

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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	Outcome	Description
1	Dismissed – No Basis	<p>5-105(2) – PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT Complainant states that he was walking home and someone hit him in the back with a piece of metal. He was taken to the hospital and states the squad refused to take a report and "said [Complainant] was lying to them." Complainant states the "police are always harassing [him] and stopping to search [him] for drugs and lying about [him]." Complainant also states officers have thrown him to the ground, put him in a squad car, questioned him, and released him.</p>
2	Investigated – Dismissed, Failure to Cooperate	<p>5-104 IMPARTIAL POLICING Complainant alleges that he was visiting a friend at the incident location when he encountered Officer 1. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 threw him against a wall and asked him what he was doing there. Complainant alleges he explained that he was with a friend, and Officer 1 replied that he "need[s] to stay f*ck off the property." Complainant alleges that he told Officer 1 that he had family in the area. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 stated that he wasn't welcome and could not return. Complainant alleges that he told Officer 1 where he worked, Officer 1 asked for proof, and Complainant provided it. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 "got mad" and "proceeded to throw [his] belongings on the ground out of [his] work bag."</p>
3	Coached – Policy violation	<p>7-121 EMAIL Officer 1 failed to report to OPCR mediation.</p>
4	Dismissed – No Basis	<p>5-105(2) – PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT Complainant states that several neighbors reported suspected gunshots from an alleged "problem" home. Approximately 15 minutes later a squad car drove down their street at a normal speed, and did not stop in front of the home. Complainant and neighbors were outside when the squad car drove by. Complainant states a neighbor called the precinct and was told the squad car did not see anything suspicious. Complainant is concerned with the lack of investigation.</p>
5	Sent to Coaching, No Policy Violation or Coaching	<p>5-105(3) PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT Complainant alleges that he encountered Officer 1 while he attempted to enter a pub. Complainant alleges that he asked for his business card and badge number "as part of a standard procedure." Complainant alleges that as he was entering the officer's badge number into his phone, Officer 1 along with other officers pushed a group of people of which he was a part back with batons, preventing him from going into the pub.</p>
6	Dismissed – No Basis	<p>5-301- USE OF FORCE Complainant alleges that he found a cellphone on the steps of a business, and took the phone. Complainant alleges a man approached him asking about drugs and the phone. Complainant states another man approached him and the first man offering to sell them drugs. According to the Complainant, the first man instructed him to sell the phone to the second man for drugs, but Complainant refused. Complainant then states that the first man attacked him. Complainant states that police then arrived and told him to get on the ground. Complainant then states that his face was slammed into the ground multiple times, and an officer "jumped on [his] neck with his knee. Claimant states officers were "talking [a]bsurd words" as if trying to get Complainant react. Complainant alleges that he asked about pressing charges against the man who attacked him, but officers did nothing. Complainant states he was then brought to HCJ.</p>

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7	Dismissed – No Basis	<p>5-104 IMPARTIAL POLICING Complainant was stopped outside her vehicle for driving after revocation. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 would not listen to explanations about who was driving her vehicle before it was towed and he "got rude." Complainant alleges that Officer 1 is harassing her because every time he sees her he pulls her over.</p>
8	Dismissed – No Basis	<p>5-105(3) PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT A call from an unknown individual was placed to 911 at night. No sound was heard from the call. The number was associated with Complainant's home. Officers arrived and entered his home through an unlocked front door. Complainant alleges he was sleeping and awoke to someone in his home unannounced. Complainant alleges that when he called the precinct, the officer he spoke with "was completely unapologetic and had no qualms about what the officers did in any way."</p>
9	Coached – Policy Violation	<p>7-501.01 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTS Complainant alleges that he was injured in a car accident and a Minnesota Accident Report and police report needed to be created by the officer who responded to the accident. Complainant alleges that the Officer made excuses regarding why the reports were not filed for over a month.</p>
10	Dismissed – No Basis	<p>5-104 IMPARTIAL POLICING Complainant was riding his bike without headlights at night. Complainant alleges that Officers 1 and 2 grabbed him and put him in handcuffs before being asked for identification.</p>