This is my formal written complaint concerning my detention by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in my hometown of Port Huron, MI on December 28, 2009 at approximately 2am. I was racially profiled, harassed, and threatened by officers at the border crossing and was searched twice, handcuffed, put into a cell, put into a room to stand while handcuffed, and finally interrogated, all of which took 3 hours. The points of the complaint are as follows:

1. Racial Profiling:

A. On December 28, 2009 immediately upon the driver stating that we (there were 4 males in the vehicle) were returning from the "Reviving the Islamic Spirit"
conference in Toronto, was told to turn off the vehicle by the officer in the booth. He was not told to do this after the first two questions and was not asked any further questions. Such extra screening has happened disproportionately to practitioners of the Muslim religion upon crossing that border and we were told that this is taking place by one officer.

B. I was questioned for one hour by Officer Plakas along with another officer on why I was attending a conference, what went on at the conference, what my religious beliefs and views were concerning the topics at the conference. The officers asked about my prior travels outside the Western Hemisphere as well as a specific description of the legs of the trip. I was also asked about my visas to middle eastern countries such as Oman and if I was involved with or trained with any countries military. The officers were cordial and professional in their treatment of me as it had seemed by now my name was cleared.

2. Harassed/Threatened:

A. On December 28, 2009, I along with the 3 others who were in the vehicle were sitting in the waiting area, an officer came to us and yelled to one of my friends "What are you doing with that cell phone!" to which my friend replied "We were

again and I was asked to 'sit' in an empty room. When I said, there was no seat, I was told by the officer to "sit on the ledge". When I told him that my hands were tied and couldn't do that, and I would have to stand, I was made to stand in the room for 50 minutes handcuffed. As I was standing, different officers would walk by and smirk at me as if to make fun of me. I was told that I would go in for questions into another room and they 'may or may not' remove the handcuffs at that point.
C. The handcuffs were tied very tight on my hands and I had to ask for them to be
eased.

3. Procedure:

A. On December 28, 2009 I was searched outside the vehicle before I entered the building. I then waited for 30 minutes in the waiting area sitting down. I could
have continued waiting until my name was cleared, however, I was asked to go in the back where I was searched a second time while handcuffed and then put into a