

## Civil Rights Violation Complaint Statement

**“...20 years ago he would be DEAD with his teeth missing.”** -Officer Glenn Utter, Danbury Connecticut Police Department.

### **Incident #1**

On June 9th 2021, I was at the Danbury Public Library in Connecticut, peacefully engaging in a constitutionally protected activity, gathering content for a story by filming. I am an independent journalist. I would also like to make it clear, the library didn't even have a policy in place prohibiting filming, but even if they did that policy would be in direct violation of our constitutional rights. I was unlawfully detained for approximately forty minutes, forced to provide identification under threat of arrest, and trespassed by the Danbury Police Department. This was all done without any reasonable articulable suspicion I had or was going to commit any crimes. These unlawful actions violated my first amendment right (Freedom of the Press) as well as my fourth amendment rights (Unlawful Search and Seizure). The Officers involved were Officer Utter, Officer Dennis, Officer Tibbits and Sgt. Dickinson. This incident prompted an immediate, “top priority” investigation by Danbury Police Chief Patrick Ridenhour. As a result of a FOIA request, I was able to obtain body camera footage. Where you can hear Officer Tibbits clearly say to the library staff “Last time I checked, it's not against the law for him or even you to violate his constitutional rights.” This statement clearly indicates that Officer Tibbits knew my constitutional rights were being violated and proceeded anyway to violate them with the library staff. Even worse, the body camera footage caught Officer Utter saying to Officer Tibbits, “Five years ago he'd be on the ground, ten, fifteen twenty years ago, he'd be DEAD with his teeth missing.” This incident is a clear deliberate violation of my constitutional rights.

### **Incident #2**

On July 15th 2021, I was at the Danbury City Hall in Connecticut, peacefully engaging in a constitutionally protected activity, gathering content for a story by filming. I was also there to conduct business by submitting FOIA requests to the clerk. I was denied service by the clerk, and security called the police because I was filming in the public areas of the building. Danbury Police arrived on scene and I spoke with Officer Contreras, who confirmed I had every right to film in public. I was then approached by Officer Farrell, president of the police union, who placed me under arrest for trespassing. Later at the station when I was told breach of the peace had been added and my bond was set at \$10,000.00. My phone was seized as evidence of a non-existent crime. Officer Farrell violated my first amendment right (Freedom of Press) and fourth amendment right (Unlawful search & seizure). This arrest was not only unlawful, but it was obvious retaliation for the events that transpired at the Danbury Public Library. My case is not dismissed which is clearly malicious prosecution. This is corruption on a city wide level and clear violation of my constitution rights and of federal law 18 U.S. Code 242 Deprivation of right under color of law. I am asking that the FBI conduct a thorough investigation into these incidents so I can receive my justice.

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