

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Public Case Synopses

August 2017

	Outcome	Description
1	Coaching, No Coaching or Policy Violation	<p><b>5-104.01 Professional Policing</b>                      Complainant, a nurse, claims that an officer was "very rude and unprofessional" with herself and three other nurses present. More specifically, Complainant contends that the officer made it difficult for the nurses to make a blood draw by, for instance, not answering nurses' questions and otherwise making it difficult for nurses to fill out paperwork.</p>
2	Dismissed, No Basis	<p><b>7-501 Traffic Accident Investigation</b>                      Complainant contends that she was rear-ended by another motorist while attempting to turn and sought assistance from officers who were performing a non-felony stop. Complainant claims that there were at least four squads that responded to the stop. Upon approaching the stop, Complainant asserts that she asked an officer for assistance and he "replied sarcastically 'For what,' to which she replied that she had been in an accident and needed his help.</p> <p>Next, Complainant asserts that two cars pulled up to her accident scene and she told them what had occurred. Complainant contends that an officer asked if insurance had been exchanged, to which she replied that they had but that the other motorist's insurance was expired. According to Complainant, the officer gave her a puzzled look, and she requested a "report." Complainant contends that the officers filled out a report but is upset that the motorist was not cited for failure to provide insurance. She also claims that the motorist was under the influence of marijuana--which she could readily smell--but the officers did not cite the motorist for driving under the influence as well.</p>
3	Dismissed, No Basis	<p><b>5-301.01 Use of Force</b>                      Complainant writes, "I was sleeping in passenger side seat sitting when I was awoken up by flashing lights. So I put my hands up and stepped away from curb with hands up. I was then taken to police car by force with me not resisted. I was thrown in back of police car with force after I had let them know I had a back injury he said "your back is fine" then began to slam the door against my back. I called out for emergency assistant[sic] because of back to lower back and asked for ambulance was refused and told I would be ok. No ambulance was called until I was in so much pain where I was crying out for my mom because of back pain from police officer using force. Then they called for help for me to take me to the ER where I was treated and required to see my primary doctor to follow up about injury that was caused from police being searched by male officer and force[d] into police car. Please go back on cameras! (My issues are with excessive force and refusal for medical treatment). Search by male officer was refused for girl officer."</p> <p>Body camera and MVR recordings were reviewed.</p>
4	Coaching, No Coaching or Policy Violation	<p><b>3-707 Standby Court Time</b>                      It is alleged that the officer failed to make a court-mandated appearance.</p>
5	Dismissed, No Basis	<p><b>5-107 Procedural Code of Conduct</b>                      It is alleged that an officer falsely arrested Complainant despite his protestations that he was not the suspect he was looking for. Further, Complainant asserts that the suspect had used "falsely using [his] name."</p>
6	Coaching, Officer Coached and Policy Violation Found	<p><b>5-105 Professional Code of Conduct</b>                      Officer is alleged to have made an outburst after being asked a question regarding his attendance at a rollcall, and was further disrespectful in a follow-up conversation with his supervising officer. Officer is alleged to "routinely displayed angry, unwanted comments in rollcall and frequently challenges a decision or expresses his displeasure when the [shift] is assigned with tasks that he does not agree with."</p>

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7	Dismissed, No Basis	<p>9-201 Searching Dwellings                  Complainant alleges that he was taken into custody on a "false safety threat call" and that police "entered [his] house on false pretenses."</p>
8	Coaching, No Coaching or Policy Violation	<p>5-105 Professional Code of Conduct                  Complainant alleges that he was robbed and mugged, leading to injuries ("BLEEDING"). Upon flagging down an officer in a vehicle, Complainant contends that the officer--before he could explain what had occurred--told him, "I think I have arrested you before," and proceeded to take his ID. After this, Complainant asserts that the officer "immediately drove off".</p>
9	Dismissed, No Basis	<p>5-104.01 Professional Policing                  Complainant contends that she called a "mental health hotline" and was forwarded to Community Outreach for Psychiatric Emergencies (COPE). While speaking to a COPE representative, Complainant asserts that the representative called the "police on [her] as she was having suicidal thoughts." However, Complainant states that she only wished to speak to someone and was fine after the call. However, Complainant asserts that police came to her house and made statements to the effect of "you're lucky we didn't break your door down" and that they were going to handcuff her "if [she] didn't go to the hospital." Complainant, who has roommates, contends that her roommates were awoken by officers screaming that she was "having suicidal thoughts." Complainant alleges that the incident resulted in her paying a four-hundred dollar hospital bill and the open disclosure of private medical information to her "entire house." She also claims that officers did not allow her to change out of her bathrobe--she asserts that she was naked underneath the robe--before being forcefully transferred to the hospital.</p>
10	Coaching, Officers Coached No Policy Violation	<p>5-104.01                  Complainant contends that officers trespassed her --without cause-- from a property and were otherwise rude and unprofessional.</p>