

Statement from Miguel Oregon about incident:

We never told anybody we were in a gang. That's the stupidest thing anybody could do. We told them we didn't have guns, drugs or warrants, and we didn't. We didn't say we were both DOC active; maybe Hugo was asked if he was DOC active by another officer. We asked them why they were harassing us? That's what it seemed like to both of us. If we said we weren't doing anything wrong and should be let go, why would we then say we're in a gang? If we had said that, how would that help us be left alone? Why would we say we would come back and kill everyone and own the City if we just wanted to be let go? Their claim we said that doesn't make any sense, and it isn't true.

They're just trying to cover their asses now.

They only asked me right before I was being booked if I was in a gang. There was never any discussion of it before that, and that was it. I said I had been but not anymore. I never heard Hugo say he was in a gang. They asked if I had any tattoos? I showed them the one and the three. They did not say anything about MS-13 or ask if the 1 and 3 were gang tattoos. I would have told them no, but they never asked.

I was okay with the filing of the complaint because I wanted something done about it. They were trying to step on our pride. They were rude and disrespecting us. We never disrespect a cop so we don't go to jail or get a ticket for saying the wrong thing. Cops are supposed to be here to help us. These guys just wanted to put us down or get us to fight them.

Some cops try to make people feel like they aren't worth anything to them. People need to speak up because when cops do bad things they think people won't say anything. It's happened before but I never spoke up. What happened to me is wrong. The cops think that nobody is going to speak up. It's time people start speaking up when this stuff happens.

Miguel Oregon, 12/14/11