
POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
Case Summary Data #06
May 2019

OVERVIEW OF THE COMPLAINT

Complainant alleges that he was attempting to drop off his handicapped friend when an officer pulled him over. According to Complainant, he tried to tell the officer that he had his seat belt off and kept stopping because he was trying to find an appropriate spot to drop off his friend, who uses a wheelchair. However, Complainant contends that the officer did not really pay attention to him, instead looking through his car windows with his hand placed on his gun. Complainant asserts that the officer went to his vehicle and returned with a ticket, and had also requested several back-up squads to the scene. In general, Complainant asserts that the officer was "aggressive," "self-righteous," and "[r]acially" profiled Complainant.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

1. MPD P&P § 5-104.01 – PROFESSIONAL POLICING: 1. Officers shall use the following practices when contacting any citizen, regardless of the reason for the contact:
 - a. Be courteous, respectful, polite and professional

COMPLAINT PROCESSING

Upon receiving the complaint, an intake investigation was conducted and the matter was brought before the Joint Supervisors, who then dismissed the complaint after finding 'no basis' to the allegations.

EVIDENCE

1. Complaint
2. VisiNet Report
3. Body Worn Camera Recordings

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

1. Complaint: Complainant alleges that he was attempting to drop off his handicapped friend when an officer pulled him over. According to Complainant, he tried to tell the officer that he had his seat belt off and kept stopping because he was trying to find an appropriate spot to drop off his friend, who uses a wheelchair. However, Complainant contends that the officer did not really pay attention to him, instead looking through his car windows with his hand placed on his gun. Complainant asserts that the officer went to his vehicle and returned with a ticket, and had also requested several back-up squads to the scene. In general, Complainant asserts that the officer was "aggressive," "self-righteous," and "[r]acially" profiled Complainant.
2. VisiNet Report: Officer states that he observed a male "not wearing his seatbelt for couple of blocks." The officer then cited the driver and "the driver decided to take out a wheelchair from his trunk and approach the officer." The driver then went into the middle of the road

while “yelling at officer for the tag.” The officer was able to “get the male out of the road and sent him.”

3. Body Worn Camera of Officer:

- a. Officer pulls over the driver and informs him that he is being stopped because he was not wearing his seatbelt. The complainant tells the officer that he picked up the passenger from “the transit center” and that he “just got in the car.” The complainant tells the officer that he is in the process of dropping off the passenger. The officer takes the id of the complainant and cites him for not wearing a seatbelt.

The officer returns to his squad and sees the complainant approaching his squad with a wheelchair. The complainant tells the officer “you’re f***** for doing that.” The officer tells the complainant to “get off the road or I’m tagging you for disorderly conduct.” The complainant tells the officer that he is trying to get his passenger get out of the car. The officer tells the complainant that he can take his passenger out of the car without coming towards his squad. The complainant then leaves.

DISMISSAL

After reviewing the complaint as well as the body worn camera, the joint supervisors found ‘no basis’ and the complaint was dismissed.