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Wednesday, January 12, 2022  
Re: Victim Follow-Up

## Victim's Rendering of Incident Written from the Point of View of an Intake Officer

### **First Provocation**

On the listed date and time, the victim stated to have been standing in a checkout line inside a small shop called Plaza Select Grocery Store off the corner of Boren Avenue and Madison Street, when an unidentified male of apparent West African racial origin entered the store and sought to pass the victim with physical insistence rather than verbal request. According to the victim there appeared to be sufficient room for his assailant to pass, but even if there were not, he felt that he was being pushed out of the way to make room for his assailant when a simple verbal request would have been sufficient to make additional room, if it were necessary. A brief oral exchange took place in which the assailant was told that he was "looking for trouble". Whereupon the assailant continued about his business and the victim remained in line waiting to be checked out.

As the aisle in which the victim's assailant sought his item (it was later confirmed to be a can or bottle of beer by the store owner) was adjacent to the aisle in which the queue had formed, it was easy to overhear the victim's assailant ranting in vulgar language mixed with racial slurs including "nigger" and "white boy".

After obtaining his item, the victim's assailant stood behind the victim in silence. The victim remained calm and continued to look forward.

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## **Second Provocation and Struggle**

After many seconds, the item that the victim was carrying in his right hand was knocked to the floor from behind by the victim's assailant. When the victim turned around with good haste to address his assailant, this latter took two swings at the victim the last of which knocked the victim to the ground. As he was falling the victim struggled to maintain his consciousness, but when he tried to stand, found it difficult. Whereupon his assailant pushed the victim back to the ground while issuing racial epithets at him. Apparently satisfied that his victim was no longer a threat to him, the victim's assailant returned to the line.

As the victim tried to stand a second time, he realized that his foot had been badly injured such that he could not walk properly. He regained his position in line — this time behind and distant from his assailant. The owner-cashier of the shop served the victim's assailant, and this latter left the store looking over his shoulder as he departed. Whereupon the victim made his purchase and returned home where he discovered a badly bruised left cheek and an already very swollen and bruised left foot and ankle.

## **Nature of the Assault**

The victim believes that the assault was that of a hate crime as there was no other apparent motivation for the two provocations and physical injury that resulted from the attack. The victim is unaware of having done anything to provoke his assailant's behavior other than protesting verbally for having been unnecessarily pushed during the first provocation, and turning around to address his assailant for having knocked the victim's item from his hand while both were standing in line facing the counter. The victim said or indicated nothing to provoke a racial exchange.

After his assailant left, the victim was able to obtain video and audio footage of the incident from the shop's surveillance system, as well as the customer receipt generated by the assailant's consummated purchase. According to the victim the shop owner is willing to testify on the victim's behalf.

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## Post-Incident Reporting

The victim was informed that he could send a copy of the store receipt and a photo of his assailant to [spd8714@seattle.gov](mailto:spd8714@seattle.gov). The victim indicated that he was in contact with his physician and that a medical report would be forthcoming.

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In addition, I would like to confirm my having sent a photographic image of my assailant as well as the aforementioned store receipt (debit card purchase) to the following email address

[spd8714@seattle.gov](mailto:spd8714@seattle.gov)

on January 3, 2022.

Sincerely,



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