

OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW

CLOSED CASE SUMMARY

OPCR-21-06



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ALLEGATIONS

	Policy Implicated	MPD Policy Manual Range	OPCR Outcome	PCRP Finding	MPD Outcome
Allegation 1	5-104.01 Professional Policing	A-D	Coaching	N/A	Coaching Completed
Allegation 2	1-104 Knowledge of Orders	A-C	Coaching	N/A	Coaching Completed

REPORTED DEMOGRAPHICS

Race: White

Gender: Male

Police Precinct: 1st

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

Complaint alleges that an officer forcibly entered the complainant’s apartment and did not comply with pleas to wear a mask or allow for appropriate physical distance (six feet apart). It is further alleged that another officer on the scene used force to remove the complainant's partner from their apartment.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

1) INTAKE INVESTIGATION

a) VisiNet report

- i) The “Problem” is listed as “Unknown Trouble”. The call log indicates that four officers responded to the call. Additionally, the call log indicates that the complainant contacted 911 after officers had departed in order to make a complaint. There is a note from Officer 1 indicating that they contacted the complainant by phone to explain their reasoning, and that the complainant was not satisfied with the conversation.
- ii) Officer 1 noted that the complainant stated they would be filing a complaint, and that they encouraged the complainant to do so.

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2) VIDEO ANALYST REVIEW

a) Body Worn Camera (BWC) Review

- i) BWC footage exists for this complaint. Video footage shows officers arriving to the apartment building of the complainant. Officer 1, while speaking to other officers about the possible location of an individual they saw in the building earlier, suddenly begins running down the hall, yelling for the individual they are pursuing to stop. Officer 1 demands that the complainant open the door several times but does not provide a reason. When the door opens, the complainant and their partner can be seen at the back of the entryway. The complainant's partner has their hands up, and Officer 1 tells them to come outside. There is no use of force. The partner notes that Officer 1 is not wearing a mask. Officer 1 says they are not wearing a mask because they are responding to an emergency. Officers 2, Officer 3, and Officer 4 remain outside of the apartment with the complainant's partner. The complainant's partner tells officers that there is nothing wrong. Officer 1 repeatedly urges the complainant to come speak to them. The complainant appears to be frightened and repeatedly mentions the possibility of Officer 1 transmitting COVID-19. Officer 1 questions the complainant about a possible argument between them and their partner. The complainant denies any argument. Ultimately, Officer 1 puts a mask on and asks the complainant if they are satisfied. Officers depart shortly after and video footage ends.

3) CASE REVIEW & JOINT SUPERVISOR ROUTING

- a) After reviewing the relevant and available evidence collected during intake, the Joint Supervisors agreed the complaint warranted coaching.
- b) The complaint was forwarded to the 1st Precinct for coaching and officers were coached for the above mentioned policy violations.

4) ADMIN/PRELIM INVESTIGATION

- a) An administrative investigation was not conducted for this complaint.

CASE OUTCOME

5) OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW

- a) The complaint was forwarded to the 1st Precinct for coaching.

6) POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW PANEL

- a) The complaint was not reviewed by panel.

7) MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

- a) Supervisors in the 1st Precinct returned coaching documents to OPCR indicating that officers were coached.