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**Bucks County District Attorney's Office  
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**Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General  
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**RE: Formal Complaint and Request for  
Investigation – Alleged Assault of a Minor,**

# **Failure to Identify as Law Enforcement, Unlawful Detention, and Civil Rights Violations**

**To the Appropriate Authorities:**

**This correspondence constitutes a formal complaint and demand for investigation into the conduct of the Chief of Police of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, relating to an incident involving minors in which the chief allegedly failed to identify himself as law enforcement, entered a crowd of children, placed a minor in a chokehold or neck restraint, and effected arrests followed by extended detention.**

**Video recordings and witness accounts raise serious concerns regarding excessive force, failure to identify, reckless endangerment, unlawful**

detention, and violations of constitutional rights.

## **ALLEGATIONS REQUIRING INVESTIGATION**

- Failure to clearly identify as law enforcement while exercising force.**
- Entering a crowd of children in an aggressive manner creating panic and risk.**
- Application of a chokehold or neck restraint on a minor.**
- Arrest and detention of minors and adults through the weekend.**
- Absence of audible Miranda warnings in available recordings.**

## **POTENTIAL LEGAL VIOLATIONS**

### **Constitutional Violations**

- Fourth Amendment – unreasonable seizure & excessive force
- Fourteenth Amendment – due process

## Federal Civil Rights Statutes

- 42 U.S.C. § 1983
- 18 U.S.C. § 242

## Pennsylvania Criminal Statutes

- 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 5301 – Official Oppression
- 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 2701 – Simple Assault
- 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 2702 – Aggravated Assault
- 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 2705 – Recklessly Endangering Another Person

## Use-of-Force Standards

- **Graham v. Connor, 490 U.S. 386 (1989)**
- **Tennessee v. Garner, 471 U.S. 1 (1985)**
- **Kingsley v. Hendrickson, 576 U.S. 389 (2015)**

## **DETENTION & PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS**

- **Gerstein v. Pugh, 420 U.S. 103 (1975)**
- **County of Riverside v. McLaughlin, 500 U.S. 44 (1991)**
- **Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure 519–520**

## **REQUESTED ACTIONS**

- 1. Immediate independent investigation.**
- 2. Preservation of all bodycam footage, surveillance video, and dispatch logs.**
- 3. Release of departmental policies**

regarding identification, use of force, neck restraints, and handling of minors.

4. Review of detention procedures and probable cause determinations.

5. Public release of investigative findings.

6. Appropriate disciplinary or criminal action if violations are substantiated.

The public must have confidence that law enforcement authority is exercised lawfully and with restraint, particularly when minors are involved. These allegations, if substantiated, present grave concerns warranting independent review and accountability.

Respectfully submitted,

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