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It is truly asinine to see how far my coworkers and I have fallen from grace. We were seen as guardians of society and the protectors of the innocent but now are vilified as predatory people looking only to hurt and harm people of color.

The irony of that is that prior to becoming a police officer, we all went through a strenuous and rigorous background check to make sure that we had the mental, physical and moral fortitude to put the uniform on. I can tell you that we had to have lived very very exemplary lives free of any misjudgments in character. Anything that remotely brought a question about ones moral aptitude was considered ground for rejection for becoming a police officer.

I've never once thought that the goal of coming to work was to hurt or kill anyone. I can also attest to the fact that I've never heard any of my fellow coworkers talk about hoping to hurt or harm someone as their goal of their shift. The reality is that all of us hope to go to our shift, catch criminals committing any crime and respond to all the calls we can, go home on time and make sure that we and our fellow coworkers do not get injured during our shift. The reality is that criminals sometimes choose not to comply with our commands and would rather harm us in hopes of escaping any punishment for their criminal actions. But if they choose to go that route, what choice am I left but to defend myself and/or my partner? Everything is always 20/20 hindsight after something has happened but when you're fighting for you own safety and your life, you do what you have to do to survive.

Why is it that the message nowadays for criminals is to fight back if they don't think they are being lawfully arrested? Why isn't the message that they should comply with the orders of a police officer and not to fight back? It seems like your job has been to embolden criminals by restricting what police officers can and can't do.

Furthermore, criminals have been emboldened by a DA that has a lifetime of retribution aimed at trying to imprison/punish police officers for payback to what happened to his parents. If I was to withhold evidence at a trial, the case would be

dropped immediately and I venture to gather I'd be arrested for something. Can I ask what benefit that the DA investigator had to testify under oath that she was intentionally told to withhold evidence that may have benefitted a police officer? She has risked career and her personal safety to do that. After that, why would I assume that this DA would handle any investigation into any police officer objectively?

Please don't forget, we have body worn cameras. There are cameras all over SF with the technology boom and also because of the rampant crime that has gone on. I have no ability (or desire) to hide my actions no matter how hard I try. I don't know how to doctor my footage on my BWC. This footage can easily be shared by the owners and our body worn cameras easily requested by any member of the public.

It seems like you all have never been in our position and that you only cater to the loudest voices on the street. Please go through some scenarios at the academy or do some ride alongs and see what we go through on a daily basis. It's not easy and as simple as you think. I ask you to walk on our shoes because you guys are making the policy for us. I find that ironic given that some of you are on the other spectrum of the law. It'd be like me telling you how to do your jobs given that I have no experience in your profession. Can you imagine me telling a defense attorney to tell their client to cooperate with police and to tell the truth? Yea, exactly! That's how outrageous this has become.

I liken it to a piece of meat being dangled in front of a lion and them being told not to eat it. The piece of meat appears to be everything possible to restrict police officers from doing their jobs and the police commissioners are the lions who are out to satisfy their proverbial hunger to hamstring cops from doing their jobs.

Don't forget, nothing changed from the time we were hired to our time being on the job. We are held to a high standard. Nothing has changed about any of our moral character and about our mission to help people. Stop treating us as liars and as thugs. As a native San Franciscan, I've never seen this city in a worst state. This department has been driven in to the ground. If you don't think the criminal element has paid attention to all the radical changes you've made, you're wrong. They are grateful to you because it has emboldened them to continue their roles as predators of the innocent. They don't second guess their predatory decisions because they have no consequences in this city.

