

Adam Bereki complaint to Lieutenant Crawford

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1 Crawford: Irvine Police, Lieutenant Crawford.

2 Bereki: Hi, Lieutenant Crawford, this is Adam calling you
3 back. Thank you for leaving a message.

4 Crawford: Hi Adam, how are you?

5 Bereki: I'm well, thank you. How are you?

6 Crawford: Good. How can I help you tonight?

7 Bereki: Um, so I'm calling with a bit of a peculiar situation,
8 and, um --

9 Crawford: Okay.

10 Bereki: -- I just wanna give you some hypotheticals if -- if I
11 could before getting into the -- all the messy
12 details.

13 Crawford: Okay.

14 Bereki: Um, but how would I go about filing a complaint for
15 deprivation of rights, constitutional rights, by a
16 public official?

17 Crawford: Um, well, we certain- -- certainly have a complaint
18 process here at the police department. We accept the
19 complaint in any way, shape, or form that you'd like
20 to make it. Um, some of the recommendations that I
21 personally like to make for, uh, for those that choose
22 to file a complaint are to present, um, what occurred
23 in a written format. We have a -- a pamphlet which,
24 uh, provides you some information about our
25 complaints, and also an area where you can write your



1 own narrative about what -- what you would like to,
2 uh, highlight as your complaint. We also -- uh, I
3 also recommend that, um, people choose to file
4 complaints sit down and -- and, uh, perhaps type
5 somethin' out in a Word document, or just, uh, in a
6 handwritten document. That seems to be the best way
7 for us to accept those and, um, really allow the
8 person to explain what -- what occurred.

9 Bereki: Okay. So, have you ever -- ever handled a complaint,
10 or do you know if there's a policy at Irvine for
11 handling complaints for deprivation of rights by
12 public officials?

13 Crawford: Uh, we -- we have a policy for handling complaints,
14 and that is basically that we'll accept any complaint
15 that, uh, that anyone chooses to file. So, uh, your -
16 - your topic here, um, might be a little bit unique,
17 but the fact that you wanna file a complaint is -- is
18 not necessarily unique.

19 Bereki: Okay.

20 Crawford: Um, we accept complaints all the time.

21 Bereki: So, now, um, I'll give you a couple more details.
22 Let's say that, um, I want to make a complaint about,
23 um, both a -- a criminal law violation --

24 Crawford: Mm-hmm.

25 Bereki: -- and deprivation of constitutional rights violation



1 by a judge that was --

2 Crawford: Okay.

3 Bereki: -- acting and on -- on-duty, so to speak, with -- but
4 without authority.

5 Crawford: Okay. Okay.

6 Bereki: And that this situation occurred in the courthouse of
7 Santa Ana, but that when I went to make a complaint to
8 the Santa Ana Police Department, they refused to even
9 accept a complaint.

10 Crawford: Okay. Yeah, that's uh, I think maybe what -- what
11 you're lookin' for is a report and not so much a
12 complaint. Um, it sounds like you're making, um, some
13 allegations that maybe a crime occurred or an incident
14 worthy of documentation maybe occurred. Uh, a
15 complaint, um, that I'm discussing is -- is a
16 complaint that is about one of our officers or one of
17 our professional staff members, or, um, you know,
18 usually these complaints come in when someone in the
19 public isn't happy with our -- the service that we
20 provide them. But, um, then --

21 Bereki: Okay, yeah, so thank you for --

22 Crawford: -- I'm hearing -- I'm hearing that maybe -- maybe,
23 uh, some all- -- allegations of a crime that maybe
24 occurred, or an incident that you feel like you would
25 like to have documented.



1 Bereki: Yes.

2 Crawford: Is that correct?

3 Bereki: Yes, but there are some other nuances, like I shared,
4 the jurisdictional issues that are going on there that
5 there's other agencies, like let's say the City of
6 Santa Ana that has, uh, jurisdiction because the
7 courthouse is in their --

8 Crawford: Yeah.

9 Bereki: -- their city.

10 Crawford: Yeah, but --

11 Bereki: But they are refusing to -- to stop the crime that's
12 being committed on me. Um, they --

13 Crawford: All right, well I can't -- I can't speak for -- I
14 can't speak for the City of Santa Ana and -- and their
15 practices. Um, again, I'm not entirely sure what, uh,
16 the interaction that you had with them entails. But,
17 um, as far as jurisdiction goes, your best bet with
18 the courthouse might actually be the Orange County
19 Sheriff's Department.

20 Bereki: I have the same situation with them.

21 Crawford: Okay, and they -- they refused to hear your
22 complaint, or?

23 Bereki: They -- they -- they did. So I went to the court, and
24 I spoke with a sergeant and a deputy there, and they
25 both said, "We're not doin' anything." So I called



1 their Watch Commander.

2 Crawford: Mm-hmm.

3 Bereki: And he said, "I'm scheduling a -- a -- a meeting for
4 you to come to the, um, to Headquarters and we'll take
5 a report."

6 Crawford: Right.

7 Bereki: Well, they took a report, but then, um, they didn't
8 fully, fairly, and impartially investigate it. So --

9 Crawford: Okay.

10 Bereki: -- um, basically, this crime keeps going on, and
11 they're refusing to protect me and my property from
12 something that the state is doing unlawfully.

13 Crawford: Okay. So --

14 Bereki: Um, and -- and I will share with you that I'm a former
15 police officer and major fraud and forgery
16 investigator, so I know exactly what a police --

17 Crawford: With what agency?

18 Bereki: Uh, Huntington Beach.

19 Crawford: Okay.

20 Bereki: So, I know what a crime and investigation report looks
21 like.

22 Crawford: Okay.

23 Bereki: So these people aren't doin' it. And, um --

24 Crawford: Okay.

25 Bereki: -- you know, I'm not -- I'm not talking about \$50, or



1 even \$500. I'm talking about close to a million
2 dollars judgment that, um, this judge did, and
3 actually what's happened is after he did it to me, I
4 found out that this has been a statewide crime spree,
5 if you will, by these judges that's been going on for
6 decades. And many people have been victimized by
7 this, and they've gone to the courts, and they've gone
8 to the legislature to say, "Hey, stop. What you're
9 doing is not lawful and you need to make a change to
10 this," and they're being shut down on every turn. So
11 --

12 Crawford: Okay.

13 Bereki: -- um, what I did is I went to all of the courts as
14 well, and I told them about the i- -- illegality of
15 it, and they're refusing to make any changes, and they
16 just keep lying and covering it up. And I also went
17 to my state assemblywoman and senator, and they both
18 said that they would investigate it, and they have
19 stopped communicating with me.

20 Crawford: Okay.

21 Bereki: So, um, I've also, like I said, gone to Santa Ana and
22 the Orange County Sheriff's Department, and, um, I get
23 it, that investigating a judge or, uh, is -- is -- is
24 an anomaly, it's something different. But, um, you
25 know, in my experience, the penal code -- like if you



1 just look up 484, which is the basic, uh, code for
2 theft, it says, "Whoever shall do any of these
3 things." It -- this is no, um, discernment about
4 whether it's a judge or not. So, you know, my -- my
5 basic thing is that I think the minimum duty that an
6 officer would have would be to take a report and do an
7 investigation, and ultimately if, you know, the DA
8 didn't file it, that's -- that's on the DA, that's not
9 on the Police Department. Um, but none of these
10 departments seem to be -- they're doing little bits
11 and pieces of their duty, but it all seems like
12 they're scared of investigating judges, and so they
13 shut it down.

14 Crawford: Okay.

15 Bereki: Um --

16 Crawford: Well, I -- I hear your frustration, Adam, and I can
17 tell you that this doesn't sound -- sound like it
18 involves our jurisdiction, and unfortunately with it
19 being in Santa Ana, and then also havin', uh, a court
20 system fall within the county, Orange County's
21 responsibility. Um, it does sound like from what
22 you're tellin' me, a report was taken and they have
23 arranged for you to -- to meet with them, um, that I
24 would maybe recommend seein' that through and seeing
25 what you -- what you, uh, learn from that meeting.



1 Bereki: Oh, oh, that's already happened. It's long gone.

2 Crawford: Oh.

3 Bereki: Yeah, that's what I'm saying.

4 Crawford: All right, I -- I thought that was -- I thought that
5 was pending.

6 Bereki: No, no, no. Th- -- that's already -- that's already
7 long -- and that's what I'm saying is that they --
8 they -- we ultimately did meet and they took an
9 information report, but then didn't do, uh -- uh, any
10 thorough investigation. Um, and so it just got shut
11 down before --

12 Crawford: Mm-hmm.

13 Bereki: -- anything was really truly looked into.

14 Crawford: Yeah.

15 Bereki: Um, and I -- and I hear you, but --

16 Crawford: Have you tried to speak to the DA's Office?

17 Bereki: Yes, I actually did talk to them, and they said go to
18 your local police department and have them make a
19 report.

20 Crawford: Okay.

21 Bereki: So --

22 Crawford: And you're in -- you live in our city, is that what
23 I'm -- I'm assuming that --

24 Bereki: No, I -- I'm calling you because I have called these
25 other agencies that are -- have ordinary jurisdiction



1 there, but they're not doing anything.

2 Crawford: Okay.

3 Bereki: They're not doing what they have a duty to do, and so,
4 um, as I see it, and I -- I -- I know we may disagree
5 upon this, the penal codes apply throughout the state,
6 and so do the constitutional protections, so I -- I --
7 I know again, this is a -- a unique situation, but I
8 don't think that it's legitimate to say, "Hey, uh,
9 well, we're a neighboring city. Even though the other
10 cities may or may not be in dereliction of their duty,
11 we're just gonna -- we're not gonna do anything." Um,
12 especially under the -- the word "exigent
13 circumstances" is coming to mind. It's, um -- because
14 there is a, um, an exception to the situation. I
15 mean, it's -- it's not like I haven't gone to Santa
16 Ana and the Sheriff's Department yet, I have. And,
17 um, you know, I -- I definitely would be willing to
18 share all of the information that I have about what
19 has transpired there, and, you know, evidence that
20 there has been an -- an obvious dereliction of duty.
21 Um, but a- -- again, yeah, so I'll -- I'll leave it at
22 that.

23 Crawford: Okay. Yeah, um, you know, I -- I don't wanna say
24 that, uh, you know we -- I think what you said was
25 that you're reporting it to us, being that we're a



1 neighboring agency with an expectation that we somehow
2 intervene and thoroughly investigate this, is that
3 correct?

4 Bereki: W- -- yes, given the fact that -- that, um, I'm making
5 an allegation, and I will give you the evidence of it,
6 that they are being derelict in their duty to fully,
7 fairly, and impartially investigate, both the criminal
8 complaint and the, um, deprivation of rights
9 complaint, and also the fact that because the state
10 has created this injury, they also now have a duty of
11 care to, uh, intervene to stop the behavior from going
12 on. I -- I mean, it's kind of -- like this is -- this
13 is not an apples-to-apples comparison, but it- -- it's
14 gonna be pointing in the direction of what I'm talking
15 about. Like let's say that in the George Floyd
16 incident a -- a judge saw what was going on and said,
17 "Well, oh, sorry, this is the Judicial Department. I
18 can't order those officers to do anything, um, they
19 have to deal with it themselves." That's kind of like
20 what I'm saying is going on here, is the Executive has
21 a duty to oversee that the law is faithfully executed.
22 And so there is a supervisory responsibility that is
23 inherent in the duty of the Executive Branch to make
24 sure that if the Judicial Branch goes out of line and
25 usurps its authority that there is a check and balance



1 to that. And that's what I'm talking about here, is
2 now, because the Judicial Branch has usurped it's
3 authority and they're harming me irreparably, that the
4 Executive Branch has to come in and stop the harm.
5 Um, because legitimately, I can also show you the
6 complaints that I've made to the legislature and other
7 branches of -- of the court. They're not doing
8 anything.

9 Crawford: Okay.

10 Bereki: And so everybody that I've contacted is just -- I
11 don't know what they're doin', but let's just say,
12 putting their head in the sand or pointing the finger
13 at someone else.

14 Crawford: Yeah.

15 Bereki: Mm.

16 Crawford: Well, I'm sorry -- I'm sorry that that's -- that's
17 the feeling that you have. I just wanna let you know
18 though that the Irvine Police Department has no real
19 jurisdictional boundary over this. It sounds like
20 you've started the, you know, started in the right
21 direction with the Sheriff's Department. It sounds
22 like this thing is, uh, that things that you're
23 alleging are -- are -- are big, and you might wanna
24 consider getting a federal agency involved. Um, but
25 tonight I don't have really, unfortunately, much to



1 offer you.

2 Bereki: Okay. So -- so your -- your determination is that
3 there's -- uh, even given the circumstances that I
4 gave you, there's no -- you -- you would not have any
5 -- you would not do anything. Is that correct?

6 Crawford: That's not what -- I'm not saying that I won't do
7 anything. I just don't see -- at this point I don't
8 see how the Irvine Police Department, uh, would get
9 involved in this matter at this time because it
10 doesn't involve any of our jurisd- -- jurisdictional
11 issues or boundaries.

12 Bereki: Okay.

13 Crawford: And, um, and this is, you know --

14 Bereki: So --

15 Crawford: -- a pretty large thing that you're alleging, and,
16 um, and so, you know, I -- I recommend you continue
17 to, uh, contact the Sheriff's Department and the
18 Orange County District Attorney's Office. You've made
19 some allegations about the State, and things of that
20 nature. Um, you might wanna consider a federal en- --
21 entity, uh, speaking to them. But there's noth- --
22 nothing here that I have to offer you, unfortunately,
23 at the Irvine Police Department at this time.

24 Bereki: Okay. All right, thank you so much.

25 Crawford: Thank you, sir.



1 Bereki: Thank you.

2 Crawford: Have a good night.

3 Bereki: Okay, you too.

4 Crawford: Bye-bye.

5 Bereki: Bye-bye.

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