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***Culver City Police Department***  
**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Jason Sims, Chief of Police**

**DEPARTMENT STATEMENT REGARDING VIRAL VIDEO**

The Culver City Police Department is aware of a video circulating on social media depicting a group recording a “scam the scammer” confrontation at a Culver City hotel. To mitigate any potential misunderstandings, we are sharing information on what occurred.

In April 2023, Culver City Police responded to a call about a subject inside a hotel room refusing to leave. The officers diffused the situation and documented the facts in a report. Edited video clips of the encounter, later posted by a social media personality, show a man asking our officer to address a subject’s immigration status. Our officer explained that in alignment with California State law and Culver City policy, enforcement action would not be taken regarding the man’s immigration status.

The officers’ investigation revealed no cause to place the subject under arrest, and the incident was documented. While the actions taken by our officers aligned with city and state law, and the incident depicted in the video occurred over a year ago, we have taken this as an opportunity to review the event. The Culver City Police Department is committed to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in all our actions. We will continue to work with our community to maintain a safe Culver City for all.

For questions, please contact the Culver City Police Department Public Information Officer, Jennifer Atenza, at (310) 253- 6120 or email [jennifer.atenza@culvercity.org](mailto:jennifer.atenza@culvercity.org).