

OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW

CLOSED CASE SUMMARY

OPCR-21-35



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CASE SUMMARY NUMBER: OPCR-21-35

ALLEGATIONS

	Policy Implicated	MPD Policy Manual Range	OPCR Outcome	PCRP Finding	MPD Outcome
Allegation 1	5-104.01 Professional Policing	A-D	Referred for Coaching	N/A	No Action Taken by MPD
Allegation 2	5-301 (III)(D)(1)(b) Actions Leading to Unnecessary Risk	A-D	Referred for Coaching	N/A	No Action Taken by MPD

REPORTED DEMOGRAPHICS

Race: N/A

Gender: N/A

Police Precinct: 5th

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

Complaint alleges that an Officer did not act professionally while interacting with the public. It is further alleged that the officer's actions escalated the situation and created an unnecessary risk to themselves, the public and other officers. It is alleged the officer threatened to use mace on a crowd while smiling.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

1) INTAKE INVESTIGATION

a) VisiNet report

- i) The "Problem" is listed as "Officer Needs Help". The call log indicates Officers are responding to a large protest that is blocking traffic.

b) Police Report

- i) Public Section of the report states that officers responded to an incident involving a protest and vehicle crash. The driver was detained, and officers obtained witness statements. There were several victims that were taken to the hospital.

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- c) Other
 - i) Initial complainant statements
 - ii) Any other documents used to properly identify the officer

2) VIDEO ANALYST REVIEW

- a) Body Worn Camera (BWC) Review
 - i) BWC footage exists for this complaint. Video analyst reviewed footage that shows officers standing by an intersection when a relatively large crowd approaches them for unknown reasons. Officer turns on their BWC which the crowd is heard interpreting this as the officer turning off their BWC.

Officer attempts de-escalation and showing that their body worn camera is on by yelling at them that it is on. Crowd gets agitated by the response and continue towards officers ignoring requests for the crowd to stay on the opposite side of the street. Officer is seen going to a squad to obtain a canister of chemical agent. Officer is observed shaking the canister in front of crowd which further agitates the crowd. Other officers are then seen intervening and removing the officer from the area as they attempt to de-escalate crowd.

- 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 warranted coaching.

4) ADMIN/PRELIM INVESTIGATION

N/A

CASE OUTCOME

5) OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW

- a) The case was referred to coaching.

6) POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW PANEL

N/A

7) MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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- a)** The officer's supervisor reviewed all the information and determined that the officer did not violate any policy and no coaching was provided.