

INTRODUCTION:

Complainant alleged that she was verbally abused by her ex-husband Officer A and his girlfriend Officer B during multiple telephone calls and an electronic message on multiple occasions between May-September 2016.

ALLEGATIONS:

On 20 September 2016 at approximately 16:55 hours, Complainant contact IPRA via telephone and registered this complaint with IPRA Investigator A. Complainant alleged that, her ex-husband, **Officer A #XXXX**:

- 1) Verbally abused her on 07 May 2016 during a telephone conversation when he called her a, “crazy bi-polar bitch,” and a, “fat bitch,” in violation of Rule 9, and
- 2) Verbally abused her in August 2016 during a telephone conversation when he called her a, “selfish fat bitch,” in violation of Rule 9.

Complainant further alleged that, Officer A’s current girlfriend, **Officer B #XXXXX**:

- 1) Verbally abused Complainant on 17 September 2016 when she wrote to Complainant via text message, “So I’m sure it was hard for you to get off your lazy ass and actually make a living for yourself,” in violation of Rule 9.

APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS:

Rule 9 – Engaged in an unjustified verbal or physical altercation, while on or off duty.

INVESTIGATION:

In her statement to IPRA on 21 September 2016, **Complainant**, alleged that on 07 May 2016, in response to childcare logistics, Officer A telephoned her and called her a, “crazy, bi polar bitch,” and “a fat bitch,” and told her, “I don’t have to fucking tell you anything.” Complainant reported that again sometime in August 2016, Officer A telephoned her to ask her to pick up one of their children; when she refused, he called her a, “selfish, fat bitch.”

Complainant also reported that on 17 September 2016 she sent Officer B a screenshot of sexually explicit messages between Complainant and Officer A. In response, Officer B sent Complainant a text message through Officer A’s phone, which included the insult, “So I’m sure it was hard for you to get off your lazy ass and actually make a living for yourself.” (Atts. 5 & 6).

Complainant provided several **Screenshots** that she reported were a text message conversation between Complainant and Officer A regarding attempts to arrange a sexual encounter from April 2016. (Att. 8).

Complainant also provided the **Text Message** that she reportedly received from Officer B, which included the insult, “So I’m sure it was hard for you to get off your lazy ass and actually make a living for yourself.” (Att. 9).

CONCLUSION:

IPRA recommends that **Allegations #1-2** against **Officer A #XXXX**, that he verbally abused Complainant in violation of Rule 9 be closed with a finding of **Unfounded**. The allegations presented by Complainant, even if they occurred as she alleged, do not rise to the level of verbal abuse that would constitute police misconduct. Therefore, these allegations should be closed Unfounded in accordance with S.O. 08-01-01, Section II, item C-12, which states that an investigation should be terminated “when it is determined at any time that the complaint is unfounded or the member exonerated” and that no Department members address any allegations in any way and no reports will be requested.

IPRA recommends that **Allegation #1** against **Officer B #XXXXX**, that she verbally abused Complainant in violation of Rule 9 be closed with a finding of **Unfounded**. Based on the screenshots and text message provided by Complainant, along with her statement to IPRA, Officer B’s text message to Complainant does not rise to the level of verbal abuse that would constitute police misconduct. Additionally, it is clear that Complainant contacted Officer B to initiate conflict when she sent Officer B the screenshots of the sexually explicit conversation between Officer A and Complainant. Therefore, this allegation should be closed Unfounded in accordance with S.O. 08-01-01, Section II, item C-12, which states that an investigation should be terminated “when it is determined at any time that the complaint is unfounded or the member exonerated” and that no Department members address any allegations in any way and no reports will be requested.