

To: Federal Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (FEACC)

From: Concerned Foreign Tourist

Date: 02 Feb 2026

Subject: Formal Complaint – Request for Review of Police Conduct

I am a foreign tourist visiting Ethiopia, and I submit this letter as a formal complaint requesting the Commission's review of **police conduct** and the handling of a **criminal incident involving police impersonation and theft** that occurred in Addis Ababa.

At this stage, I am withholding my personal identity and specific identifiers due to a loss of trust and confidence arising from my direct experience in this matter. **This does not constitute a refusal to cooperate.** I am prepared to provide my identity, full details, and all supporting evidence through a secure and independent channel, once appropriate safeguards are ensured.

Police officers arrived at the scene shortly after the incident. Upon arrival, I provided **live GPS/location data of the stolen item and no action was taken** in response to this information. During the same response, police officers had physical access to the main suspect and possession of his mobile phone. During questioning, in the presence of police officers, the suspect was allowed to use the phone, and I personally observed the **deletion of messages, call logs, and other data during the police process, in full view of the officers.** The suspect was subsequently **released and physically escorted out by a police officer.**

The police took security camera footage from the location. Despite having live GPS/location data, access to the suspect and his phone, and security camera recordings, **no effective investigative action followed.** During this time, the police officers were largely unresponsive to my concerns and appeared focused on protecting the business rather than assisting me as a victim.

I later conducted my own independent investigation and was able, with relative ease, to obtain identifying details and clear photographs of the suspects from social media and other sources, along with additional publicly available information. By contrast, **no meaningful investigative action has been taken by the police.** I was also **not provided any written record, reference number, or copy of a complaint or incident report.**

Based on these facts, my confidence in the handling of this matter has been materially undermined, prompting my request for **independent oversight by the Commission**.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Commission **review the conduct of the police officers involved and the handling of the incident**, including the failure to act on live location data, the handling of the suspect and his phone during questioning, the release and escort of the suspect, the handling of security camera evidence, and the lack of investigative progress, to assess compliance with **Ethiopian law, police procedures, and applicable ethical standards**.

I also consider it a personally risky step to reach out to you. I have repeatedly heard from tourist, foreigners and local residents that police officers are widely perceived as corrupt or susceptible to bribery. Combined with my direct experience, this has created a serious lack of trust, **personal insecurity, and fear of repercussions**. This concern was further reinforced when, some time after the incident, the business's security officer, who was present during the incident and the police questioning, later suggested and implied that the suspect may have engaged in similar conduct prior to being released.

For these reasons, I am not disclosing all details at once and am proceeding cautiously. As a precaution, I also **provided a copy of the incident details and this letter to my home country's embassy in Addis Ababa** for informational purposes.

This complaint is submitted in good faith for the purposes of **oversight and accountability**. I remain willing to cooperate fully once confidentiality, independence, and appropriate safeguards are ensured.

For communication, I am available at takshi69@pm.me.

I am currently present in Addis Ababa and available to speak or meet in person should the Commission consider it appropriate.

Respectfully,
Concerned Foreign Tourist