



Lake Stevens Police Department

Administrative Review Report

Incident Detail

OPS #	2023-0006
Date/Time of Received	01/26/2023 14:24
Entered By	Chief Jeffrey Beazizo - SS0152
Date/Time of Occurrence	01/06/2023
Date/Time Entered	01/26/2023 14:35
Record ID Number	515
Case / Incident #	2023-00000328
Status	Completed
Disposition	Supervisor Intervention
Date Completed	02/14/2023
Classifications	()
Source of information	Citizen
Priority	—

Incident Location

Location of Occurrence	City of Lake Stevens
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Addresses 1825 South Lake Stevens Road
Lake Stevens, WA, 98258
-122.08906, 47.97920



Precinct: Police Department

Assignments

Unit Assigned		Office of the Chief	
Investigator Assigned		Un-assigned	
Field Investigator		[Pending assignment]	
Supervisor Assigned		Un-assigned	
Outside Investigator		—	
Incident Level Organization Assignments			
Department	Lake Stevens Police	Division	Office of the Chief
Squad	Administration	Assignment	Deputy Chief

Mailbox Routings

There are no mailbox routings

Summary

It is alleged that the employee was intimating, unprofessional, and rude during his contact with complaint.

Crisis Details

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Involved Employees

Deputy Chief Jeff Young - SS0167

Policy Outcome	Not yet entered			
Snapshot Data	Role	Involved Employee		
	Employment Status at Time of Incident	Active	Body camera worn	BWC-Reviewed by Supervisor
	Employee was in uniform	Yes	Employee was arrested	No
	Employee was off-duty	No	Employee was employed off-duty	No
	First Name	Jeff	Last Name	Young
	Sex	Male	Race	White
	Age when incident was received	50	Weight (lb)	—
	Height (ft)	—	Height (in)	—
Employee Assignment Snapshot	Title/Rank at time of incident	Deputy Chief	Years employed at time of incident	1
	Badge number at time of incident	0167	Years assigned at organization at time of incident	1
	Supervisor	Chief Jeffrey Beazizo		
	Department	Lake Stevens Police	Division	Office of the Chief
	Squad	Administration	Assignment	Deputy Chief
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Actions Taken	Informal - Verbal Coaching - 02/14/2023 Supervisor reviewed video with employee and discussed actions			

Employee Witnesses

Commander Dean Thomas Commander Dean Thomas - SS0094

Snapshot Data	Role	Witness Officer		
	Employment Status at Time of Incident	Active	Body camera worn	BWC-Not Worn by Employee
	First Name	Dean	Last Name	Thomas
	Sex	Male	Race	White
	Age when incident was received	50	Weight (lb)	—
	Height (ft)	—	Height (in)	—
Employee Assignment Snapshot	Title/Rank at time of incident	Commander	Years employed at time of incident	17
	Badge number at time of incident	0094	Years assigned at organization at time of incident	1
	Supervisor	Deputy Chief Jeff Young		
	Department	Lake Stevens Police	Division	Operations
	Squad	Administration	Assignment	Commander
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Citizens Involved

Tosha Renee Edwards

Date Of Birth	12/08/1984	Gender	Female
Race	White	Ethnicity	Non-Hispanic
Addresses	3313 92nd Drive Northeast Lake Stevens, WA, 98258	Phone Numbers	(425) 953-0826 (null)

Email	toshaedwards08@gmail.com			
Snapshot Data	First Name	—	Last Name	—
	Role	Complainant	Age when incident was received	38
	Height (ft)	—	Height (in)	—
	Weight (lb)	—		
	Sexual Orientation	—	Expressed Gender	—
	Primary Language	English	Limited English	No
	Experiencing Crisis	No	Self Reported Mental Issue	No
	Homeless	No	Armed	No

Injuries Sustained By Citizen
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Citizen Witnesses

Rachel Escoto				
Snapshot Data	First Name	—	Last Name	—
	Role	Witness	Age when incident was received	—
	Height (ft)	—	Height (in)	—
	Weight (lb)	—		
	Sexual Orientation	—	Expressed Gender	—
	Primary Language	—	Limited English	—
	Experiencing Crisis	—	Self Reported Mental Issue	—
	Homeless	—	Armed	—

Attachments

Date Attached	Description	Attachment Type
01/26/2023	01092023 Edwards Email to Young	pdf
01/26/2023	01182023 Edwards Email Re_ Request	pdf
03/21/2023	OPS 2023_0006 Final Disposition Letter	pdf
01/26/2023	01172023 Escoto Email_Meeting Feedback	pdf
02/21/2023	FW_ Complaint follow-up	pdf
01/26/2023	01112023 Edwards Email	pdf

BlueTeam Routings

There are no BlueTeam chain routings

Jeff Young

From: Tosha Edwards <toshaedwards08@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 4:54 PM
To: Jeff Young
Subject: Body cam time stamp list to review

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Hello there,

I have added below the timestamps of main parts during our interaction with officer Schedler that I would specifically like you to review. Again, I hope that with my insight and pointing out specifics that show officer Schedler's questionable conduct, you will be able to look at it through the lens of a person of color, a person who speaks another primary language, or even just as a parent, and really tell me he is demonstrating community policing and is implicating your vision for LSPD

Although Officer Shedlers actions and comments may not be a breach of policy requiring any official discipline, I think you and I can both agree (as you did during our meeting) that there are some much needed areas of improvement within the department, including but not limited to the transparency in which the department communicates with complainants, the process expectations of complaints, as well as the feeling of kindness and compassion that your officers give to victims of crimes and community members while they are interacting with the public, and making sure each officer takes the time to FULLY investigate all leads and address any concerns being brought up by the victims.

One thing that was said by you and Mr. Thomas in our meeting was that Officer Schedler did his job and submitted the report as I asked him to. I got the feeling that you considered that as a "mission complete", as he had done what I wanted him to, so essentially "end of story". In the end, what I want is justice for my son. I want that man charged. If I don't have an officer show up, willing to take the steps necessary to get the information we need to prosecute this man (ie: knock on doors of possible witnesses), why are we told to call the police when we are in trouble?

I want to remind you that we do not need "warriors" or "soldiers" policing our community who are there just to follow orders and "get the job done". We need police officers that are not always in that "complete the mission and get out" mode. We need officers that will take the time to make their community feel protected, while reintroducing the idea of community policing and bringing the community together.

While I realize that our meeting the other day got off a bit on the wrong foot, I want to assure you that I want nothing more than to make sure that my community members, myself, and my family have a good, trusting relationship with LSPD. I want my children to be able to trust that when the police come they are there to help and will do their due diligence to make sure justice is served to the best of their ability. I honestly was very surprised to see how upset you were about me having someone accompany me to the meeting, considering we were in your department conference room and they weren't legal representation. I would hope that you understand the hesitance that I had meeting with any person in a position of power, like yourself, without someone else there. I appreciate you going forward with the meeting anyhow.

Here are the sections in the body cam video I would like you to take another look at. Listen to the tone of his voice, the dismissiveness, the impatience....

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There are a few other things I asked about or meant to ask in our meeting but we ran out of time so I have included them below.

1. I would like you to clarify the different terms you have used to describe the way this incident was being addressed. You used the terms "review" and previously referred to it as an "internal inquiry". Can you confirm what was actually done? Is one more Official than the other? Can you also please tell me what the difference is between the two and why you would do one over the other?
2. I would like a summary of the review/inquiry that was done on the complaint I made from the very first email I sent to LSPD on October 10th, to the day you completed it.
3. I would like to know what steps are being taken with Officer Schedler to make sure he is more community oriented in his interactions with the public. As you said, all the body cam videos you compared the one from our incident to, he behaved in the same manner. This leads me to believe that his lack of compassion is an ongoing issue and needs some attention.
4. What is the turnaround time typically for an officer to submit the paperwork for charges on a suspect after completing the call? 1 day? 3 days? etc..

I am very interested in learning more about the Citizens Academy. I can't seem to find any current info on the city website; just from the last one last year. Can you tell me when the next session will be? I also was able to get an application for the Community Advisory Council so I will be filling that out as well. Thanks for the recommendations.

If you are unable to provide the answers to my questions, please direct me to who can. I am happy to talk to someone else if needed.

Thank you again for your time. It is appreciated. I look forward to hearing back.

From: [Tosha Edwards](#)
To: [Jeffrey Beazizo](#)
Cc: [Kim Daughtry](#); [Gary Petershagen](#); [Ryan Donoghue](#); [Mary Dickinson](#); [Anji Jorstad](#); [Steve Ewing](#); [Marcus Tageant](#)
Subject: Request
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 3:41:59 PM

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Chief Beazizo,

Good afternoon. This is the second time I have reached out to you regarding this incident. The first time you passed me off to Deputy Chief Young. I went down that route and have continually been disappointed in the response. I would like to request to meet with you regarding my complaint against Officer Schedler and the way I have been treated by your Deputy Chief, including his blatant attempts at intimidating me, his inappropriate questions to members of the public about my sons medical condition, and the inconsistency with following policies when a complaint has been made.

I would like have time to go over my concerns with you. I no longer wish to interact with Deputy Chief Young, as I have felt insulted several times, and feel as if he thinks of me as "less than" and not worthy of any respect. I feel like this entire time, my family has been under investigation, when in fact my son was the victim of a crime. Several things have been brought up by him that were not relevant to my concerns, or the actions of the officer, in order to attempt to discredit me or to make it sound like I am just trying to cause trouble. Other incidences with the police we have had, my sons medical condition, his presumptions about me and my "agenda" (I didn't know wanting police you can trust was an agenda). I feel like Deputy Chief Young was specifically looking for way to discredit or smear me and I am concerned that this may not be an isolated incident if and when another complaint gets filed against an LSPD officer. He has made me out to be a police hating local with a "disdain" for the LSPD. I cannot tell you how far from the truth that is and I find it highly offensive and uncalled for. I have been nothing but respectful, although very clear in what I am asking, and have been met with nothing but defensiveness and intimidation.

Please let me know when you are able to arrange a meeting with me. The sooner the better as I have been dealing with this since the beginning October and I think we all have much better things to do with our time than go back and forth. This needs to be settled.

In preparation for meeting with me, I would ask that you review officer Schedlers body cam footage from the October 9th incident, if you have not already. I have included the time stamps for the areas of concern and my comments regarding them and the link to the video below.

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102:30 Officer again tells us all the reasons there likely won't be anything that comes of it. It may not have been a big deal to him, but to my son, it was a life threatening event.

I would also like you to review the body cam footage that Deputy Chief Young recorded during our meeting last Friday, as there were several parts in that meeting that upset me about the way he was speaking to me and his assumptions about me and my family. His hostility and assumptions about me during that meeting, and the way he spoke down to me was very unprofessional and way out of line. There was actually one point where Corporal Thomas literally told me very rudely to "get back to me on that" after I mentioned that the prosecutor has already confirmed with me that they found sufficient evidence to charge the man and that there was already a pre-trial arraignment court date. He apparently believes that the crime committed against my son is not bad enough to get a conviction, much like Officer Schedler..... It was like he was mocking me.

I am assuming that you have cameras in your waiting room as well. I ask that you review the way Deputy Young approached me with pure hostility and anger as he greeted me in the waiting room last Friday at 3pm. I was in shock as I stood there watching him throw a temper tantrum about me bringing a fellow teacher with me for moral support. He almost wouldn't even meet with me. His body language and tone of voice towards me was hostile and intimidating all together. Was that response really necessary? He could have been a bit more professional there. He seemed to be angry that he was even having to meet with me at all. The last thing we need is hot-tempered police officers.

Also, it was very concerning what Commander Thomas said on Friday in his own words, that as the Commander over Patrol, the only thing he cares about is "did you get a story from your victim." and then he goes on to say officer Schedler did that. So, as long as they get the story, their job is done? Is that how this works? As far as I knew, police are here to protect and serve the community, right? Not just write reports. Is that really all that matters is getting a story from a victim? And this is a Commander saying this? If this is the commander of patrol, it doesn't surprise me the attitude Schedler had towards the "insignificance" of this assault.

I have just been completely dumbfounded at the defensiveness and lack of accepting responsibility I have been met with. I am very disappointed that when a community member comes to the department with a complaint, the department doesn't take it as a learning opportunity to improve community relations and actually, genuinely make a change to be a more welcoming and compassionate department. If your officers and commanders just want to get the report and complete the mission, maybe they should go join the military where they can just obey orders.

Now I found out that while Deputy chief was "reviewing" my complaint, he contacted the parents of the other young woman that was with my son to ask about the officer. At some point, he started questioning them about my sons medical condition. Questions about the validity of my claim, what conditions he has, and then even making the totally unnecessary comment of "if he has a condition like that, should he be out playing like that?". This is my

sons girlfriends parents..... he has no idea what they know about my sons medical condition. This is absolutely out of line and not acceptable. In my report, I stated that my son has a cervical spine fusion. His spinal cord is very fragile and if he gets whiplash, or assaulted, or even if he falls wrong, he could be paralyzed from the neck down. I put this in my statement because I wanted the prosecutor to know that this could have ended much worse and we seriously got lucky it didn't. I would like to know what my sons medical condition has to do with the investigation into my allegations against officer Schedlers conduct? What was the purpose of those questions? I would like to know what the reasoning behind those questions were. I think you and I both know that the only appropriate people to talk to about a minors medical condition would be me as the parent, or his primary care doctor. There is absolutely no reason for him to talk to an unauthorized adult about my sons medical condition and it is a blatant violation of my sons privacy.

The more interactions I have with your department, the more and more I have been let down, insulted, and treated like dirt. I have heard from several community members that you are approachable, compassionate, and truly care about our community. That you were hand picked by our last chief and that you are different than what I have experienced so far. I am hoping that you will prove them right.

I am hoping that you, having never met me or interacted with me before, can meet me with a clean slate so that I can be heard out and have my concerns taken seriously.

Throughout this entire process, from the responding officer, to the way my complaint was handled (or lack thereof), to the officer being promoted just a few days after I sent in my complaint, only to find out they never actually filed the complaint until after Deputy Chief Young got involved, to the way I have been treated by Deputy Chief Young, I have kept being optimistic that my concerns will be handled appropriately. I have been consistently let down. I have yet to be provided with any documentation, was never told to fill out any forms for it to be official, and had no official documents provided to me with any outcome of this investigation into the conduct of officer Schedler even when I have asked for them. I'm lucky if I even get an email response from Deputy Chief young confirming our meeting.....

I am hoping that you will be open to my feedback in an attempt to improve community relationships with your officers and department in general. I want my family to trust that if we call the police, they will be there to help us. Not to try to get out of doing their job, or make the victims into the bad guys.

In all honestly, Chief Beazizo, I am a mom of 3, a homeowner, a volunteer, Ally, advocate, and educator, and I care about my community and the people in it. I want to know that the police who are supposed to be protecting us feel the same way. I don't get that feeling, and the only officer I have ever gotten that feeling from is Officer Christiansen who apparently has left the department. He treated us with compassion, kindness and was a shining example of how to demonstrate community policing. It really says something when those are the officers leaving, and officers like Schedler are being promoted, and it says it loud and clear.

I have CC'd our City Council members in this email as I feel it is important that they know what has been going on. Here is the link I have for the body cam footage so it is easy for you (and them if they would like) to watch it. I look forward to hearing back and having time to sit down and actually be heard, without being told how wrong I am for expecting professional police officers.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12EwN3T_VrZlRkliOZi-E2POoKQm7r6jf/view?usp=share_link

Thank you
Tosha Edwards

From: [Rachel Escoto](#)
To: [lspd](#)
Cc: [Jeffrey Beazizo](#)
Subject: Meeting Feedback
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 2:58:16 PM

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Hello Deputy Chief Young,

After meeting with you on Friday 1/6, I want to provide you with some feedback that I hope will be constructive for you, and hopefully trickle down to the rest of the department as you work to bring the mission of the LSPD to life.

I attended the 1/6 meeting in support of Ms. Edwards as no one else could join her and she desired moral support after her experience both the night of the incident AND during the investigation. I am not sure why my presence was threatening to you, but it was obvious from the literal INSTANT you walked into the lobby that you were on the offensive: your body language, tone, and choice of words was curt, aggressive, and intimidating. I will not speak for Ms. Edwards, but your demeanor made me feel confused and nervous and had the effect of breaking any trust I might have had in the LSPD and in the process in which I was participating. I had done absolutely nothing wrong, and I had not even spoken a word, but I was treated disrespectfully by you from the moment you arrived. Your behavior caused me to wonder: Why so aggressive? What is this officer trying to shut down and control? Is something being hidden? I also felt glad to be there with Ms. Edwards as it became obvious that she was not being welcomed to a conversation, but being treated as the problem. Her request for support was clearly justified.

Once the meeting started, you did not back down from your simultaneously defensive and aggressive stance, even as Ms. Edwards plainly displayed her pain and frustration with quiet, steady words and tears. It took almost an hour for you to settle, back away from your defensive and dismissive posture, and to actually listen to her and hear what she was asking for. The additional officer who was present did not help the situation. His motive seemed to be cut off both Ms. Edwards and I as we spoke, negate anything that we said in clarification, and support the officers of the LSPD regardless of the conversation at hand.

I am glad that you bodycam recorded the meeting, and I sincerely hope that you will review your behavior from beginning to end. My only regret is that the recording did not start as soon as you walked into the lobby, and that it will not show your intimidating facial expression, stance, and body language that matches the tone you took with us until the end of the meeting.

Police officers can and do make mistakes, and when one is brought to the attention of their superiors by a citizen, they should be addressed fully and courteously. Citizens should not have to fight through defensiveness and aggression to have their concerns heard. FULL STOP. I believe Ms. Edwards is due an apology from the officer that she complained about, but more, I believe she is due an apology from you, for the way you conducted yourself.

Sincerely,
Rachel Escoto

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Gene Brazel](#)
To: [Council Members](#)
Cc: [Jeffrey Beazizo](#); [Greg A. Rubstello](#)
Subject: FW: Complaint follow-up
Date: Monday, January 30, 2023 5:14:50 PM

Good evening Council. Please don't feel inclined to respond to the email below from Tosha Edwards. We are well aware of this complaint and have spent significant time on it. Chief and I will be discussing next steps with our City Attorney. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or the Chief directly. Thanks so much.



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From: Tosha Edwards <toshaedwards08@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 4:13 PM
To: Steve Ewing <sewing@lakestevenswa.gov>; Gene Brazel <gbrazel@lakestevenswa.gov>; Brett Gailey <bgailey@lakestevenswa.gov>; Mary Dickinson <mdickinson@lakestevenswa.gov>; Anji Jorstad <ajorstad@lakestevenswa.gov>; Ryan Donoghue <rdonoghue@lakestevenswa.gov>; Kim Daughtry <kdaughtry@lakestevenswa.gov>; Gary Petershagen <gpetershagen@lakestevenswa.gov>
Subject: Complaint follow-up

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Good evening,

I had a meeting with Chief Beazizo last friday to discuss the experience that my family had with a LSPD officer when my son was the victim of an assault. To say I was disappointed is an understatement. Again, I have to tell you how disheartening this experience has been. As I explained in my previous email, I have been met with nothing but defensiveness and refusal to acknowledge the issues I am trying to resolve since the first email complaint. I sent it on October 10th. These are issues that, while may seem like a small problem in relation to some of the bigger events LSPD have been dealing with, they must be addressed and taken seriously.

The blanket statement that was sent out by LSPD regarding the murder of Tyre Nichols was not only incredibly untrue considering the horrible experiences I have had so far, but it is disgusting for LSPD to use a tragedy like this to make fake promises to their community members when their actions show otherwise. "We hold ourselves to a higher standard and acknowledge we can do more in

furtherance of our mission. We remain committed to working together in partnership with community members, advocacy groups, faith based organizations, elected officials and other stakeholders to ensure a future that ensures dignity, safety, security, and justice for all." Really? Because I have felt none of that as a parent of a bi-racial kid living in Lake Stevens who was attacked for what he "looked like". So far I have met with DC Young, Corporal Thomas, and Chief Beazizo, and not one of them gave me any sort of feelings they express in this commitment. So who does this commitment apply to? Apparently not the family of a Latino boy who was attacked by a drunk guy for "looking suspicious".

I met with DC Young twice. Once over zoom because I was ill, and the second time in person. Both times he justified the officers actions and both times he attempted to intimidate me. I would like to know what right he has to bring up a previous LSSD incident with my same son, as if to make it look like my son is a bad kid, or that he knows something about me that I didn't expect. That incident had nothing to do with this one, I never reported that incident to the PD, and never asked for follow-up. Pure intimidation tactic and totally unnecessary. Then, when we were talking about the body camera during our second meeting to go over it, DC Young suggested that we "Make the body cam public" because, according to him, no one else would agree with me. Then he followed up with "I assume you already did considering your disdain for our department". First, my disdain for the department? Are you kidding me? Why would he assume I have disdain for the department other than to make me look like I am a "cop hater" in order for it to seem like I just wanted something to complain about. No, I just want to be able to trust my local law enforcement. And second, what would be his point to suggest that other than to put my family through hell with the media, try to make me look like I just want attention, or to discredit my claims and expose my son and my family to harassments? I am not here for attention. I want our police officers to do the right thing, and I want superior officers to do the right thing when their officers are not. Second, I come from a military and law enforcement family. One where they were ethical and did the right thing, even when no one was looking. I find it highly offensive and way out of line for him to make such an accusation towards me. Is this what the city envisions for their police department?

Chief Beazizo, while more approachable than DC Young, has also made it very clear that since Officer Schedler showed up to the call, took the report, and referred charges, he did everything correctly, and there is nothing that should be addressed. My complaint is unfounded. The investigation is being closed. Do I have an unrealistic expectation of police treating citizens, especially victims of crimes, with respect and compassion, and that they do their due diligence to collect all the necessary evidence for the best chance of a conviction? At the very least, I would think that the department would acknowledge my concerns, as they are confirmed in the video to have happened... Officer Thomas also stated that the main goal is to get in, and get the report, and since Schedler did that, everything was done per policy. They forget that the reason he did all of those things is because I was persistent over and over saying that I wanted this man charged for assault. it went as far as Officer Schedler literally asking me "What do you want me to do?" in which I replied "I dont know... Do whatever the law says to do when a drunk adult assaults a minor". Had I gone along with what Schedler wanted to do, there wouldn't have been any charges. It was very clear that according to officer Schedler, we were wasting his time with a little, insignificant assault 4 charge.

After I made my complaint to DC young about officer Schedler, I was told an "inquiry" was launched

and I would be contacted when it was over. DC Young contacted the parents of my son's girlfriend. Since this call was related to the officer's behavior, I was surprised to hear that DC Young seemed to focus on my son's medical condition during his call. My son has a cervical spine fusion and any kind of whiplash movements could paralyze him from the neck down, which I wrote in my statement so that the prosecutor could know that this could have turned out much worse than it did. DC Young took it upon himself to not only speak to an unauthorized adult about my son's private medical condition, he also made comments like "If he is that fragile, should he even be outside?". The only reason any of this information would be relevant was if DC Young was looking for something to say I lied or exaggerated to try and discredit me. I would like this investigation to be looked into to ensure that DC Young followed policy. I would also like to know what my son's medical condition has to do with Officer Schedler's behavior that day when Schedler didn't even know about it until after I had written my statement and he was nearly leaving... This seems like a huge overreach of authority to me.

During my interaction with Chief Beazizo, he brought up the history of my public records requests and what records I had received. He was able to tell me what requests got denied as well. He seemed like he wanted me to know that he knew what I had asked for and what I had actually been able to get. I felt like he wanted me to know that he was the "end of the line" and nothing gets past him. Even when my associate who was with me asked him who we can speak to above him he said "no one" as if there was no oversight for the department and the "buck" stops there.

I am absolutely not satisfied with the result of this investigation. I would like to request outside intervention to look into my complaints. I would like the behavior of the first officer to be addressed, the awful way I was treated by DC Young, the policy following that ensued after my complaint was made as I believe there were missteps throughout the process, and the dismissiveness and "holier than thou" attitude I received from Chief Beazizo. It seems that since they have found nothing (in their review) that has broken policy and there is no need for "discipline", this incident has been handled appropriately. While I would argue the opposite, even though I have only asked for acknowledgement, that doesn't mean the unprofessionalism and dismissiveness shouldn't at least be addressed. They won't even acknowledge it at all. This is extremely concerning. My impression was that I was looked at like some dummy off the street and they could tell me whatever they wanted to because I wouldn't know any better. That might be what they have been used to, but I am not that person. I expect professionalism, honesty and integrity from LE and from what I have experienced, that isn't what this department actually stands for.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with a department taking constructive criticism and doing better. LSPD has refused to do that. I am extremely disappointed that when the LSPD is presented with an opportunity to take a concerned citizen's report, acknowledge it, and do better, they choose to deny ANY wrongdoing or, regardless of whether it breaks policy. It is concerning when an officer is behaving in ways that reflect badly upon the department, instead of the department taking responsibility, its response is to deny, deflect, avoid any accountability, and try to make the complainant look like they did something wrong. That has been how we felt since the officer first responded to the incident. We were treated not like victims of a crime, but as criminals.

Chief Beazizo claimed he had watched the video and went over all of the points I had issues with. He

claims he didn't see anything that could or should have been done differently. I am appalled that he would deny the actions shown being committed on bodycam are unprofessional, including "joking" about the minor victims grammar. Chief Beazizo's reason is that because the other adults there were laughing and joking, it made it okay for Schedler to do it. As I said to DC Young previously, laughter is often a defense mechanism when people are uncomfortable. You would think that someone who touts as much training they have had as he did (he was sure to let me know), they would know this. Just because someone else is doing something doesn't mean it is appropriate behavior for a Police Officer. Is this what you would call appropriate? I was shocked that Chief Beazizo thought this was a legitimate excuse. This behavior, according to Beazizo and Young, is "per policy and following codes of conduct".

Chief Beazizo and DC Young also denied that Officer Schedler broke any policy by lying about talking to two households that witnessed admission of guilt by the suspect. Officer Schedler can be seen in the video only speaking to one pair of witnesses. When he was asked by me later which person he had spoken to, and the other adult Hillary was trying to explain it wasn't who he had already spoken to, he brushed us off saying he had spoken to them. He didn't even listen to what we were trying to explain. The body camera shows he did not speak to the person we were referring to. The dismissal of the severity of the incident by officer Schedler was apparent throughout the entire encounter. While it may not have been a big deal to him, it was to me, and to my son who was terrified.... This same son has continuously been bullied and harassed by people at school for his disability and his ethnicity, to the point where he had to be withdrawn by recommendation of his therapist. How do you think he felt being bullied by someone who was supposed to be there to help him? I think you can tell how he felt by his response to officer Schedler in the body cam video. How are people committing these crimes going to be held accountable if the officers in control of gathering evidence refuse to do so? Given the current race issues being experienced across our nation regarding police, you would think the last thing an officer would do is tell a 16 year old Latino boy that his assault was understandable because he "looked suspicious". Absolutely disgusting. But this was okay according to Young and Beazizo and didn't break any policy.

All I wanted was for my concerns to be acknowledged and to be assured that it would be addressed. Instead, I was met with more dismissal. It seems like our police department is conforming to the stereotypical "Brotherhood of the Badge" by not accepting responsibility and upholding high standards of conduct by their officers, as their mission statement and code of conduct imply. I asked Chief Beazizo why this officer that was under investigation was promoted, or as he suggested, reassigned to a higher position with better pay and more responsibility. He said there is nothing preventing an officer from getting a promotion while they are under investigation. If this is the case, it needs to change. Shortly after my complaint, this same officer had another complaint filed when he gave a minor's address to a person who then used it to harass the minor's family. This complaint was found to be justified and is in the officers file. After supposedly watching the video, and seeing this behavior himself, Chief Beazizo doubled down on his defense of Officer Schedler and confirmed that he sees him as a future leader in the department. If these are the kinds of officers that are being set up to be the future of the department, I have a huge issue with that and you should too. If the department refuses to hold officers accountable and limit bad/unprofessional officers' opportunity for advancement, calling them "the future of the department", it will only be a matter of time before an officer like this lands the city in a legal quagmire.

Again, I am writing to you to request an external review of my complaint about the department, the evidence regarding my complaint, and the follow-up I received from DC Young and Chief Beazizo. The intimidation tactics that were used on me are inexcusable and also need to be addressed. After my interaction with Chief Beazizo, I have very little faith that he will take that complaint seriously either. I have given them every opportunity over and over again to do the right thing. I would like to sit down and go over my concerns, and figure out how to move forward with the department acknowledging the missteps and doing what they need to do to make sure it doesn't happen again.

I look forward to hearing back and having my concerns actually taken seriously.

Regards,
Tosha Edwards
425-953-0826

From: [Tosha Edwards](#)
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Subject: Re: Request
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 12:07:15 PM

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That will work for me. Hopefully you will have had time to review the incidents beforehand so you are familiar with my complaints. No offence to you, but due to my previous interactions, and in the best interest of both myself and the department, I would feel most comfortable having someone trusted join me. I will be bringing fellow educator, Rachel Escoto with me. Rachel is a trusted and valued member of our community and will be there strictly for my moral support. I am fully aware that I am very emotionally involved in this and having someone there who isn't will help me ensure I don't miss or misinterpret anything.

Thank you for your time.

On Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 8:37 AM Jeffrey Beazizo <jbeazizo@lakestevenswa.gov> wrote:

Tosha,

Does Thursday January 26, 2023, at 2 p.m. LSPD work for your schedule? Sorry it is out next week but my schedule is full and we are working a critical incident.

Let me know if that works and I will have my administrative assistant get us scheduled.

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Chief Beazizo,

Good afternoon. This is the second time I have reached out to you regarding this incident. The first time you passed me off to Deputy Chief Young. I went down that route and have continually been disappointed in the response. I would like to request to meet with you regarding my complaint against Officer Schedler and the way I have been treated by your Deputy Chief, including his blatant attempts at intimidating me, his inappropriate questions to members of the public about my sons medical condition, and the inconsistency with following policies when a complaint has been made.

I would like have time to go over my concerns with you. I no longer wish to interact with Deputy Chief Young, as I have felt insulted several times, and feel as if he thinks of me as "less than" and not worthy of any respect. I feel like this entire time, my family has been under investigation, when in fact my son was the victim of a crime. Several things have been brought up by him that were not relevant to my concerns, or the actions of the officer, in order to attempt to discredit me or to make it sound like I am just trying to cause trouble. Other incidences with the police we have had, my sons medical condition, his presumptions about me and my "agenda" (I didn't know wanting police you can trust was an agenda). I feel like Deputy Chief Young was specifically looking for way to discredit or smear me and I am concerned that this may not be an isolated incident if and when another complaint gets filed against an LSPD officer. He has made me out to be a police hating local with a "disdain" for the LSPD. I cannot tell you how far from the truth that is and I find it highly offensive and uncalled for. I have been nothing but respectful, although very clear in what I am asking, and have been met with nothing but defensiveness and intimidation.

Please let me know when you are able to arrange a meeting with me. The sooner the better

as I have been dealing with this since the beginning October and I think we all have much better things to do with our time than go back and forth. This needs to be settled.

In preparation for meeting with me, I would ask that you review officer Schedlers body cam footage from the October 9th incident, if you have not already. I have included the time stamps for the areas of concern and my comments regarding them and the link to the video below.

First thing he said walking up was "where's your son". That sounds like the way you would approach a family member of a suspect you were looking for, not a 16 year old kid who was just assaulted and was terrified.

At 4:22 the way he recited back the incident was as if it was no big deal. My son was literally in a ball on the ground hyperventilating and crying because he was so scared and in shock. He could have been a little more empathetic to what had just happened to my son.

5:15 He tries to justify the man thinking my son looked suspicious by saying "wouldn't it be reasonable". He never once told Mr. Calvin how it might be "reasonable that when my son tripped, he caught himself on the car.....

7:13 I finally get frustrated and ask the officer if he is going to continue to justify or actually go talk to the guy who assaulted my son... He then asks "What do you want me to do?", like I should know the laws and tell him what to do about it... is this procedure?

8:50 As he gets into his patrol car he calls my husband's phone number... Not sure why... We were just standing there talking to him. Just seemed odd....

12:00 Officer seemed more worried about the man being yelled at by the parents of my sons girlfriend than he was about my son being assaulted.

16:43 Told the subject that he will make sure we dont "bother him". He never offered any kind of reassurance to us AT ALL or made us feel understood.

25:10 Officer says Romeo admitted to grabbing the handle. He didn't admit to grabbing the handle. He admitted to touching the side of the car. When little details like this matter as much as they do, false info like this cannot be allowed. Details are important.

26:45 A witness (George) says they heard the man admit to grabbing my son's shirt. This person wrote a statement saying so as well. Not a good enough witness for Schedler, but he was for the prosecutor.

31:27 Officer says there are no witnesses, at which point we all respond with "yes we do" and tell him Olivia witnessed it and George heard him admit it. Officer says no "independent" witnesses..... So basically we needed someone not involved, but he didnt go talk to the possible independent witness we were trying to tell him about. I got shut down. He was finished.

34:50- 36:18 I tried to explain to him that there were other neighbors he hadn't spoken to yet. He cut me off before I could even explain it saying he already talked to them.. He hadn't.... He said "they don't want to say anything"... That was the case for the witnesses named "Zach and Christina", but those are not the witnesses that Hillary (GF's mom) said earlier had also heard the man admit to grabbing my son. It was like Officer Shedler was rushing and had decided he was finished with us and just wanted to be done "investigating". He lied and said he talked to them... Body cam shows otherwise. I feel like this is directly refusing to do his job efficiently. Is that standard procedure as well? They only have to talk to the witnesses they feel like talking to?

37:40 Officer says "sounds like he is just having a bad night" justifying why this man is acting this way. Why is he downplaying a drunk man assaulting my son and condoning his behavior by justifying it with "having a bad night"?

*58:10-58:50 Makes a comment to Olivia about her grammar. He says it with a "How stupid are you" tone then says "my god" as he rolls his eyes.... Goes on and continues to talk about compound sentences and then says "I'm just busting your chops" when my son gets angry and asks "is this a F*ckin test?"... Since when is it appropriate to "bust the chops" of a minor who was just assaulted?*

102:30 Officer again tells us all the reasons there likely won't be anything that comes of it. It may not have been a big deal to him, but to my son, it was a life threatening event.

I would also like you to review the body cam footage that Deputy Chief Young recorded during our meeting last Friday, as there were several parts in that meeting that upset me about the way he was speaking to me and his assumptions about me and my family. His hostility and assumptions about me during that meeting, and the way he spoke down to me was very unprofessional and way out of line. There was actually one point where Corporal Thomas literally told me very rudely to "get back to me on that" after I mentioned that the prosecutor has already confirmed with me that they found sufficient evidence to charge the man and that there was already a pre-trial arraignment court date. He apparently believes that the crime committed against my son is not bad enough to get a conviction, much like Officer Schedler..... It was like he was mocking me.

I am assuming that you have cameras in your waiting room as well. I ask that you review the way Deputy Young approached me with pure hostility and anger as he greeted me in the waiting room last Friday at 3pm. I was in shock as I stood there watching him throw a temper tantrum about me bringing a fellow teacher with me for moral support. He almost wouldn't even meet with me. His body language and tone of voice towards me was hostile and intimidating all together. Was that response really necessary? He could have been a bit more professional there. He seemed to be angry that he was even having to meet with me at all. The last thing we need is hot-tempered police officers.

Also, it was very concerning what Commander Thomas said on Friday in his own words, that as the Commander over Patrol, the only thing he cares about is "did you get a story from your victim." and then he goes on to say officer Schedler did that. So, as long as they get the story, their job is done? Is that how this works? As far as I knew, police are here to protect and serve the community, right? Not just write reports. Is that really all that matters is getting a story from a victim? And this is a Commander saying this? If this is the commander of patrol, it doesn't surprise me the attitude Schedler had towards the "insignificance" of this assault.

I have just been completely dumbfounded at the defensiveness and lack of accepting responsibility I have been met with. I am very disappointed that when a community member comes to the department with a complaint, the department doesn't take it as a learning opportunity to improve community relations and actually, genuinely make a change to be a more welcoming and compassionate department. If your officers and commanders just want to get the report and complete the mission, maybe they should go join the military where they can just obey orders.

Now I found out that while Deputy chief was "reviewing" my complaint, he contacted the parents of the other young woman that was with my son to ask about the officer. At some point, he started questioning them about my sons medical condition. Questions about the validity of my claim, what conditions he has, and then even making the totally unnecessary comment of "if he has a condition like that, should he be out playing like that?". This is my sons girlfriends parents..... he has no idea what they know about my sons medical condition. This is absolutely out of line and not acceptable. In my report, I stated that my son has a cervical spine fusion. His spinal cord is very fragile and if he gets whiplash, or assaulted, or even if he falls wrong, he could be paralyzed from the neck down. I put this in my statement because I wanted the prosecutor to know that this could have ended much worse and we seriously got lucky it didn't. I would like to know what my sons medical condition has to do with the investigation into my allegations against officer Schedlers conduct? What was the purpose of those questions? I would like to know what the reasoning behind those questions were. I think you and I both know that the only appropriate people to talk to about a minors medical condition would be me as the parent, or his primary care doctor. There is absolutely no reason for him to talk to an unauthorized adult about my sons medical condition and it is a blatant violation of my sons privacy.

The more interactions I have with your department, the more and more I have been let down, insulted, and treated like dirt. I have heard from several community members that you are approachable, compassionate, and truly care about our community. That you were hand picked by our last chief and that you are different than what I have experienced so far. I am hoping that you will prove them right.

I am hoping that you, having never met me or interacted with me before, can meet me with a clean slate so that I can be heard out and have my concerns taken seriously.

Throughout this entire process, from the responding officer, to the way my complaint was handled (or lack thereof), to the officer being promoted just a few days after I sent in my complaint, only to find out they never actually filed the complaint until after Deputy Chief Young got involved, to the way I have been treated by Deputy Chief Young, I have kept being optimistic that my concerns will be handled appropriately. I have been consistently let down. I have yet to be provided with any documentation, was never told to fill out any forms for it to be official, and had no official documents provided to me with any outcome of this investigation into the conduct of officer Schedler even when I have asked for them. I'm lucky if I even get an email response from Deputy Chief young confirming our meeting.....

I am hoping that you will be open to my feedback in an attempt to improve community relationships with your officers and department in general. I want my family to trust that if we call the police, they will be there to help us. Not to try to get out of doing their job, or

make the victims into the bad guys.

In all honestly, Chief Beazizo, I am a mom of 3, a homeowner, a volunteer, Ally, advocate, and educator, and I care about my community and the people in it. I want to know that the police who are supposed to be protecting us feel the same way. I don't get that feeling, and the only officer I have ever gotten that feeling from is Officer Christiansen who apparently has left the department. He treated us with compassion, kindness and was a shining example of how to demonstrate community policing. It really says something when those are the officers leaving, and officers like Schedler are being promoted, and it says it loud and clear.

I have CC'd our City Council members in this email as I feel it is important that they know what has been going on. Here is the link I have for the body cam footage so it is easy for you (and them if they would like) to watch it. I look forward to hearing back and having time to sit down and actually be heard, without being told how wrong I am for expecting professional police officers.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12EwN3T_VrZIRkliOZi-E2POoKQm7r6jf/view?usp=share_link

Thank you

Tosha Edwards



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March 27, 2023

OPS: 2023-0006

Mrs. Tosha Edwards
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Dear Mrs. Edwards,

This is to advise you that the Lake Stevens Police Department Office of Professional Standards Administrative Investigation, Case Number 2023-0006 has been completed and the final disposition CLOSED-SUPERVISOR INTERVENTION has been made.

Thank you again for your cooperation during the investigation of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Beazizo".

Jeffrey G. Beazizo, Chief of Police
Lake Stevens Police Department

Date case officially closed: March 27, 2023