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PC PROBE New footage shows suspect told ‘chill out or I’ll choke you out’ by Halifax cop ‘throw punch’ moments before arrest

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NEW footage shows a suspect told to "chill out or I'll choke you out" by a cop seemingly throw a punch moments before his arrest.

The video shows an altercation allegedly between Ahmad Hassan, 27, and another man on Sunday in Halifax, West Yorks.



New footage shows Ahmad Hassan seemingly throw a punch at a man Credit: Ben Lack





Ahmad was arrested on Sunday when a cop told him to "chill out or I'll choke you out" Credit: Ben Lack



The incident sparked protests this afternoon outside Halifax police station Credit: Ben Lack

It comes after [shocking footage](#) showed Ahmad hurled to the ground by a cop sparking a [protest this afternoon attended by around a hundred](#) people outside Halifax police station.

In the new images, a man in cycling shorts is seen

walking away after apparently being spoken to by officers.

After putting his phone on the bonnet of a parked car he throws a punch at another man, appearing to strike him under the chin and lifting him off his feet.

The man in shorts walks towards the other man jabbing his finger in his face.

Ahmad was arrested on suspicion of assault after the incident and released pending investigation.

His sister Safyah attended the protest today before the new clip emerged and said: "The only thuggish violent behaviour I saw was from the police officer."

She said she was "sickened" by the "total abuse of power" she saw in the first video which left her brother fearing for his life.

She said: "I felt sickened when I watched the video of my brother and hearing him struggling to breath under the choke-hold of that [police officer](#)."

"Seeing that police officer punching him in the face while he was lying down on the floor... and, just minutes before that, seeing my brother have both his arms in the air, physically telling the officers that he was surrendering.

"And the fact that he was choked after that. There's no reason why anyone with a sane mind could see that amount of force that was used."

She dismissed suggestions that her brother resisted arrest because he had both hands up and said "I give up."

The family asked the police department to fire to copper in question and urged them to release the body cam footage.

Ahmad said the arrest left him fearing for his life.

He told The Sun: "I saw the angel of death coming and thought I was going to die.

"This is the same thing that happened to George Floyd - it's happening on our streets too."

Safyah described him as "a family man, he's a brother, he's a husband, he's a son."

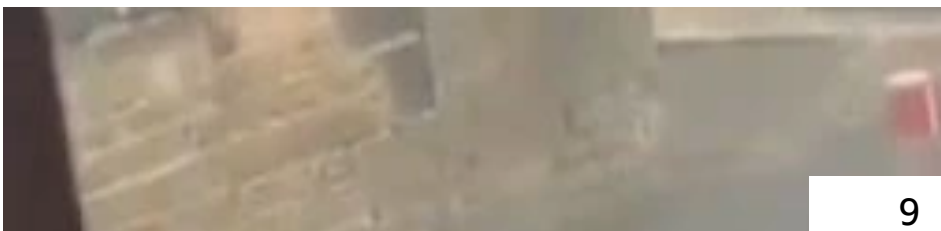
Protestors held up signs outside the police station reading: "we want justice," "you're not above the law" and "stop discrimination" while Safyah thanked those who turned out.

Distressing footage showed the officer pushing Ahmad up against a car before slamming him to the ground on a housing estate in Halifax, West Yorks.

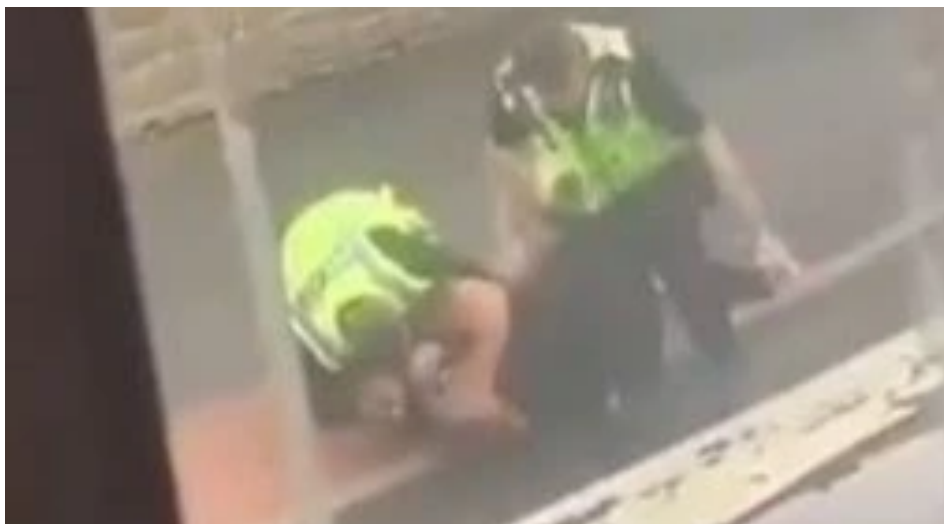


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Shocking footage shows the officer grappling with Ahmad in Halifax, West Yorks Credit: @Wrapz__



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He can be heard shouting: 'Chill out or I'll choke you out'

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Footage showed him waving his hand across his throat as he struggles to breathe during the arrest.

But the officer ignored his plight and yelled: "Chill out or I'll choke you out. Chill out or you're going to sleep."

The suspect turned onto his back as the struggle continued and was even punched in the face by the officer who shouted: "Get onto your front".

'I'LL CHOKE YOU OUT'

Temporary Assistant Chief Constable Osman Khan, of West Yorkshire Police, said the officer has been removed from frontline operational duties.

He said: "We are aware of a video circulating showing the arrest of a man at Spring Hall Gardens, Halifax, on Sunday 16 August in relation to assault offences.

"We immediately reviewed the footage and looked into it as a matter of urgency to establish the full circumstances.



Chill out or you're going to sleep

West Yorkshire Police Officer

"We have reviewed the actions of the officers involved and a referral has been made to the Force's Professional Standards Directorate.

"Our investigation remains ongoing and we have made a voluntary referral to the Independent Office of Police Conduct (IOPC).

"The officer involved has been removed from frontline operational duties.

REMOVED FROM DUTIES

"The man arrested was released under investigation."

The incident comes just days after the police watchdog said another of its officers would face a [criminal investigation for assault for kneeling on a 17-year-old's neck during an arrest.](#)

Footage captured outside Leeds United Elland Road stadium on July 17 showed the teen being blasted in the face with CS gas before the officer pins him down by his neck.

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The IOPC said the cop, who has since been