

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Non-Public Case Synopses

June 2019

	Outcome	Description
1	Closed-Referred	<p>5-105 (A)(6) – Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges that there is a, "defaced American flag in the lobby" in 4th precinct. Complainant alleges that the flag is, "black and white with a blue stripe in the middle." Complainant alleges that the flag is controversial and prominently displayed.</p>
2	Sent to Investigation, Review Panel , Chief sustained allegations at A level, officers coached	<p>5-103 Use of Discretion Complainant alleges that he was sleeping when he heard knocking on his door. According to Complainant, when he asked who it was, the person behind answered "MPD" and asked if Complainant would come outside to speak to them. Complainant asserts that he asked if the person outside had a warrant, and that if they didn't, he couldn't let them in. The individual outside the door, Complainant claims, asked if he knew a certain individual and also that the individual claimed to have items in Complainant's home. Complainant contends that he told officers outside that he did not, insisting that he had instructed the individual to get her things but she never did. When the individual didn't, Complainant claims that his girlfriend threw most of the items away except for some left hanging on the doorknob.</p> <p>Next, Complainant contends that he heard loud booms and thought police were trying to knock down his door. Resultantly, Complainant claims that he called 911, told them that officers were trying to knock down his door, and asked the operator to tell them to stop doing so. Complainant claims that police said that they were not doing the kicking but that they were recording the individual doing so. Complainant asserts that the incident lasted for about 15-20 minutes.</p> <p>After this, Complainant contends that he asked the operator if he could speak to a sergeant. Complainant contends that he told the sergeant that the individual did not live with him and that he had only let her stay over for a night. Next, Complainant contends that he heard a voice at the other side of the door, and that an officer responded who said Complainant's name.</p> <p>Complainant contends that his door was wrecked, leaving him to be evicted from his apartment. Further, he asserts that officers let the individual do this to his door because she is "a white woman" and he is a "black man".</p>
3	Dismissed, No Basis	<p>5-104.01 – Professional Policing Complainant alleges that an officer used "inappropriate language" and displayed inappropriate "attitude" during a traffic stop. In particular, Complainant notes that the officer pulled him over at "gun point."</p>
4	Dismissed, No Basis	<p>5-104 – Impartial Policing Complainant alleges that an officer has violated many of her constitutional rights, including conducting a raid on her disabled mother's and father's home with guns pointed at the faces of her parents, herself and her children.</p>

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5	Sent to investigation. Panel found merit on 1 of the 4 allegations. Officer coached.	<p>5-105(a)(5) – Professional Code of Conduct (no merit) 5-303 – Authorized Use of Force (no merit) 5-306 – Use of Force – Reporting (no merit) 4-223(IV)(E)(1)(a) BWC Activation (merit)</p> <p>Complainant contends that he called police to his residence after finding a heroin kit he believed belonged to his two-month old pregnant girlfriend--a recovering drug addict. Prior to police arriving, Complainant asserts that a friend of his girlfriend attacked him. When police arrived, Complainant alleges that three officers, "aggressively push[ed] [his] two-month pregnant girlfriend against a car despite no resistance." He further contends that he told officers "three times" that his girlfriend is pregnant. Next, Complainant asserts Officer 1 accused him of owning the heroin kit "despite not knowing the truth of the matter" and pushed him "aggressively" against a car. He also claims that other officers at the scene were too afraid of Officer 1 to say anything about his treatment of Complainant. Lastly, Complainant contends that an officer told him to "shut the f**ck up" and refused to file a report.</p>
6	Sent to coaching process, officer coached, no policy violation	<p>5-306 - Use of Force – Reporting and Post Incident Requirements</p> <p>It is alleged that an officer used his weapon to strike a suspect and had a supervisor from another jurisdiction complete the force review.</p>
7	Sent to investigation, dismissed – failure to cooperate	<p>5-103 – Use of Discretion</p> <p>Complainant alleges that he was on a sidewalk, riding an "electric scooter", when the officer "came and told [him and others] to leave." This despite Complainant's protests that he was on a public sidewalk trying to rent a bike. According to Complainant, the officer approached him in a "hostile way" and told him to "f**k off." Next, Complainant claims that the officer "grabbed [him] and threw [him] against the [squad] car."</p> <p>Complainant asserts that he asked the officer numerous times if he was being detained and why he was being so hostile toward him. According to Complainant, the officer told him that he was being detained for telling the officer to "f**k off." Next, Complainant asserts that the officer spent about an hour looking up his ID in the computer. Eventually, Complainant asserts that the officer let him go. Subsequently, Complainant contends that he asked for the officer's name and that he was reluctant to give, instead, telling Complainant to go to the precinct to find out.</p>
8	Dismissed – no basis.	It is alleged that officers were unprofessional handling a traffic dispute.
9	Sent to investigation, dismissed – no basis	Pursuit policy violation

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10	Sent to coaching, officer coached, no policy violation	<p>Complainant alleges that there was "an attempt to break into [her] home" by a person who appeared to be "high or drunk." According to Complainant, the perpetrator refused to leave despite being told so many times and also that the police were on their way.</p> <p>Complainant asserts that called 911 and was told by a dispatcher to go upstairs in her home while the police arrived. According to Complainant, she saw the officers struggle with the perpetrator from an upstairs window. After his apprehension, Complainant contends that an officer came to speak to her, telling her in a "dismissive, disrespectful and insensitive" manner that the perpetrator was at a football game "looking for his AirBnB."</p> <p>However, Complainant protested, stating that she and her son had been, "...terrorized by the perpetrator for over 45 minutes at both back doors to [her] house, with [her] child awakened and present, [her] wielding a knife" out of fear. After telling the officer that she wished to file a police report and press charges, Complainant asserts that she told the officer to stop saying "just," upon which he walked away. She further asserts that she had left messages with a sergeant regarding the incident, but he has yet to return her call forty-eight hours later.</p> <p>According to Complainant, the perpetrator was given "preferential treatment [is] white."</p>
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