

OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW

CLOSED CASE SUMMARY

OPCR-21-21



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FROM: Office of Police Conduct Review

CASE SUMMARY NUMBER: OPCR-21-21

ALLEGATIONS

	Policy Implicated	MPD Policy Manual Range	OPCR Outcome	PCRP Finding	MPD Outcome
Allegation 1	7-501.01 – Traffic Accident Reports	A	Sent to Coaching	N/A	Coached
Allegation 2	5-104.01 – Professional Policing	A	Sent to Coaching	N/A	Coached
Allegation 3	4-602 – Report Writing	A	Sent to Coaching	N/A	Not Coached

REPORTED DEMOGRAPHICS

Race: White

Gender: Female

Police Precinct: 5th

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

Complaint alleges that Officer 1 was dispatched to an accident in which complainant’s vehicle was totaled after being hit by another vehicle. Complaint alleges Officer 1 failed to complete an accident report and requested complainant to complete the form by texting a link to complainant’s phone. It is also alleged that Officer 1 questioned complainant if they were “a spaz” for not being able to locate information on the other vehicle involved in the accident. It also alleged that Officer 1 was unhelpful, offensive, disrespectful, and inappropriate with their interactions with the complainant.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

1) INTAKE INVESTIGATION

- a) VisiNet report

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i) The VisiNet report indicates Officer 1 was the only officer to arrive to the scene and was on scene for 1 hour and 42 minutes.

b) Police Report

i) No police report was generated for this incident.

c) Other

i) Initial complainant statements

2) VIDEO ANALYST REVIEW

a) Body Worn Camera (BWC) Review

i) Body Worn Camera exists for this event. The officer is observed gathering information and interacting with both parties. Officer did ask the complainant if they received a text from the officer which the complainant stated "yes." Officer then walks away without further explanation. The officer later apologizes for not clarifying that the complainant needed to complete it. Officer is observed sitting in his squad and complainant approaches the squad multiple times asking for help filling out the accident form. When the complainant asked for specific help on locating the other driver's number, the Officer pointed it out and then is heard asking if the complainant was "a spaz." Complainant begins cry as the officer asks multiple times if she was ok and that he was joking.

b) Squad Video Review

i) Squad video was not active at the time of the incident.

3) CASE REVIEW & JOINT SUPERVISOR ROUTING

a) After reviewing the relevant and available evidence collected during intake, the Joint Supervisors agreed the complaint should be referred to the precinct for coaching.

CASE OUTCOME

4) OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW

a) Coaching documents were sent to the precinct.

5) MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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- a) Precinct supervisors returned the coaching documents, indicating that the officer had been coached regarding traffic accident reports and professional policing. Supervisors indicated no coaching was done regarding report writing as supervisors indicated no policy was violated.