



Incident Account / Response to Complaint

Details of Complaint

It is alleged that at about 1340hrs on Thursday 29th September 2022, the driver of an Orange Hyundai Ioniq, HG66AXA, (PHV129) assaulted a member of the public at the electric charging bays, Tesco car park, Colletts Drive, Cheltenham. PHV129 was displaying "SPA-TAX" signage and it is alleged that the driver of this vehicle was the instigator and aggressor of the assault.

Account of: Adam Kamil Zamojski

Your Account of Incident:

(What happened?)

On Thursday 29 September 2022 at about 1340hrs, I arrived at the electric charging bays at Tesco car park in Cheltenham to charge my car. I noticed there was a diesel car parked at the electric car only bay, so I approached the driver and politely asked how long he was going to be there as I needed to use the charger. He dismissed me by waving his hand and returned to playing with his phone. I knocked on his window. He rolled it down slightly. I asked politely if he could move his car as this was an electric car only spot and that I was in need of charging. In a vile and abusive language, he told me to get out of his sight and that he would beat me up if I didn't. I did not go away and asked him again to park his car somewhere else, as there were many empty parking spaces around. This made him go into a frenzy mode. He jumped out of the car and got very close to my face and told me *'I will kick the sh*t out of you, because you are old and I am young..I will f**k you up! What are you gonna do about it?!'* I felt very uncomfortable with him so close, invading my space and offending me, but I didn't back off and told him best if he wouldn't do that as I will defend myself. He pushed me and I pushed him back. He bounced off his car and I saw that he was going for a swing at me so I threw a single punch in self defence to avoid him punching me. He then walked away towards his car and returned wielding a French spanner. I told him not to come any closer. He replied he was going to call the police, which I welcomed and waited at the spot for their arrival.

The police arrived promptly and I was asked about the incident. I gave my statement and I was told I am free to go, as they managed to secure some CCTV footage from a car parked nearby and they will be in touch with me if required.

Signed: *Adam Zamojski*

Date: 18.11.2022

Further comments:

The police have not be in touch since, but as I have been referred to Victim Support following the incident, I assumed the footage has confirmed my version of events and the driver's claim that I was the aggressor was dismissed. I have now requested an update from the police, but the officer in charge of this case is currently on leave.

I don't recall there being anybody else at the time of the incident close enough to hear the conversation between the driver and I, but I understand how this situation may have looked like to a bystander without the context. I would like to assure you that I did not instigate the assault and was not the aggressor. I am a very calm and friendly person, but I am sensitive to injustice and bullying. Because that person behaved like a bully, he offended and attacked me, I felt I needed to stand up against him. Please note, that I did not want to hurt him deliberately. I acted in self defence and I have been upset by how the situation ended, as this is not the way to solve arguments.

I am a happy husband and a father of two little children and would have never risked losing my license, as I need to look after them. I have been a private hire driver in Cheltenham for eight years and I believe my record in customer service is excellent, with no complaints from the customers. I'm confident that if asked, the customers that have used my service in the past would confirm that I am a fit and proper person to be a licensee.

I would welcome the opportunity to appear before the committee to answer the allegation in person.