Police in California are investigating after a video posted online showed a group of officers tackling a teenager for jaywalking.

Edgar Avendano, who filmed the incident, said the teen was walking in the road on Tuesday when he was stopped by a police officer.

A Stockton police spokesman said the boy refused to leave the road and the situation escalated into a scuffle.

"He didn't do nothing wrong," a bystander yells in the video.

Stockton Police Spokesman Joseph Silva told VICE News that the boy reached for the initial officer's baton, which triggered the aggressive response. The officer's body camera was knocked to the ground.

In the video, the white officer hits the boy in the face with a baton and the teenager, who is black, is later seen sobbing.

The officer then attempts to arrest the boy and is joined by a large group of fellow officers, who push the teenager to the ground.

TVNL Comment: Black teen, white cops. Same old, same old....

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