

Complaint Statement Regarding Assault, Robbery, Destruction of Property & Violation Of Rights.

Location: Connecticut State Police Headquarters

Date of Incident: Friday July 23rd 2021 at approx. 11:15 AM.

Officer Involved: Sgt. Bryan Fahey

Officer on Scene: Trooper Costello

To Whom It May Concern,

On July 23rd 2021 at approx. 11:15 AM, I went to the Connecticut State Police (CSP) headquarters located in Middletown. My purpose was not only to file a formal complaint with Professional Standards for an unlawful detainment and violation of my rights that occurred earlier that day, (See Attached Statement) but also to peacefully exercise my 1st Amendment rights to film in public (Freedom of Press). I first addressed my complaint with Trooper Costello, who agreed with Trooper Lavoie's violation of my rights and he claimed it to be "interfering" to not provide Identification when a State Trooper orders you too. I tried to explain to him that you need reasonable articulable suspicion that a crime has been committed. He didn't agree with that factual statement and we debated it. He also wouldn't allow me to exercise my first amendment right to film inside of the public lobby, when I asked him why I wasn't allowed he said he doesn't know why but he just knows I can't. I bring that up to illustrate that the CSP's ignorance of laws and citizens rights is a systemic problem and needs to be addressed. Sgt. Bryan Fahey came outside to speak with me from the start he was obviously upset and agitated. He asked if I was recording him and I said I was. He then says "Then I don't want to talk to you...You want to talk to me like a man we can talk man to man." He asked me what my problem was and I began to explain to him the details of my complaint. He then interrupts me and informs me that he is a supervisor for special licensing and firearms and that he is extremely busy. Then directs me to use the professional standards form they provided and go to Internal Affairs which is not located at CSP headquarters. I asked him for the address he gave to me. Instead of going back inside the station, Sgt. Fahey decides to stare at me waiting for me to leave in my opinion even pressuring me to leave. I did not leave as I was going to continue to gather content for my story and film peacefully outside before I went to IA. I told Sgt. Fahey "I thought you were busy..." He said "I am" I responded "Then you should get to work." That is when he exploded like a ticking time bomb and started to attack me. He then attempts to steal my phone, but fails on the first attempt saying "We are going to have a problem you and I, definitely" That is when he again goes to steal my phone and this time he was successful. He rips my phone out my hand and flings it backwards on the ground causing my phone to break and stop recording. He then began violently pushing me backwards while grabbing my shirt and threatening me. Scared for my life, I keep repeating "there is a body camera" he said "I am not wearing one" I tell him that Trooper Costello has one on and recording. As Trooper Costello witnessed this robbery and assault take place, he did not uphold the law and protect me from Sgt. Fahey, instead he takes out his cuffs and tells me I'm "Interfering". After the assault, Sgt. Fahey tells me to leave and he walks away. Another unidentified trooper retrieves my phone, gives it to me and tells me to get out of here. I complied as I was terrified of what could happen next. I have submitted a FOIA request for Trooper Costello's body camera footage. There were

also a number of witnesses outside who witnessed the incident. Sgt. Fahey's actions are inexcusable and downright criminal. I am demanding an immediate investigation into this incident. After reviewing the law, I believe Sgt. Fahey Should be criminally charged with the following:

1. Unlawful Restraint 2nd Degree
2. Assault 3rd Degree
3. Robbery 3rd Degree
4. Larceny 2nd Degree

Additionally he should be charged federally for being in violation of 18 U.S CODE 242 Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law. I will be forwarding this statement to the FBI and Justice department. This was a serious violation of my constitutional rights and also acts of egregious criminal behavior by a supervisor of the CSP. I sincerely hope that at the end of this investigation Sgt. Fahey is held accountable for his unlawful actions. In my opinion he is a danger to the public. I will continue to peacefully exercise my rights to promote transparency and accountability for all.

Sincerely,

SeanPaul Reyes
SeanPaul.Reyes91@gmail.com

