

To whom it may concern,

On June 3rd, 2024 my vehicle was towed by request of the Milwaukee Police Department for improper display of plates during a traffic stop. The approximate time of the traffic stop was about 12:30 PM. At the time of the traffic stop my boyfriend Kevin Barfield was the driver of the vehicle. He notified me at 12:36 by phone that he had been pulled over and my vehicle was going to be towed. After notifying me of the traffic stop he was asked to step out of the vehicle and told that he was being detained and was placed in the back of the squad vehicle. After being notified about the traffic stop I arrived on scene at approximately 12:45 PM. When I arrived on scene I witnessed one of the officer searching my vehicle. I did not approach the squad vehicle or my vehicle. I asked the officer to speak with him about why my boyfriend was being detained and what steps they were taking with my vehicle. The officer I witnessed searching my vehicle explained to me why Kevin was being detained and he also explained to me why my vehicle was being towed. Which was failure to display license plate. I stayed on scene until the tow company All City Towing arrived on the scene to tow my vehicle. I asked the All City Towing employee where my vehicle was being towed to and he responded to the City of Milwaukee Tow Lot. I was told by one of the officers that I would be able to retrieve my vehicle from the tow lot, with proper documentation and at my expense the same day June 3rd, 2024. When I arrived to the City of Milwaukee Tow Lot to retrieve my vehicle, I was told that I didn't have all the documents to retrieve my vehicle. I was not able to access all of the proper documents to retrieve my vehicle on June 3rd, 2024 by the tow lots closing time. On June 4th, 2024 I returned to the City of Milwaukee Tow Lot to retrieve my vehicle. When the City of Milwaukee Tow Lot employee brung my car out to me I immediately noticed my vehicle looked as if it had been ransacked. I had damage to my vehicle and missing property. Which includes damage to my middle console/arm rest, 2 pair of Cartier glasses, a handgun magazine and a gold linked chain with a gold diamond round picture pendant. Before leaving I went inside right away to make a complaint and ask about my missing property and damage. The City of Milwaukee Tow Lot employee told me that they wouldn't have gone in my vehicle and wouldn't have done the damage and to ask the MPD (Milwaukee Police Department) because they would have searched my vehicle again upon arriving at the tow lot and that they might have my property and done the damage. I then asked to speak to the supervisor for a better explanation. When speaking to the supervisor she gave me a complaint and investigation form to get this matter resolved. I also asked her what was the name of the tow low that towed my vehicle and she told me it was All City Towing. When leaving the tow lot I also went to the district 2 Milwaukee police station located at 245 W. Lincoln Ave. I spoke with an officer who told me that the Milwaukee Police Department wouldn't have searched my vehicle again at the tow lot UNLESS it was being held for evidence in which it WAS NOT. He also gave me the officers name who was involved with the traffic stop on June 3rd, 2024.

The involved officers names are P.O. Zaragoza and P.O. Al-Zalloum.

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