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To Dennis Allums, and to any other interested Party,

This email is established that I was an "Eye Witness" to the incident whereas the driver of a Silver SUV purposely "Jabbed" you in the chest, causing you to fall down. This incident occurred right outside of the Starbucks Store located inside the El Cerrito Plaza Shopping center.
Time: Approximately 3:45 P.M.
Date: 07/10/2008
Visibility = Clear
Noise level outside = Low

What I actually witnessed:

As I was entering the Starbucks Store located at 3090 El Cerrito Plaza, I could hear an argument in front of me, as I walked toward the Crosswalk, I saw and hear two men arguing (very loudly). There was a silver SUV partially blocking the crosswalk (It was stopped at this time). The direction of the SUV indicates that it was leaving the shopping center (it's rear was almost in the crosswalk). At the time I did not know who was driving. I noticed that there was a black bag (like a Laptop bag or shoulder bag) laying near the right rear tire of the SUV.

The two men who were arguing were standing near the Right Rear Side of the SUV. Mr Allums' back was to the crosswalk, (his left shoulder was closest to the right rear of the vehicle) while the other Gentleman was facing him (his right shoulder was closest to the vehicles right rear side window). I could hear the man say to Mr. Allums "I'm tired of your Bulls**t". At this point I thought they knew one another. Mr. Allums said something back, like, "Get your hands away from me" "You better not touch me" and it was about this time that the other Man "Jabbed" Mr. Allums in the chest (near the Solar Plexus), and that's when I saw Mr. Allums fall down. It was sort of like slow motion. I couldn't believe it was happening.

Mr. Allums laid on the ground for about ten seconds, then slowly arose. The other Man moved the black bag away from the right rear tire, said a few more cuss words, went around to the drivers side of the vehicle and sped away.
I do not know what transpired to bring on the argument.

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Dennis Allums to Cris

Hi Chris,

Thanks for the email and the witness report. I thought by now that the police would contact you as he said at the scene, for some reason he has not. I'm going to forward your email to their office and then ask them why you were not contacted. It's kind of troubling to me. He looked right at you but didn't want to talk to you nor has he contacted you. Maybe it's the work load. I don't really know.

Well thanks anyway for volunteering your witness account.

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Dennis Allums to police

Hello,

My name is Dennis Allums and I was the victim of an attack based on my ethnicity therefore, a hate crime. The case number is n08-13597. At the time of the incident I informed officer Alvarez that there were several witnesses from Bart to AT&T employees whom all witnessed the event. At the time the officer expressed that he did not want to talk to one of them, Chris Gomez of AT&T, telling Chris, "I have your number". To this date, Chris, according to the report has not been contacted and it now looks like an event that had no witnesses when over 50 people witnessed it. If I had defended myself it would of been a bad scene. It is my opinion that I showed restraint beyond the call in not physically responding to the attackers taunts and then his final attack, let alone his attempt to hit me while in the clearly marked cross walk. If included is the suspects disregard for the El Cerrito Police department when refusing to wait for the police thus leaving the scene of an accident causes everything to be even more troubling on his part. He had no respect for me, the law or the police.

I'm about to request that the District Attorney prosecute this individual under the hate crimes statute and it is my opinion that the decision not to interview at least one of the several dozen witnesses is a strategic error and could hamper the prosecution of this individual who has hatred so strong for African Americans that he attacked me a licensed R.E. Broker and a Graduate of the University of California at Berkeley simply because he assumed I was lazy and unemployed; in his own words that he repeated several times, "You people..." this and "You people..." that.

I've enclosed one of the witnesses emailed accounts in hopes that someone would contact him or include his account as a part of the report. I am also willing to give the names of the other witnesses of this unprovoked attack on me simply because of a stereotypical opinion of me due to the complexion of my skin.

Thank You for your time and if not interviewing witnesses at the scene is standard, please forgive this letter, I am not fully informed about police investigative procedures.

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Hi Carlos

I talked to you two weeks ago about a racial motivated attack by a motorist. I was supposed to email the witness account but forgot. I got a copy of the police report today and I am faxing the police report while email forwarding the witness report. Call me at 510-717-3917 if you have any questions or you can simply email me at this address.

Thanks Dennis Allums

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Honestly, I'm not surprised nor troubled, BUT, had it been the other way around, there would have been "too many" witnesses for the police to handle and the police would have tracked you down and would've thrown you in jail and by now you would have been sentenced already. Anyway, IF it necessary, I'm still a witness to a crime!

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Hi Chris,

I wrote El Cerrito Police Department via an email and another guy named Rob replied. He apologized over and over for what, he didn't say. Obviously it was the botched investigation thus far, if not worse, by the officer. It seems he/they don't trust me or you for that matter; thus the reason the officer waved you away. The new officer for some strange reason wants me to locate more witnesses. Man, I feel like I did something wrong, possibly at birth I guess.

The new officer says he will contact you. I waited several days (from last wednesday) to contact you because I didn't want to contact you before he did. I assume he has by now. If not, I don't know what is going on. I think they believe for some reason that I knew you. I had to tell him twice I never seen you before before that day.

Dennis

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