

## **Phoenix Police Department**

Public Affairs Bureau 620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



## MEDIA ADVISORY

## Complaint Investigation Finalized

(August 9, 2023) In November 2022, Dion Rabouin filed a complaint with the Phoenix Police Department Professional Standards Bureau against Phoenix Police Officer Caleb Zimmerman. Mr. Rabouin alleged the officer used excessive force while unlawfully detaining him, detained him based on race and threatened to assault him if he did not comply.

An internal investigation was conducted and has been completed. During the course of this investigation, an issue came to light that was not part of the original complaint. The officer legally detained Mr. Rabouin, then identified him by removing a wallet from his pocket. Retrieving Mr. Rabouin's wallet violated Department search and seizure policy.

The investigation found the allegations of unlawful detention, detention based on race and use of excessive force were unfounded.

The Phoenix Police Department is consistently reviewing policy and this incident provided us with an opportunity to review our policy on trespassing.

<u>Phoenix Police Operations Order 4.41.5.D.5</u> has been revised to clarify the differences in procedure when detaining subjects for trespassing and arresting subjects for trespassing.

While a written reprimand would be appropriate for the policy violation noted, the lack of clarity in policy, and the fact that the incident did not involve malicious intent, repeat offenses, or a reckless or willful disregard for policy, the decision has been made to require the officer to receive training.

Final redacted copies of this investigation, **in addition to all materials and/or videos previously released**, may be obtained from the <u>Public Records & Services Bureau online portal</u> or in person by visiting 1717 East Grant Street, Suite 100, Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, excluding holidays.

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