
POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
Case Summary Data #18-11-01
December 2018

OVERVIEW

Complainant alleges that she saw a woman being harassed by a male who was calling the woman a "b**ch" and a "w**re." Afterward, Complainant contends that she walked to an officer who was nearby--about a block away--and alerted him to the woman being harassed. However, she claims that the officer sighed and appeared to not want to be "bothered." Complainant asserts that the officer asked if she called the police, to which she replied "no" as she knew that officers were nearby. Next, Complainant contends that the officer asked her for a description of the man and woman, and Complainant replied that a "female is being chased by a male" and also that they "aren't rich people[,]if that is what [the officer] was wondering" about. At this point, Complainant claims that the officer walked away from her and Complainant told the officer, "Nice, MPD. 'To serve and protect,'" to which the officer replied, "How can I find them if I don't know what they look like?" After this, Complainant asserts that she requested the officer's badge number.

THE COMPLAINT

5-105 (E)(2) – Professional Code of Conduct

On-duty officers shall, at all times, take appropriate action within their jurisdiction, to protect life and property, preserve the peace, prevent crime, detect and arrest violators of the law, and enforce all federal, state and local laws and ordinances.

COMPLAINT PROCESSING

Upon reviewing the intake investigation, the Joint Supervisors assigned the case for coaching.

EVIDENCE

1. *Complaint*
2. *Visinet Log*

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

Visinet Log

Visinet contained a record of an event like the one complainant described at the same time and in the same location reported by complainant. The record was generated after a call to 911 by a third party (not Complainant). The caller stated that the parties were arguing but went their separate ways.

COACHING

The supervisor first reviewed the complaint and Visinet report. The supervisor contacted Complainant who stated that she appreciated the effort. She reiterated what was in the complaint, that it did not appear that the officer was interested in “walking around the corner to check on a fellow citizen.”

The supervisor discussed the complaint with the focus officer. The focus officer stated that he recalled complainant approaching the group of officers yelling about the argument between the male and female party. The officer stated that he asked for a description of the parties, and Complainant responded, “you don’t care.” The focus officer stated that the Complainant walked away from the officers. The focus officer checked with dispatch, and the call had been cleared. The focus officer stated that he did walk to the area but did not locate anyone fighting.

The supervisor believed no policy violations occurred. The supervisor noted that the officer was coached but did not describe what that entailed.