

January 7, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

On the morning of Friday December 20, 2013 I received a call from my son Claude Diles. He was very upset and said that he had been stopped by the police. I heard yelling and heard him being told to get off the phone and get out of the car. I heard my son say, "I don't feel safe getting out of the car. Would you please call a sergeant?" They said no. I went to his location and when I got there the street was very, very dark, there was no traffic, and the homes were dark. There were at least 8-10 police cars.

One officer asked me, "Does your son always call his mommy when he gets stopped by the police?" I said, "when he feels unsafe he does". As I was talking to the officer I heard a loud noise. I looked over to my son's car and the police were rocking it and breaking the front driver's side window and pulling my son out of his car. I think the officer was trying to distract me from what was going on.

I was very distressed; I read the newspaper and watch the news and some very bad things are happening to the citizens of Long Beach concerning the Long Beach police department right now and it is not right. I thought the police were here to protect and help us; that morning I didn't feel my son was being helped or protected.

Thank you,

Gayle Diles

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gayle Diles". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.