

OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW

CLOSED CASE SUMMARY

OPCR-21-37



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CASE SUMMARY NUMBER: OPCR-21-37

ALLEGATIONS

	Policy Implicated	MPD Policy Manual Range	OPCR Outcome	PCRP Finding	MPD Outcome
Allegation 1	7-402 (B)(1)(a) Pursuit Policy	A	Sent for Coaching	N/A	Coaching Completed
Allegation 2	4-401.02 Vehicle – Seat Belts	A	Sent for Coaching	N/A	Coaching Completed

REPORTED DEMOGRAPHICS

Race: N/A

Gender: N/A

Police Precinct: 1st

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

Complaint alleges that Officer failed to activate their squad’s overhead red lights and audible siren during a pursuit.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

1) INTAKE INVESTIGATION

a) VisiNet report

i) The “Problem” is listed as “Motor Vehicle Chase”. The call log indicated that multiple squads responded. The officer listed in complaint is identified as the primary pursuit vehicle before having mechanical issues causing the officer to disengage from the pursuit. Another squad becomes the primary squad before terminating the pursuit a

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few moments later. Officer listed in the complaint indicated that speeds were around 30 mph before disengaging.

b) Police Report

- i) Public Section of the report states officers responded to information stating that a stolen vehicle taken in an occupied burglary was in the listed area. While checking the area officers located the vehicle. Upon activation of emergency lights, the vehicle fled from officers. A pursuit was initiated. Officers lost sight of the vehicle soon after.

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 analysts reviewed the entirety of the pursuit incident. The focus officer was driving the squad and was accompanied by their partner. The passenger in the squad provided directions to dispatch. Upon seeing the identified vehicle, the officer is seen increasing speeds and is seen struggling to secure their seatbelt. During the BWC analysis, the officer does not appear to have activated the squad's lights and sirens. It was also observed that the squad was going through stop signs without slowing down. At one point during the pursuit, the passenger is heard indicating speeds were 60 mph. After 2 minutes and 30 seconds it is observed that the squad failed to shift gears and the passenger indicated they are out of the pursuit over the radio. The focus officer then discontinued their involvement. Officer and partner are heard discussing if they activated their lights and sirens. The passenger indicated that due to the focus officer failing to activate their lights and siren, the focus officer needs to report that to their Sargent. Officer's partner discusses and asks if Officer was properly trained in pursuits at the academy which Officer indicated they were not. Officers are then heard indicating they can turn off their BWC and return back to the station.

b) Squad Video Review

- i) Squad video not available due to the officer's failure to activate the squads lights and sirens properly.

3) *CASE REVIEW & JOINT SUPERVISOR ROUTING*

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- 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

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- a) The case was forwarded to the precinct for coaching.

6) POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW PANEL

N/A

7) MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

- a) Coaching was completed by the officer's supervisor.