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Barry Faile
Sheriff
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office
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Dear Sheriff Barry Faile:

It is with great concern that I am writing this letter. My son Tyvon Dunlap is a special needs 5th grader at the Brooklyn Springs Elementary School Lancaster, SC 29720, was recently injured by a Lancaster County police officer.

Officer Matthew Carroll (ID#2238) responded to a call on February 25, 2016, involving an altercation between 5th graders, during the incident Officer Carroll picked Tyvon up by the back of his shirt and slammed Tyvon to the ground, left him lying face down crying on the floor for several minutes, with his knee on Tyvon back, causing him to sustain bruises to his head and visible large lumps. Medical attention was never provided, nor did the school nurse respond.

According to the police report (2016-00009933), Officer Carroll was present at the school for over an hour and failed to contact his parent regarding Tyvon injuries, or initiate a call to 911 to seek medical attention for Tyvon injuries. When I was finally notified of the ongoing incident, I informed the school administrator that I was at work and arranged for an emergency contact to pick Tyvon up.

Upon my return to the sitter I noticed a large lump on Tyvon's forehead and a lump on the top of his head, and he explained that he had been assaulted by a police officer. He complained of a severe headache and blurred vision. Immediately I took him to the hospital where he was diagnosed with a Hematoma.

Prior to Officer Carroll injuring Tyvon, he told him "Boy don't make me have to put my hands on you" in a threatening voice.

According to the police report, Officer Carroll submitted his report to DJJ with slanderous comments regarding Tyvon, after DJJ explained to him that Tyvon was not a candidate for them.

Please accept this as a formal complaint against the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department.

Regards,

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