

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Public Case Synopses

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Outcome		Description
1	Dismissed – No Basis	5-105(14) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges that officers were rude, disrespectful, and allowed Complainant's ex-boyfriend to yell in front of their young child. An officer referred to the Complainant and her ex-boyfriend as a "piece of work."
2	Preliminary Investigation, Dismissed – No Basis	5-105(2) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant states that an individual found his lost cell phone on the light rail and he had arranged to meet them to retrieve it. When that person did not show up to deliver the phone at the Somali grocery store near the Cedar Cultural Center, Complainant alleges he requested assistance from Officer #1. The Complainant alleges Officer #1 had a long conversation with the individual with the phone, and that the officer then left abruptly. A few hours later, Officer #1 saw the Complainant still at the Somali grocery store and allegedly told Complainant to "forget the case and phone." Complainant alleges that Officer #1 did not issue a blue card or police report for the incident, although the Complainant asked for one. Complainant further alleges that the next day between approximately 11:00AM and 11:30AM he made contact with another officer (Officer #2), requesting assistance for a rendezvous with the individual who allegedly had Complainant's phone. Complainant alleges that Officer #2 refused to help, told him to arrange a different time to meet the person, and call dispatch when he was on his way. Complainant states that the meeting location was a few hundred feet from Officer #2's location and that Officer #2 refused to file a theft report.
3	Sent to Coaching, No coaching or Policy Violation	5-105(2) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges that he was a victim of a sexual assault. Complainant alleges that Officer #1 never questioned him about the events and that he "never felt more abandoned in [his] life." Complainant alleges that he told Officer #1 that someone had threatened his child's life, and Officer #1 told him that he would send a squad to check on the daughter. Complainant alleges that instead, Officer #1 called Complainant's daughter's mother and told her that Complainant was suffering from "meth psychosis" and that he should not be allowed around his child. Complainant alleges that he had to leave Minnesota due to the death threats against him.
4	Preliminary Investigation, Dismissed – Failure to Cooperate	5-301.01 Use of Force Policy Complainant witnessed Officers #1 and #2 arresting two individuals. She alleges that the officers "call[ed] the male out of his name, kick[ed] and pin[ned] him down." Complainant alleges that the "male that was already in the squad car had his nose broken and tooth chipped." Complainant alleges that the male on the ground "scream[ed] get your elbow off my head y'all already broke my wrist and hurt my shoulder can y'all please get off me."
5	Dismissed – No Basis	5-104 Impartial Policing Complainant alleges that he was pulled over for having bullet holes in his car. Complainant alleges that he was detained while the officers searched his vehicle four times even though he explained to them the holes were over a year old.

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6	Sent to Investigation, Withdrawn	<p>5-105(10) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges that officers arrived at his house during a party for a noise complaint. Complainant states officers asked for his ID. The complainant states he told the officers it wasn't with him, and because it was his property he did not need to show his ID. Complainant states that officers handcuffed him and put him in the squad. Complainant states Officer #1 was "hell bent" on trying to charge him with something and made profane and aggressive comments about the Complainant's wife.</p>
7	Sent to Investigation, Closed Pending Further Information	<p>5-301.01 Use of Force Policy Complainant called police to report threats by a group with a gun. Several squads responded to the incident, and while searching for suspects, Complainant alleges that the Officers mistook Complainant and two of his friends as possible suspects. Complainant alleges that he was thrown to the ground by officers and pinned by two officers, causing injury. Complainant was arrested for obstruction and possession of a replica gun.</p>
8	Investigated, Sent to Review Panel, Recommended No Merit, Chief Agreed, Exonerated	<p>9-200(III)(3)(A) – Search and Seizure Procedures/Rules/Regulations Complainant is a juvenile female who is alleging an inappropriate search by a male officer. Complainant was arrested as a passenger in a stolen vehicle. Complainant alleges that a male officer took off her jacket, pulled her bra from the bottom of her shirt, put his hands up her shirt on her bare skin, and checked her bra. Complainant alleges she was surrounded by 5-7 male police officers at the time. Complainant alleges a female officer checked her pants after the male officer finished.</p>
9	Dismissed – No Basis	<p>5-105(2) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant's vehicle was taken without his permission by a female occupant when Complainant went into a liquor store, leaving her in the vehicle. Complainant alleges that Officer #1 "failed to respond to [his] complaint" regarding the vehicle.</p>
10	Sent to Coaching, No coaching or Policy Violation	<p>5-105(3) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant states that her minor daughter was with a group of 8-10 friends, most minors, near a park. Complainant alleges that police approached the group with guns drawn based on a report of a gun present and required all individuals to lay down on the ground with hands behind their back. Complainant alleges two members of the group were found to have a pink and green/black BB guns and were arrested for possessing a gun without a permit/replica firearm violation. Complainant alleges that the two arrested boys were slammed against the police car and had their socks removed before being arrested.</p>