
POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
Case Summary Data # 5
October 2018

OVERVIEW OF THE COMPLAINT

Complainant alleges that a desk officer was watching a television show depicting unclothed individuals on the front desk monitor, which could be seen by complainant who had come into the precinct to report an accident. The complainant alleges that the officer did not act embarrassed. Complainant additionally alleges that the officer did not complete a CAPRS report for the hit and run accident.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

1. MPD P&P § 5-104.01 – PROFESSIONAL POLICING: Officers shall use the following practices when contacting any citizen, regardless of the reason for the contact: Be courteous, respectful, polite and professional. Introduce or identify themselves to the citizen and explain the reason for the contact as soon as practical, unless providing this information will compromise the safety of officers or other persons. Ensure that the length of any detention is no longer than necessary to take appropriate action for the known or suspected offense. Attempt to answer any relevant questions that the citizen may have regarding the citizen/officer contact, including relevant referrals to other city or county agencies when appropriate. Provide name and badge number when requested, preferably in writing or on a business card. Explain and/or apologize if you determine that the reasonable suspicion was unfounded (e.g. after an investigatory stop). If asked, provide the procedures for filing a complaint about police services or conduct.

COMPLAINT PROCESSING

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

EVIDENCE

1. Complaint

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

1. Complaint: Complainant asserts that when she entered the precinct and spoke to the officer, he was watching the show Game of Thrones. While she was there, Complainant contends a scene appeared on the screen in which both actors were naked. Complainant also attempted to have her accident report changed to a hit-and-run. According to Complainant, her vehicle was hit by another driver, but she was unable to pull over due to nearby construction. However, Complainant claims that the other driver kept driving, which prompted her to get his vehicle's license plate number.

According to Complainant, the officer who responded failed to draft a report detailing the hit and run, only an accident report.

COACHING

According to the supervisor, the supervisor coached the officer and marked a policy violation relating to the “nude” scene incident.