
POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
Case Summary Data #1
July 2018

OVERVIEW OF THE COMPLAINT

Pursuit policy review—alleged that officer was driving third squad in a pursuit.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

1. MPD P&P § 7-406.02 (SEE SECONDARY SQUADS DEFINITION IN 7-402): Officers in the secondary pursuit vehicles shall discontinue their involvement in the pursuit if they believe the risk created for the officers and the general public outweighs the need and desirability for apprehension.
 - a. MPD P&P § 7-402: Secondary Squads—Police squad cars that provide direct support to the primary squad and follow the primary squad at a safe distance. When secondary marked squads engage in the pursuit, the officers will advise the dispatcher of their involvement. Vehicle pursuits will be limited to the primary marked squad and no more than two secondary marked squads unless otherwise authorized by the pursuit supervisor.

COMPLAINT PROCESSING

The Office of Police of Conduct Review was referred the matter from the Minneapolis Police Department by way of their Pursuit Review Committee; shortly after an intake investigation was conducted and the matter presented to the joint supervisors, who assigned the matter to coaching.

EVIDENCE

1. Pursuit Review Committee Recommendation Form
2. CAPRS

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

1. Pursuit Review Committee Recommendation Form: According to the form, the Focus Officer was the, “fourth car in the pursuit without [the] supervisor’s authorization.”
2. CAPRS: According to the officer, he was responding to a “person with a gun” call and attempted to catch up with other involved officers. When the chase ended, the officer claimed that he helped assist place one of the suspects in handcuffs. Other supplements: other officers admitted to also being in pursuit but were close to the scene, so likely ahead of the pursuit of Focus Officer.

COACHING

According to the supervisor, he/she reviewed the CAPRS report, BWC and spoke with the officer concerning the incident. Upon the completion of his/her review, the supervisor only coached the officer, stating that the pursuit was only about 30 seconds long and covered only a few blocks, thus not providing enough time for the pursuit supervisor to call off unnecessary pursuits.

