

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Public Case Synopses

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	Outcome	Description
1	Sent to coaching – no coaching or policy violation	<p>5-105(2) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges his car was stopped when he was rear ended. Complainant alleges he called the police. Complainant alleges when police arrived to the accident scene the officer was not helpful. Complainant alleges the accident report completed by the officer is inaccurate because it does not indicate his vehicle was stopped prior to being hit.</p>
2	Sent to mediation – dismissed, Failure to cooperate	<p>5-105(2) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges the officer would not make a report. Complainant alleges there was a witness to incident but alleges when the officer contacted the witness the officer hung up on her. Complainant alleges she never received a copy of a state accident report. Finally, complainant alleges she had called the officer and he did not return her calls. Complainant alleges she emailed the officer, and he finally responded but did not really answer her questions.</p>
3	Sent to investigation, reviewed by review panel, allegations not sustained	<p>5-301 Use of Force Complainant alleges that she witnessed Officer 1 yelling "profane and disrespectful comments" towards civilians. Complainant alleges that she stated to Officer 1 that "he should not talk this way to people as he is a professional." Complainant alleges that Officer 1 grabbed her by the arm and threw her against a squad car, threatening to arrest her for obstruction. Complainant alleges that Officer 2 approached her while her ID was being run, and stated, "I empathize with you," while she complained of her treatment. When she asked if he was being sarcastic, complainant alleges that Officer 2 laughed and stated, "We are told to say that to you people." Complainant alleges that Officer 1 took out his cell phone and began to tape her while she complained of her treatment. Complainant was released.</p>
4	Sent to investigation, reviewed by review panel, allegations not sustained	<p>5-301 Use of Force Complainant alleges that Officer 1 elbowed the Complainant in the face while he was not resisting arrest or posing a threat to the officer. Complainant alleges Officer 1 choked and struck the Complainant in the face while he was handcuffed and not resisting the officer. Complainant alleges Officer 2 held the Complainant's legs while Officer 1 choked him and struck the Complainant in the face several times.</p>
5	Sent to investigation – dismissed, failure to cooperate	<p>5-301 Use of Force Complainant alleges that he was complying with officers' orders to exit his vehicle when he was grabbed and tackled to the ground. Complainant alleges he was slammed onto broken glass, causing his arm to be cut open. Complainant alleges he told officers he was bleeding and asked to speak to another officer and would not stand up. Complainant alleges an officer "whispered in his ear," stating "so you like to beat women, huh?" Complainant alleges the officer hit him in the eye with his flashlight. Complainant alleges he continued to demand another officer and that the officers present slammed him back onto the ground and hit him several times in his face. Complainant alleges this went on for a minute. Complainant alleges his left eye was swollen shut, he had a cut over his right eye, and he was bleeding from his arm. Complainant alleges he received 10 stiches in his arm and was sent to jail.</p>

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6	Sent to mediation– dismissed, failure to cooperate	<p>5-105(14) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges he was rear-ended and the responding officer would not take his statement. Complainant alleges the officer was rude, irate, and threatening. Complainant alleges he told the officer his back was sore, and the officer refused to write that down.</p>
7	Sent to investigation – dismissed, no basis	<p>5-301 Use of Force Complainant alleges he was pushed to the ground, and handcuffed for jay-walking. Complainant alleges he was searched illegally, and officers pointed a gun at him for "digging in his pockets" after he was compliant. Complainant alleges officers threw away 4 grams of hash oil, stole \$100 from his wallet and deleted dash camera video of the initial encounter.</p>
8	Sent to mediation – sent to coaching, no policy violation found, officer coached	<p>5-105(2) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges that when she was struck by a car, the officer did not ask for the drivers insurance or ticket the driver even though the Complainant alleges she was taken to the hospital by ambulance. Complainant alleges that the officer treated the suspect differently because the suspect was white.</p>
9	Sent to investigation – dismissed, no basis	<p>5-301 Use of Force Complainant alleges that officers pulled over an individual. Complainant alleges the individual’s vehicle was unlawfully searched. Complainant alleges when the individual asked why his car was being searched, Officer called him multiple racial slurs (n*gg*r), punched him, and put his knee in his back. Complainant alleges that the officer hit the individual repeatedly with a metal flashlight while using racial slurs. Complainant alleges that a relative of the individual was recording the assault and was arrested.</p>
10	Sent to investigation – reviewed by review panel, policy violation sustained, officer coached	<p>5-105(14) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant states he parked his taxi in a commercial loading zone while waiting for a fare. Complainant states Officer pulled up and asked to see Complainant's identification. Complainant states gave him a warning. Complainant states he asked Officer what the warning was for. Complainant states he didn't understand why he was given a warning for being in a commercial parking zone, when he was in a commercial vehicle. Complainant states Officer proceeded to yell and be very abusive towards him. Complainant states Officer told him it was being recorded.</p>