



**Central Falls Police Department  
Investigative Report**

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Case #: 16-4-IA

Date/Time Reported: 03/17/2016 @ 2311  
 Report Date/Time: 03/18/2016 @ 1011  
**Occurred Between: 03/17/2016 @ 2124**  
**And: 03/17/2016 @ 2158**  
 Complaint Type: Civilian  
 Disposition: Unfounded

Reporting Officer: [REDACTED]

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#	OFFENSE(S)	A/C	TITLE/CHAP	SECTION
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LOCATION TYPE: Highway/Road/Alley/Street      Zone: ZONE 3  
 112 RAILROAD ST @ 12 SUMMIT ST  
 CENTRAL FALLS RI 02863

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| 1 | <b>LARCENY/U \$500</b><br>OCCURRED: 03/17/2016 2124                                      | C | 11-41 | 1 - ALL OTH LARCENY |
| 2 | <b>VIOLATION OF RULES &amp; REGS COURTESY CHAPT. II SEC</b><br>OCCURRED: 03/17/2016 2124 | C |       |                     |

#	VICTIM(S)	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
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| 1 | <b>VASQUEZ, JEREMY M</b><br>FLETCHER ST<br>CENTRAL FALLS RI 02863<br>DOB: [REDACTED] 1989<br>CONTACT INFORMATION:<br>Home Phone (Primary) 774-777-[REDACTED]<br>ETHNICITY: Hispanic<br>RESIDENT STATUS: Resident<br>VICTIM CONNECTED TO OFFENSE NUMBER(S): 1 2<br>RELATION TO: [REDACTED]<br>RELATION TO: [REDACTED] | M | W | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | 774-777-[REDACTED]   |
|   |  |   |   |            |            | Stranger<br>Stranger |

#	PERSON(S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
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| 1 | [REDACTED]<br>160 ILLINOIS ST<br>CENTRAL FALLS RI 02863<br>DOB: [REDACTED] /1990<br>EMPLOYER: CENTRAL FALLS POLICE<br>CONTACT INFORMATION:<br>Home Phone (Primary) 401-727-[REDACTED]<br>Cell Phone (Primary) 401-215-[REDACTED] | WITNESS | F | W | [REDACTED] | NOT AVAIL | 401-727-[REDACTED] |
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#	OFFICER(S)	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
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| 1 | [REDACTED]<br>160 ILLINOIS ST<br>CENTRAL FALLS RI 02863 | M | W | [REDACTED] | NOT AVAIL | 401-727-[REDACTED] |
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# OFFICER(S) SEX RACE AGE SSN PHONE

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Home Phone (Primary) 401-727-  
Work Phone (Primary) 401-727-

BODY: NOT AVAIL.  
DOB: /1983

LICENSE NUMBER:

COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL.  
PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL.  
ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC

EMPLOYER/SCHOOL: CITY OF CENTRAL FALL PD · 401-727-

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160 ILLINOIS ST  
CENTRAL FALLS RI 02863

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Home Phone (Primary) 401-727-

BODY: NOT AVAIL.  
DOB: /1985

LICENSE NUMBER:

M W 31 NOT AVAIL 401-727-

COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL.  
PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL.  
ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC

EMPLOYER/SCHOOL: CENTRAL FALLS POLICE · 401-727-

NARRATIVE FOR [REDACTED]

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Entered: 03/22/2016 @ 1021  
Modified: 03/22/2016 @ 1213Entry ID: CAR  
Modified ID: CAR

On 03/18/16 I was assigned to investigate a citizen complaint that was filed on 3/17/16 at 2311Hrs in regard to a traffic stop that took place earlier in the night at Railroad and Summit Street involving Jeremy Vasquez Dob: [REDACTED] 89 of [REDACTED] Fletcher Street.

Mr. Vasquez completed a hand written complaint form in which he states officers harassed him by stopping him and acted rude. Mr. Vasquez claims during the stop officers attempted to pull him out of the car and took his identification, \$60.00 in currency, 4 debit cards, and 2 lottery tickets from him only giving him back his id stealing the other items.

On 3/18/16 at approximately 0915Hrs I contacted Mr. Vasquez at the number he provided. Mr. Vasquez advised me he would not provide a more detailed written statement and would let his lawyer handle it. Mr. Vasquez continued to speak and provide more detail of what he said transpired and stated the following:

Mr. Vasquez stated that first let me start by saying Officer [REDACTED] has a problem with me because I flipped him off last week when he was working a detail on Sacred Heart Ave and wouldn't let me turn down a street. He saw me last night when I passed on Broad Street and he came after me for no reason. When I stopped he walked up and said "look the mother fucker who flipped me off". He then grabbed my phone and throw it cause I was trying to record him. I then told him and the other officers again they had no reason to stop me and I jumped out of the jeep and said I'm not answering questions without my lawyer. A [REDACTED] cop saw how rude officers where being and jumped back into her car and left cause she knew it was wrong. Then they had a dog and the dog guy told me where is it all and searched my car without reason or warrant. I told them I'm educated and I know this is illegal. Officer [REDACTED] took my id and four debit cards \$60.00 and lottery tickets I had all together in a elastic band and keep everything except my id. He then didn't know what to do so he made up the charges of turning and no light on.

I asked Mr. Vasquez the following questions:

Q: Mr. Vasquez did the officers make up the marijuana?

A: No it is legal in Rhode Island and I handed to them right away when he approached me.

Q: Could he provide any paperwork that he canceled the 4 debit cards?

A: No I'm not going to I want to catch him using them.

Q: Who specifically took any items from you?

A: [REDACTED]

Q: What did the other officers do?

A: Nothing just rude they had no right to stop me told me to shut up and kept asking where the rest of the drugs.

Q: If the officer approached the car rude and swearing trying to take your cell phone when did you hand over the marijuana?

A: Thats not the point

Q: Did you say anything to any officer on scene about where is my debit cards or cash?

A: No, I was afraid it was dark. You know what they would have done to me.

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Q: If you were so afraid, why did you question officers prior and jump out of your car and state it was illegal?

A: Its wrong what police do across the country, my lawyer will handle this.

I again advised Mr. Vasquez I would like to get a more detailed written statement and he again declined stating my lawyer will take care of this and the charges will be dismissed. I told Mr. Vasquez he will be informed of the outcome once the investigation is completed.

On 03/18/16 at approximately 1510Hrs I conducted an interview with Officer [REDACTED] who is badge [REDACTED] Officer [REDACTED] was provided with notification and a charging sheet prior to the interview and advised of his Garrity Rights. Officer [REDACTED] was asked if he remembers the traffic stop from last night and if he had any prior contact with Mr. Vasquez. Officer [REDACTED] stated last nights traffic stop was his first encounter with Mr. Vasquez. I asked if he remembers Vasquez or anyone flipping him off while he was on a detail recently on Sacred Heart Officer [REDACTED] advised he has not worked a detail in that area. I then asked when did he first observe the vehicle Mr. Vasquez was driving last night. Officer [REDACTED] stated he didn't observe the vehicle until he arrived as backup on a car stop. Officer [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] made, it was not his stop. I asked if he saw the vehicle at anytime on Broad Street and he advised he did not and came from the opposite direction to backup. When he arrived on scene Mr. Vasquez was already out of the vehicle. I asked what was Mr. Vasquez demeanor and he stated he was argumentative and stated he wasn't talking without his lawyer. Officer [REDACTED] stated at no time did he take anything from Mr. Vasquez identification, cash or debit cards. Officer [REDACTED] stated he did not have any exchange of words, swear or harass Mr. Vasquez. I asked how would Mr. Vasquez know your name and badge number he believes from the traffic summons issued. [REDACTED] advised that Officer [REDACTED] was driving an unmarked vehicle without a laptop and he is the one that issued the summons at the request of Officer [REDACTED] so they have his name on the forms. Officer [REDACTED] stated during the entire time he was present Mr. Vasquez did not accuse anyone or ask anyone for an belongings.

On 03/18/16 at approximately 1620Hrs. I conducted an interview with Officer [REDACTED] who advised me she did respond as backup when she heard the car stop on the radio. Officer [REDACTED] stated that during her time on scene she did not observe any officers acting improperly or harass Mr. Vasquez. Officer [REDACTED] stated when she arrived he was already out of the vehicle and was extremely rude to officers and baiting them but nobody responded. Officer [REDACTED] did not leave until the end of the car stop and did not hear Mr. Vasquez accuse anyone or ask anyone for an belongings claiming someone took money or credit cards.

On 03/22/16 at approximately 0810Hrs I conducted an interview with Officer [REDACTED] who is badge [REDACTED] Officer [REDACTED] was provided with notification and a charging sheet prior to the interview and advised of his Garrity Rights. Officer [REDACTED] was the officer that observed the vehicle violations and initiated the car stop. Officer [REDACTED] stated it took Mr. Vasquez a short time to pull over and when he approached the vehicle Mr. Vasquez was moving around and when he opened the center console he observed in plain view narcotics and then had him exit the vehicle on his own. Officer [REDACTED] stated it was shortly after the stop he realized he had seen Mr. Vasquez before when he flipped him off during a detail. Officer [REDACTED] stated at no time was the stop initiated due to the incident on detail. Due to the speed of the vehicle and darkness on 3/17 could he tell who was operating the vehicle until after contact. Officer [REDACTED] stated that at no time did officers swear or harass Mr. Vasquez but he was baiting officers the entire time. Officer [REDACTED] stated he asked for and received only Mr. Vasquez Rhode Island drivers license. At no time did Mr. Vasquez hand him or did he take any other belongings from him.

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After conducting this investigation I find no evidence of wrong doing or violations by any officers on scene. Furthermore, I believe the only reason Mr. Vasquez is insistent on accusing Officer [REDACTED] is because his name appears on the summons he was issued. All officer accounts confirm Officer [REDACTED] did not initiate or have a past contact with Mr. Vasquez. The officer with a past contact was Officer [REDACTED]. However based on the time of night the stop occurred and information derived from this investigation, there is no evidence this played a role in the stop. Based on Mr. Vasquez own statements to me on the phone of preconceived motives of police across the country I do believe he could have been baiting officers into a confrontation, as expressed by those interviewed and was not satisfied when one didn't occur on scene. With no independent witnesses or further documentation to these allegations I find them to be unfounded.