though he needed to provide his documents until he was told the reason for the stop. [REDACTED] states Officer Peters became upset with him and said, "Give me your fucking ID"

Evidence to Refute the Specific Allegations

- Detective Brain Choffin in his response letter (attached) as he was on scene for a portion of the traffic stop states he did hear [REDACTED] being disrespectful towards Officer Peters and was using obscene language and being belligerent. Detective Choffin States he spoke with [REDACTED] and was able to calm him down after being upset a couple different times during the traffic stop.
- Detective Steve Vine in his response letter (attached) states he did hear officer PO Tim Peters repeatedly requesting [REDACTED] for insurance and registration for the vehicle to which [REDACTED] was not cooperating. Detective Vine does not mention hearing Officer Tim Peters use profanity towards [REDACTED]

Identification & Explanation of Allegations and Recommended Findings

The allegation at hand would be a violation of General Order 305 IIIA(25) **Courtesy** which states "Officers and employees shall be courteous to the public. Officers/employees shall be tactful in the performance of their duties, shall control their tempers, and exercise the utmost patience and discretion, and shall not engage in argumentative discussions even in the face of extreme provocation. In the performance of their duties, officers/employees shall not use coarse, profane or insolent language or

gestures, and shall not express and prejudice concerning race, religion, politics, national origin, lifestyle or similar personal characteristics.

Complainant and Involved Witnesses:

[REDACTED] (not able to contact witness after several attempts)

Officers and Involved Personnel:

Officer Tim Peters, Sergeant Jeff Keyser, Detective Brian Choffin, Detective Steve Vine

Independent Witnesses:

None

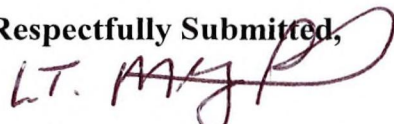
Recommended Finding:

- At the time of this report based upon the information available to me I offer the following:
Violaton of General Order 305 IIIA(25)- **Sustained**

Attachments

1. CR 2017-24366 Incident
2. Lt. Michael J. Passalacqua Notes of Investigation
3. Letter to PO Tim Peters
4. Letter to Sgt. Jeff Keyser
5. Letter to Detective Brian Choffin
6. Letter to Detective Steve Vine
7. Response Letter from PO Tim Peters
8. Response Letter from Sgt. Jeff Keyser
9. Response Letter from Detective Brian Choffin
10. Response Letter from Detective Steve Vine
11. Complaint Action form filed by [REDACTED]

Respectfully Submitted,


Lt. Michael J. Passalacqua

GENERAL INFORMATION

Supervisor: MPAS PASSALACQUA Dispatcher: MPAS PASSALACQUA Responding Officer: MPAS PASSALACQUA
Date/Time: 11/22/17 11:10 Reported Signal: PERSONNEL COMPLAINT/COMMENDATION 101
Actual Signal: PERSONNEL COMPLAINT/COMMENDATION 101 Received By: WALK-IN
Received: 11:10:02

Vehicle Description:

Plate No.:

Disposition: H

Action Taken:

State: NY

Disp. Date: 11/22/17 11:12

Report Taken: NO

Reference No. 2:

LOCATION

Location Name: PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Address: 255 EXCHANGE STREET

Alt. Address:

Apt. No.:

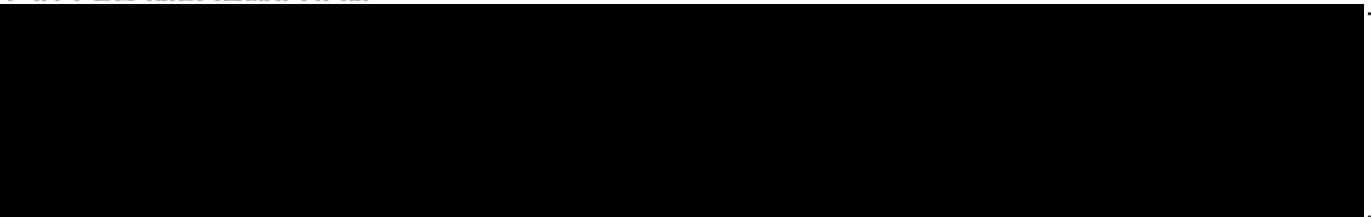
Phone No.: (315) 789-1111

City: GENEVA

Zone: BEAT

Direction:

Intersection:

CALLER INFORMATION**Unit/Officer****Dispatched****Arrived****Cleared****ASSOCIATED PERSONS**NameAliasDOBAddressPhoneSex Inv.**NOTES**

CALLER DROPPED OFF COMPLAINT ACTION FORM OM 10/5/17. ASSIGNED TO 803 ON 10/5/17

A CR WAS NOT CREATED UPON RECEIVING COMPLAINT WHICH IS WHY THE CR IS DATED 11/22/17.

CAF - Internal

Received on 10/6/17

- No Phone # on complaint
- E-mail sent on 10/6/17 @ 11:15AM for CO to contact me.
- No response to email by 10/9
- Called CO's father [REDACTED] for phone #
- Called multiple times - No answer - no voicemail
- 10/13/17 - CO answered - stated he was going out of town NYC
- Meeting set up for 10/18/17 @ 12:00pm
- No show for meeting on 10/18/17
- Tried calling several times - No answer - no ~~text~~ voicemail
- CO showed up Monday 10/23/17 after going to [REDACTED] - Interviewed
- CO was to have witnesses call me - but does not have own phone

- 11/13/17 - Tried to call [REDACTED] - phone not on
- 11/17/17 - Tried to call [REDACTED] no answer - no voicemail set up
- 11/22/17 - Stopped at [REDACTED] after calling cell # for [REDACTED]
- # is no longer good. Mother, [REDACTED] got a hold of him over FB Messenger - I spoke w/ [REDACTED] and advised him I needed his witness to contact me as she hadn't done that yet. [REDACTED] stated he would have her call by end of this week, 11/25/17.
- 11/25/17 - No response from witness [REDACTED]



Police Officer Timothy Peters

Geneva Police Department

Subject: Complaint Action Form - [REDACTED]

Date: 10.25.17

Officer Peters:

I am in receipt of a complaint action form dated 10.5.17, against you and the Geneva Police Department. I have been entrusted by the Chief of Police in investigating this matter. Please respond to me in writing NLT 10.30.17 based upon the following questions [REDACTED] alleges in his complaint.

1. On [REDACTED] during a traffic stop did you state "when an officer tells you to hand over your ID, you must?"
2. Did you ask for [REDACTED] ID more than one time?
3. Did [REDACTED] ask you the reason for the stop prior to giving you his ID?
4. Did you say to [REDACTED] "Give me your fucking ID?"

Respectfully,

Lt. Michael J. Passalacqua



Sergeant Jeffrey Keyser

Geneva Police Department

Subject: Complaint Action Form- [REDACTED]

Date: 11.17.17

Sergeant Jeffrey Keyser:

I am in receipt of a complaint action form dated 10.5.17 against the Geneva Police Department. I have been entrusted by the Chief of Police in investigating this matter. Please respond to me in writing NLT 11.28.17 detailing any and all involvement and conversation you had with Officer Timothy Peters regarding this traffic stop on [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

Lieutenant Michael J. Passalacqua



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Detective Brian Choffin

Geneva Police Department

Subject: Complaint Action Form: [REDACTED]

Date: 11.17.17

Detective Brian Choffin:

I am in receipt of a complaint action form dated 10.5.17 against the Geneva Police Department. I have been entrusted by the Chief of Police in investigating this matter. Please respond to me in writing NLT 11.28.17 detailing any and all involvement and conversation you had with [REDACTED] during the traffic stop which took place on [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

Lieutenant Michael J. Passalacqua



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Detective Steve Vine

Geneva Police Department

Subject: Complaint Action Form- [REDACTED]

Date: 11.17.17

Detective Steve Vine:

I am in receipt of a complaint action form dated 10.5.17 against the Geneva Police Department. I have been entrusted by the Chief of Police in investigating this matter. Please respond to me in writing NLT 11.28.17 detailing any and all involvement and conversation you had with [REDACTED] during the traffic stop which took place on [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

Lieutenant Michael J. Passalacqua



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Lieutenant Michael Passalacqua

Geneva Police Department

Subject: Response to Complaint Action Form [REDACTED]

Date 11.19.17

Lieutenant Passalacqua:

This letter is in response to the complaint action form dated 10.5.17 against me and the Geneva Police Department and the questions you have submitted to me.

On [REDACTED] as I was responding to a 911 hang up call at the Geneva Middle and High School complex, (refer to [REDACTED]), I came upon a vehicle stopped, east of the intersection of [REDACTED]. The vehicle was occupied by 2 subjects. At the time, the signal at the aforementioned intersection, was green, and other vehicles were entering the left turn lane to go around the stopped vehicle. Originally, I thought the vehicle was disabled, then observed the occupants engaged in a conversation. I too pulled up the side of the vehicle. The driver looked at me, with a "startled" look, then pulled ahead to the signal that had cycled to red. Based on the look I received from the driver, I repositioned my patrol vehicle at the rear of the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. I approached the driver's side, where the driver opened his door, due to reporting the window did not work. I did not recognize the driver at this time. I requested from the driver his license and registration to the vehicle. The driver, [REDACTED] responded argumentatively, refusing to provide said documents. As with ever traffic stop performed, I receive documents prior to informing the driver as to the reason why they were stopped. Reason for this practice, If the driver was to leave without providing documents, further action can be taken having the documents. This is a practice that was trained to me at the beginning of my career and has continued throughout. The driver continued to be argumentative and refused to provide said documents, despite several requests from me for the documents. The driver insisted that he did nothing wrong and that he was only having a conversation with the passenger. During the several requests, I did inform the driver that usually when an Officer requests your license, you give it to them, as well as informing him of the reason for the stop, which was obstructing traffic. This violates NYS vehicle and traffic law 1201.a, which reads;

Upon any highway outside of a business or residence district no person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or main-traveled part of the highway when it is practicable to stop, park, or so leave such vehicle off such part of said highway, but in every event an unobstructed width of the highway opposite a standing vehicle shall be left for the free passage of other vehicles and a clear view of such stopped vehicles shall be available from a distance of two hundred feet in each direction upon such highway.

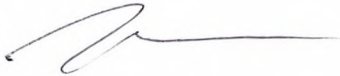
At some point during the traffic stop, Detectives Vine and Choffin arrived to assist. I cannot say exactly the number of times I had requested from the driver his documents, but I had made, at least, 8 requests for the documents. On the last request, due to frustration with the driver, I did say "give me your fucking license." At that point, the driver threw his license at me. I then returned to my patrol vehicle to complete the traffic stop. It was at this point, viewing the driver's license, I recognized the driver's name. I did not know the identity of the driver until this point.

Inquiry with DMV, through the EJustice portal, resulted with the registration to the vehicle, being suspended for an insurance lapse. I also observed the rear passenger side tire to be the spare "donut" for the vehicle, where there was no tread left on the tire.

Uniform traffic tickets were issued for the violations of; no stopping on highway (NYS vehicle and traffic law 1201.a), operating while registration is suspended (NYS vehicle and traffic law 512), and unsafe tire (NYS vehicle and traffic law 375.35).

I believe I have answered each of the questions that were presented to me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Peters', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Officer T. Peters



11/22/2017

Lt. Passalacqua,

On [REDACTED] I was in the Sergeant's Office. Officer Tim Peters came in the office and stated to me that he had just written [REDACTED] traffic tickets and that Officer Peters did swear at him because [REDACTED] had refused to hand over his license after asking him several times for it. Officer Tim Peters admitted he knew he should not sworn at him and let his frustration get to him. He agreed he would refrain from using foul language on traffic stops in the future.

I do not recall if it was that day or the following day, [REDACTED] came to the PSB and I explained the complaint action form to him and gave him a copy. I also received it back from [REDACTED] when he turned it in.

Respectfully,

Sgt Jeffrey Keyser



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To: Lieutenant Michael J. Passalacqua

From: Brian Choffin

Re: [REDACTED]

Date: 11.17.17

Lt. Passalacqua,

Earlier this fall, I'm not sure of the exact date, I was with Det. Vine and we drove by a vehicle that had been stopped by Officer Tim Peters. As we drove by, I heard the driver of the vehicle, later identified as [REDACTED] yelling at Officer Peters and telling him that Officer Peters had no right to pull him over. Det. Vine and I stopped our patrol vehicle and assisted at the traffic stop. I approached the drivers side door near Officer Peters and observed the interaction. Officer Peters repeatedly asked for drivers license and registration and repeatedly [REDACTED] refused. Kept insisting that the stop was for no reason and that he didn't have to provide the documents that Officer Peters requested. [REDACTED] was belligerent and using obscene language and I advised [REDACTED] to calm down and just give the documents to the Officer. Again, Officer Peters respectfully requested the documents and [REDACTED] refused disrespectfully. I again advised [REDACTED] just to give the paperwork to the Officer and let's deal with the matter at hand. Reluctantly, [REDACTED] practically tossed the documents at Officer Peters and then Officer Peters returned to the Police Vehicle to complete the paperwork. I stayed at the Drivers window and attempted to calm [REDACTED]. He was irate, using racial slurs and was using derogatory comments about Officer Peters and other Officers of the Geneva Police Department. Even though Officer Peters advised [REDACTED] for the reason for the stop, I advised him again. He kept insisting that it must be some kind of mistake that his vehicle is suspended. DMV then reported that [REDACTED] failed to pay a suspension. I reported that to [REDACTED] and he said that he was supposed to pay the fine and get his license back but he admitted that he didn't pay any of the fine. I advised him that is the reason for the suspension and he calmed down. I advised [REDACTED] that we would now need to seize his license plates and tow his vehicle. [REDACTED] agreed and apologized to me for his actions. As I was taking his front license plates, I observed that he had two sets of plates on his vehicle. [REDACTED] stated that he didn't realize that this was an infraction and I advised that we wouldn't issue a UTT for that. [REDACTED] was advised that he could retrieve any items that he could take from his vehicle prior to the tow arriving and again he thanked me for being so helpful. Officer Peters exited the patrol vehicle and immediately, [REDACTED] became defensive and argumentative with Officer Peters. Officer Peters ignored the derogatory comments and the total lack of disrespect from [REDACTED]. I attempted to calm [REDACTED] and advised him to stand on the side walk and await the tow truck. I advised [REDACTED] on how to attempt to get a valid registration and again he thanked me. The tow truck arrived and the car was removed without incident. [REDACTED] again thanked me and I left the scene with Det. Vine. At no time was a Geneva Police Officer disrespectful or unfair to [REDACTED]



Detective Brian Choffin



Lieutenant Michael J. Passalacqua

Geneva Police Department

Subject: [REDACTED] Complaint

Date: 11.22.2017

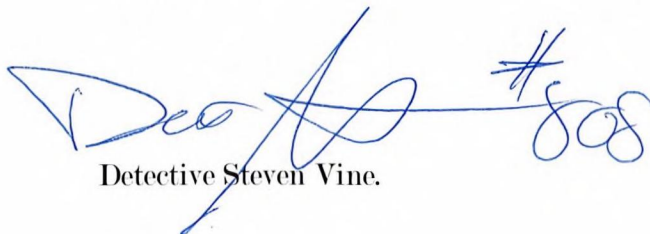
Lieutenant Michael J. Passalacqua:

I had no conversations with [REDACTED] during the incident in question.

My involvement in this situation is as follows:

I drove by a traffic stop on North St where P.O. Timothy Peters had conducted a traffic stop; the driver of said traffic stop was [REDACTED]. As I drove by the traffic stop I overheard P.O. Timothy Peters repeatedly asking [REDACTED] to produce registration and insurance cards for the vehicle. This went on for several attempts by P.O. Timothy Peters, and continually [REDACTED] refused to adhere to P.O. Timothy Peter's directions. Detective Brian Choffin and I then stepped out to assist P.O. Timothy Peters. Detective Brian Choffin went to the vehicle to speak with [REDACTED] and maintained a rear security position of his vehicle.

Respectfully,


Detective Steven Vine.

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1/28/2018

RE: Officer Timothy Peters

On 1/28/2018, I spoke with Officer Timothy Peters regarding a personnel complaint that was made by [REDACTED]. The complaint was found to be sustained, and was a result of his conduct during a traffic stop.

I reviewed the General Orders with Officer Timothy Peters regarding the "Rules of Conduct" (section 305). I advised him using vulgar language towards a citizen during a traffic stop, as well as any other time while working as a Geneva Police Officer, is not acceptable. I reminded him that as a police officer, he must treat everyone in the public with professionalism, even when people are being disrespectful toward him.

Officer Timothy Peters agreed and stated he understood. He stated the demeanor of the subject during the traffic stop led to frustration, and that is when he lost his temper and swore at him. He agreed to be more mindful of his attitude and professionalism when dealing with the public.

Respectfully,

Sgt Jeffrey Keyser



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December 13, 2017

Dear [REDACTED]:

Relative to your personnel complaint the following investigation was undertaken by Police Lieutenant Michael Passalacqua:

- Review of complaint action form
- Response – PO Tim Peters
- Response – Sgt. Jeff Keyser
- Response – Det. Brian Choffin
- Response – Det. Steve Vine
- Response – Complainant

Specific Complaint –

1. Officer was unprofessional during the time of traffic stop and used profanity

Finding –

1. Sustained – The act complained of did occur and constituted a violation of policy, procedure, rules, regulations, or statute

The officers mentioned in your complaint will be dealt with internally by my office.

Thank you for calling your concerns to my office. Complaints and inquires often can have a beneficial effect on the department.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey E. Trickler
Chief of Police



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