

Kerry Ellington

ATTN:

New Haven Police Department

Internal Affairs Office

Complaint: Personal statement

Wednesday, June 6th 2018

Jerome Richardson saw me, Kerry Ellington, walking up chapel street on Tuesday June 5th at approximately 5:15pm. I was leaving work on my way home. Jerome saw me in front of the bus depot on Chapel street as well as a large crowd of people. We embraced each other as I shook Jerome's hand and gave him a hug he pointed out to me a interaction the police were having with two black men on the downtown green. At this point Jerome and I stood right at the curb side in front of the Bus depot. We were approximately 10 feet away from the police officers on the public street. Jerome had his back facing the officers as he spoke to me about what he just witnessed happening with the police and the two black men they were confronting, this was at approximately 5:15 pm. Right at this time Officer Hinton, badge number 353, shouts at Jerome, after overhearing Jerome's and I conversation. He says to Jerome, "didn't I talk to you...". At the same time Officer Brangi is staring at us. The officers no longer seem concerned about the gentlemen they are questioning. I then state to Officer Hinton that we are having a private conversation, Jerome and I are not breaking any law. I state that we are on a public street and we have the right to have a conversation. Officer Brangi then facetiously states, "what rights do you have". Jerome rotates his body, so now his body is facing the officers and he instructs me not to talk to the police. At this point Jerome steps laterally to the left, and Officer Brangi and Officer Hinton start began to approach him making claims that he is a "disturbance". At that point I witnessed Officer Brangi create contact with Jerome by bumping him with his forearm, Jerome then states "don't touch me" and he raises his arms up in the air in a surrender position. Officer Hinton grabs Jerome, then Officer Brangi grabs Jerome and Officer Motzer grabs Jerome and they proceed to excessively lift him and slam him face first on the concrete pavement. They held him down, put him in handcuffs. When they lifted Jerome up off the concrete pavement, his mouth was bloodied, his face and lip were cut, and his mouth was swollen. They did not read Jerome his rights. I stood with Jerome for approximately thirty minutes before the police took him away. Jerome was released from jail at approximately 8 pm. Jerome vomitted as soon as he was released from Jail, he said he had a severe headache, and pain in his knees. I accompanied him to the hospital. I would like to discuss this matter with Internal Affairs. Please contact me at my phone number, which is attached on the complainant form.