

On August 25, 2019, I went to the Cockeyville police precinct with my father to report an incident that occurred at the restaurant where I worked. An adult co-worker made an inappropriate advance to me and when I reported it to management, they were unconcerned. The police station there has a lobby where the officers sit behind a glass wall. My father explained to the officer why we were there. The officer then asked me to relay what happened to me, in the public lobby. What happened to me was very embarrassing and it was made even more so by not being able to tell the (male) officer my story in private. I returned to the police station the next day with my mother, and we experienced the same thing. I was made to give my explanation in the public lobby, to another male officer. This caused me to feel very uncomfortable again, and overall felt like an experience that anyone could easily walk in on. It was not until my mother consulted an attorney, who had also been a police officer, that she was able to demand we be taken into a private room for me to explain what happened. It's my feeling that anyone coming to a police station to report a crime like assault, which may be sensitive or embarrassing for them, should have the option to do so in a private room, away from the public eye.

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