

City of Davis

Independent Police Auditor Report:

Review of Allegation that DPD Improperly Handled
a Call for Service

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Factual Background

A Davis resident called to complain that an ex-boyfriend had injured her and harassed her on social media. Two officers from DPD made preliminary contact with the complainant and eventually arranged a time to visit with her to take photographs of the injury and continue the investigation. During the visit, the complainant recounted her concerns but then began crying. She advised that she wanted the two officers to leave. Later, the complainant raised concerns about the way in which the officers handled the call.

DPD Investigation and Outcome

DPD opened an investigation into the allegations. It noted that beyond general dissatisfaction with the outcome of the investigation, the complainant alleged that she was surprised that two officers had come to visit with her when she expected that only the one officer that she had spoken to would be arriving. The investigation reviewed the police reports, the body worn camera footage, and interviewed the involved officers.

DPD determined that the officers' response was reasonable and did not identify any policy violations. It noted that the reason that two officers responded to the location is that the officer assigned to the investigation was still in training.

IPA Review and Analysis

We reviewed the materials relevant to this incident, including DPD police reports, video accounts of the incident and the internal investigative report. We concurred with the determinations reached by DPD.