
POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
Case Summary Data #4
March 2017

OVERVIEW OF THE COMPLAINT

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ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

1. OPCR Ord. § 172.20(8) VIOLATION OF THE P&P MANUAL
2. MPD P&P § 4-410 - CITY VEHICLES AND ON-DUTY ACCIDENTS: Any MPD employee involved in an accident while in a City vehicle, or any vehicle while on official duty, shall immediately notify the dispatcher to send a Traffic Investigation squad and supervisor to the scene of the accident. If the accident occurs outside of the City of Minneapolis and it is not practical for a Traffic Investigation squad to respond, the employee shall notify the local law enforcement agency to respond and complete the traffic accident investigation. The employee shall notify their supervisor as soon as practical. Every effort shall be made to leave the vehicle(s) in the position it came to rest following the accident.

Sworn employee(s) involved in a vehicle accident while on-duty shall complete a CAPRS report and statement, including the vehicle P# involved in the incident. If an employee is unable to complete this report, the employee's supervisor shall complete the report and the employee shall complete their statement as soon as they are able. Copies of the report shall be forwarded to the employee's Commander, prior to the end of the employee's shift. CAPRS reports completed for accidents involving marked or unmarked police vehicles shall use the code SQUADA.

COMPLAINT PROCESSING

The complaint was received by the Office of Police Conduct Review by way of the online form. Upon receipt of the complaint, an intake investigation was conducted and the matter was subsequently brought before the Joint Supervisors for intake review. Upon review of the complaint, the Joint Supervisors dismissed the matter for "failure to cooperate."

EVIDENCE

1. Complaint

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

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DISMISSAL

Based on the information provided in the initial complaint, no ViziNet or CAPRS report was able to be found, nor were any involved officers able to be identified. The Intake Investigator made several attempts to contact the complainant for additional information, but received no response. After a period of months, the case was brought to the Joint Supervisors for review and was dismissed for "failure to cooperate."