

## **Pooler city leaders refuse to comment after viral YouTube video featuring police officers, chief**

WJCL has received a flood of emails, phone calls and social media messages after a YouTube video featuring the Pooler Police Chief and two officers went viral.

**POOLER, Ga. —**

The Pooler Police Department has come under fire after being spotlighted in a viral YouTube video.

*In a 20-minute-plus video (available above)* posted this week to the Long Island Audit YouTube account, the Pooler Police chief and two officers are seen repeatedly questioning the cameraman in a parking lot outside the police department.

Moments earlier, the cameraman, Sean Paul Reyes, had filed an open records request at city hall.

The Long Island Audit YouTube account 'About' page notes it is run by an independent journalist, Reyes, who seeks to hold police and public agencies accountable and ensure they are operating in a transparent way for the public.

The page has more than 180,000 subscribers.

After exiting city hall, Reyes is confronted in the parking lot by two officers and the police chief, who repeatedly ask Reyes to provide his identification and tell him he is in a "secure" employee parking lot.

"Do you suspect me of committing a crime?" Reyes asks.

"I am a police officer, I asked you for your ID. I need you to give me your ID," one of the officers says.

Chief of Police Ashley Brown then joins the conversation.

"Can I get your name?" Reyes asks.

"Look it up on the internet if you're that smart," Brown replies.

The conversation continues into the lobby of the police department, where Reyes is told not to film before Brown eventually says, "Get out of my building" and holds the door open for Reyes.

Posted on January 16, the video has been seen more than 230,000 times.

Numerous phone calls, emails and social media messages have come in to WJCL since the video was posted.

WJCL has reached out to the Pooler mayor, city manager and Chief Brown for comment. After repeated requests over the span of 48 hours, there has been no reply.