

OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW

CLOSED CASE SUMMARY

OPCR-21-12



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ALLEGATIONS

	Policy Implicated	MPD Policy Manual Range	OPCR Outcome	PCRP Finding	MPD Outcome
Allegation 1	7-402 Pursuit Policy	A-B	Dismissed – Lack of Jurisdiction	N/A	N/A
Allegation 2	7-402 Pursuit Policy	A-D	Dismissed – Lack of Jurisdiction	N/A	N/A
Allegation 3	7-402 Pursuit Policy	A-D	Dismissed – Lack of Jurisdiction	N/A	N/A
Allegation 4	7-402 Pursuit Policy	A-D	Dismissed – Lack of Jurisdiction	N/A	N/A

REPORTED DEMOGRAPHICS

Race: N/A

Gender: N/A

Police Precinct: 2nd

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

Complaint alleges that officers engaged in the pursuit of a vehicle that had been stolen earlier in the day. Officers observed the vehicle and began to follow it, waiting for another squad to assist. When the suspect vehicle failed to stop at a stop sign, officers activated their lights and sirens. The suspect vehicle did not stop for the officers and continued to travel above the speed limit. The pursuit continued and the suspect vehicle failed to stop for a red light. At that time, the pursuit was terminated. It is alleged that officers violated the pursuit policy as the reason for initiating the pursuit did not meet the appropriate criteria.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

1) INTAKE INVESTIGATION

a) VisiNet report

- i) The “Problem” is listed as “Suspicious Vehicle”. The call log indicates that two squads were in pursuit of the suspect vehicle.

2) VIDEO ANALYST REVIEW

a) Body Worn Camera (BWC) Review

- i) BWC footage exists for this complaint. Video shows an officer that is airing the location of the suspect vehicle. They state that they are not yet considered a flee. During this time, lights and sirens are not activated. The officer airs that the suspect vehicle went through a stop sign without stopping or yielding and that point, lights and sirens are activated. The officer notes the direction and speed once more and says if the vehicle goes through the upcoming red light without stopping, they will turn off the path and thus, terminate. The suspect vehicle does go through the red light and the officer immediately airs that they are terminating, before turning off the pursuit path and deactivating their lights and sirens. Other video shows officers in supporting squads receiving information on the location of the vehicle as it travels. The officers appear to drive in the general area of the pursuit but are unable to join due to location differences. Another video shows an officer that is in the location of the pursuit path and joins in the pursuit with lights and sirens activated.

3) CASE REVIEW & JOINT SUPERVISOR ROUTING

- a) After reviewing the relevant and available evidence collected during intake, the Joint Supervisors agreed the complaint was not within the jurisdiction of OPCR due to time elapsed. The case was dismissed for Lack of Jurisdiction.
- b) A dismissal letter was written and sent with this disposition.

CASE OUTCOME

1) DISPOSITION

- a. The case was dismissed for Lack of Jurisdiction.