

OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW

CLOSED CASE SUMMARY

OPCR-21-27



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CASE SUMMARY NUMBER: OPCR-21-27

ALLEGATIONS

	Policy Implicated	MPD Policy Manual Range	OPCR Outcome	PCRP Finding	MPD Outcome
Officer 1 Allegation 1	4-402 Vehicle Idling	A-D	No Basis	N/A	N/A
Officer 2 Allegation 1	4-402 Vehicle Idling	A-D	No Basis	N/A	N/A

REPORTED DEMOGRAPHICS

Race: Caucasian

Gender: Male

Police Precinct: 3rd

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

Complaint alleges that Officers knowingly blocked the use of a public roadway without activation of lights or sirens. Complaint indicates there were other locations officers could have parked while working to unlock a civilian vehicle.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

1) INTAKE INVESTIGATION

a) VisiNet report

i) The “Problem” is listed as “Professional Service/Asst”. The call log indicates call was originally listed as a “theft” but later changed to “Professional Service/Asst” when officers arrived. It is indicated officers assisted male in unlocking their vehicle after leaving keys inside.

b) Police Report

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i) No police report available.

c) Other

i) Initial complainant statements mentioned in the complaint.

2) VIDEO ANALYST REVIEW

a) Body Worn Camera (BWC) Review

i) BWC footage exists for this complaint. Video analysts reviewed 23 minutes of video from Officer 1 and 2 which began recording shortly before arriving on scene. Officer 2 is heard confirming the vehicle belongs to the male and indicates a call was made as it was thought that the male was attempting to steal the vehicle. Officer 2 stated he would aid the male in attempting to unlock the vehicle. Officer 1 is seen reversing the squad straight back until the squad is at the rear bumper of the civilian car. Observation of an empty spot right next to the squad and along the opposite side of the street are seen. Squad car does not have lights or sirens activated. However, hazard lights are activated. Officer 1 is seen getting out of the squad and it is observed that the squad is blocking the street. Both officers are observed attempting to help unlock the civilian vehicle. Officer 1 is standing on the driver's side of the vehicle and Officer 2 is on the passenger side. Reflections in the civilian vehicle of the street can be seen on Officer 1's BWC and the street can be seen on Officer 2's BWC. 18 minutes into the video, a male approaches Officer 1 asking what is going on and Officer 1 explains the situation. The male then gets in his car that is parked in-front of the locked vehicle and leaves. After about 20 minutes into the interaction a vehicle is observed approaching, stopping and then making a U-turn and leaving. Officers deactivate while still attempting to unlock the vehicle.

b) Squad Video Review

i) Squad video was not activated 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 warranted No Basis.

4) ADMIN/PRELIM INVESTIGATION

N/A

CASE OUTCOME

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5) *OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW*

a) No Basis was found, and case was dismissed.

6) *POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW PANEL*

N/A

7) *MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT*

N/A