

Request for Advice on Misbehavior of a Young Teenager

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To: LAPD online, Edelman Mental Health Center-Child and Family, LAPD Detective Hargrove, Book Group, Others

Subject: The vandalism, harassment by and increasingly flagrant misbehavior of the young teenage son of a neighbor in my complex.

Summary: This is a complaint about the behavior of a teenager named *****, son of a tenant in my apartment complex by the name of Tyson, a man who, in the past, attacked me. Specifically, the kid's behavior is: **(1) Psychologically odd (2) Mildly criminal (3) Antisocial.**

Attachments: Precious few other than this document in PDF form.

I would speak to the apartment complex owner or the kid's father but for the landlord's seeming incapacity to be helpful or even, at times, rational. Regarding the father, for two years the LAPD has been trying to locate him in connection with two physical assaults mentioned above — my reluctance to contact either should be understandable.

I've been keeping a diary for about a decade, noting occurrences and dates of events. Here is a partial list of this kid's misbehavior. It has only grown more flagrant over the years:

1. The first incident: Years ago, while standing on the sidewalk, he gave me the finger as I parked my car, he would have been about ten years old at the time. I paused before waving back, he also waived before running back into the complex.
2. He probably shot me (I did not see him do so) from about six feet away on the sidewalk with a toy pistol as he played with others at the curb. During this incident, I saw another man, an associate of his father, also present, shoot me in the face (police report numbers available). I took pictures.
3. Late last year, one afternoon, he shot with a toy pistol of some kind at my window, screen, and bungalow wall from the street as I worked in my living room. He gave no response when, from my porch, I quietly asked twice why he was doing this, I also asked him not to. Several witnesses were present (license plate of cars belonging to witnesses and a police report number available).
4. He's occasionally incoherent. For many months, I've seen or heard him mumbling to himself. He sometimes speaks gibberish or makes odd sounds as he walks his dog or is by himself.
5. Last year, as I measured the length of a car parked at the curb outside, he came out from our complex with his dog, made a detour into the road and, without saying anything, kicked the tape measure I had lying on the road before returning to the sidewalk. I said nothing throughout.
6. On 12/7/24, as I threw items in the trash near the walkway, he stood and blocked my way. I paused as he stood there, neither of us saying anything. He then said, "Hey!" and "I'm telling my dad!" before I was able to pass. I said nothing throughout.
7. On 12/13/24, he threw something which bounced off my living room window as I stood, working, and he was walking by on the walkway. He said nothing, I made notes of this and remained silent.
8. On the night of 1/19/25, I stood on the sidewalk at the fence outside our complex, looking at something in my kitchen window. Unseen by me, he, walking north on sidewalk, stopped. When I saw him, I flattened myself against the fence to let him pass. He would not go around me but said: "Excuse me." I then moved several feet across the sidewalk to the grass strip to let him pass. Looking at me, he said: "Good!" and walked by. I said nothing throughout.

After the first incident, over five years ago, I began speaking to him less and less (we'd had good relations up to that time). I now ignore him entirely and/or turn my back when he approaches.

What is to be done?

(signed)

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