

**OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW**

**CLOSED CASE SUMMARY**

**OPCR-21-25**



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**ALLEGATIONS**

	<b>Policy Implicated</b>	<b>MPD Policy Manual Range</b>	<b>OPCR Outcome</b>	<b>PCRP Finding</b>	<b>MPD Outcome</b>
<b>Allegation 1</b>	4-410 City Vehicles and On-Duty Accidents	A	Sent to Coaching	NA	Referred to Coaching
<b>Allegation 2</b>	4-410 City Vehicles and On-Duty Accidents	A	Sent to Coaching	NA	Referred to Coaching

**REPORTED DEMOGRAPHICS**

**Race:** N/A

**Gender:** N/A

**Police Precinct:** 5<sup>th</sup>

**SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT**

Complaint alleges that Officer 1 (driver) and Officer 2 (passenger) were involved in a vehicle pursuit with a vehicle that was involved in a previous shots fired call when the squad lost control at an intersection and hit a stop-sign, causing damage to the wheel well housing. It should be noted that there was heavy snow fall with temperatures around 32 degrees. The squad lost control due to the slippery road conditions. There were no reported injuries. It is also alleged that officers attempted to leave the scene of the accident and attempt to assist with the pursuit. Officers traveled down the block when they realized that the squad was undriveable.

**SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION**

*1) INTAKE INVESTIGATION*

- a) VisiNet report  
Report indicates a pursuit started and Officers were calling directions. It also shows when officers called in their crash and immediately notified that they were no longer in pursuit.
- b) Police Report

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i) Public Section of the report states the civilian vehicle was attempted to be stopped for a traffic violation and that the vehicle was recognized in multiple robberies at gunpoint and indiscriminate shots-fired calls. When attempting to stop the vehicle, the vehicle fled, which led to a pursuit. The suspect vehicle crashed and both occupants were taken into custody and transported to the hospital to be evaluated.

c) Other  
MN Crash report

**2) VIDEO ANALYST REVIEW**

a) Body Worn Camera (BWC) Review

i) BWC footage exists for this complaint. Video analysts reviewed 22 minutes of video from Officer 1 and Officer 2 which began recording after a pursuit. Officers provided their speed and is observed that there was snow or rain falling as windshield wipers were on and moisture on the windows was confirmed. It also appeared that Officer 1 continued to correct the squad from sliding in the icy/snowy conditions. At time of accident, it is observed that Officer 1 is turning the wheel all the way to the right. Officer 1 begins swearing and a sound of an impact is heard. Officer 2 calls in the accident, gets out, and it is seen that the driver's side of the squad hit a stop sign facing the direction of oncoming traffic. Officers reported no injuries or major damage. It can be seen from marks in the snow that the squad slid across the intersection as it was turning. Officers' participation in the pursuit was terminated.

**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 for both Officers.

**CASE OUTCOME**

**4) OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW**

a) The matter was referred to 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct for coaching

**5) MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

a) Officers were coached on the matter.