

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Public Case Synopses

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	Outcome	Description
1	Dismissal—No Basis	<p>MPD P&P § 5-104.01— Professional Policing Complainant contends that a bar bouncer assaulted a bar patron, causing him to be knocked unconscious. Complainant states that when the bar patron struck the floor, he began to bleed from his mouth and head. When Complainant’s friend—a registered nurse— attempted to assist the bar patron, he contends that Officer 1 told her to get her “F***ing hands off him”. After telling the officer that she was a nurse, Complainant asserts that Officer 1 told her “I don’t give a f@#\$.”</p>
2	Dismissal—Failure to Cooperate	<p>MPD P&P § 5-300—Use of Force Complainant alleges that he was waiting for friends outside a local club when he was suddenly "assaulted and grabbed by an officer." Further, Complainant contends that the officer stopped when he began to be filmed. However, Complainant contends that the officer instead of placing his hands on Complainant merely got a bouncer to do it for him.</p>
3	Sent to Investigation— Review Panel Recommended No Merit	<p>MPD P&P § 7-403— Emergency Response It is alleged that an officer sped down a highway in the wrong direction.</p>
4	Dismissal—No Basis	<p>MPD P&P § 5-105 (E)(2)– Professional Code of Conduct Complainant claims that she was "t-boned" by another civilian who failed to yield at a stop sign. At the scene, Complainant asserts that officers at the scene questioned the civilian why he "was driving with a permit only and no adult" or other licensed driver with him. Despite uncovering that the civilian was driving with only a permit and no adult supervision, Complainant alleges that the officers failed to cite the civilian, instead only handing Complainant an accident blue card as the accident didn't meet "certain criteria." Further, Complainant contends that: the mother of the civilian lied about insurance information; her car has been totaled; and the officer failed to write a report.</p>
5	Sent to Investigation, Dismissed—No Basis	<p>MPD P&P § 5-105(A)(4)– Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges that an officer has declined to "investigate serious crimes." On one occasion, Complainant claims that an officer failed to follow through on a hit-and-run complaint in which his leg was broken. More specifically, Complainant asserts that the investigator failed to contact any witnesses regarding the incident that the Complainant provided. On the other occasion, Complainant alleges that the officer dropped an investigation regarding someone threatening him with a gun as, supposedly, the officer could not identify nor locate the offender. However, Complainant contends that he provided the officer with a license plate number.</p>
6	Sent to Investigation— Review Panel Recommended No Merit	<p>MPD P&P § 5-301—Use of Force Complainant alleges Officer 1 and 2 have towed his cars on numerous occasions between July and December of 2014. Additionally, Complainant alleges on another occasion, Officer 1 maced him, threw him against the fence, threw him to the ground, and put his knee on his back. Complainant alleges he was ordered up from the ground and unable to do so because he was hurt. Complainant alleges he was brought to the hospital, and afterwards Officer 1 put a 48 hour hold on him at the jail.</p>

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7	Dismissal— Failure to Cooperate	<p>MPD P&P § 5-301—Use of Force Complainant contends that he has suffered "bodily injury numerous times in the past year and a half" due to the actions of "MPLS. police," and he has been hospitalized at least a "half dozen times due to said injuries."</p>
8	Sent to Coaching – Coached	<p>MPD P&P § 5-105(E)(2)– Professional Code of Conduct Complainant contends that he took pictures of a bicycle theft (stealing of a wheel) in progress, leading the suspect to become agitated with Complainant. Further, Complainant contends that the suspect did the following: attempted to steal his phone; blocked his path; and hit Complainant with his bike. Upon telling Officer 1 and 2 of what occurred, Complainant alleges that the officers who arrived at the scene failed to file a report despite his video. After posting a video of the suspect on a social media site and receiving information as to the suspect's identity, Complainant contends that he attempted to file a complaint again at the precinct with Officer 3 but was again ignored.</p>
9	Sent to Coaching— No Policy Violation Found, Not Coached	<p>MPD P&P § 5-104.01– Professional Policing Complainant alleges that officers "ransacked" his apartment--including breaking a coat rack--and searched his belongings based upon an accusation that he was carrying a gun. Further, Complainant contends that the officers refused to give their badge numbers and that he has been traumatized by the event. Lastly, Complainant claims that an officer told him to "go to bed" after asking for their badges.</p>
10	Sent to Investigation— Review Panel Recommended No Merit	<p>MPD P&P § 7-404—Pursuit Policy It is alleged that an officer "lost control of the squad and slid off the roadway, colliding with a tree" during a vehicle pursuit.</p>