

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Public Case Synopses

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	Case	Outcome	Description
1	13-xxxxx	Coached	5-105(2) Professional Code Of Conduct Complainant was in a car accident. Complainant was traveling NB through a green light when a car traveling EB ran a red light. Complainant struck the side of the other driver's car. Officers 1 and 2 arrived, and after talking to drivers and witnesses, reported that Complainant traveled through the red light. Street camera recordings show otherwise. Complainant alleges that officers ignored him when he attempted to explain his side. Complainant believes this was because of his race/nationality.
2	13-xxxxx	Coached	5-105 (15) Professional Code Of Conduct Complainant alleges that Officer 1 entered her home without her permission and made "highly aggressive comments." Complainant alleges she told him that she did not want him in the home, and Officer 1 responded that he could "come in if he wanted" and made antagonizing remarks, telling her to "go downstairs, tough-girl."
3	13-xxxxx	Dismissed	5-104 Impartial Policing Complainant alleges that the Minneapolis Police Department began a program of surveillance (installing multiple cameras, paying neighbors to spy, flying helicopters over his house) because he brought up labor issues at his workplace in St. Paul.
4	13-xxxxx	Dismissed	5-104 Impartial Policing Complainant was driving and was stopped by Officers 1 and 2. Complainant was driving with a suspended license. Complainant alleges that the officers knew his name before asking for identification and stated that he was stopped because "they were looking for drunk drivers." Complainant believes this was racial profiling.
5	13-xxxxx	Dismissed	Complainant's vehicle (registered in his wife's name) was seized after a gross misdemeanor prostitution arrest. Complainant alleges that he has not received correspondence about the case or how to receive the vehicle from the impound lot.
6	13-xxxxx	Coached	5-301 Use Of Force Complainant alleges that Officers 1 and 2 were called to her house about her dog. Complainant alleges that the officers deployed chemical mace through the windows around the house after knocking with no answer. Complainant alleges the dog was chained in the back yard when the officers deployed chemical mace on it. Complainant alleges that her children and a cable technician were in the house during the incident and were affected by the mace.
7	13-xxxxx	Coached	5-105 (15) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges that Officer 1 arrived at the incident location after the Complainant's daughter was accused of stealing. Officer 1 searched the Complainant's two daughters and the Complainant. The Complainant alleges that Officer 1 told the Complainant that if she paid for the item she would let them go; Complainant alleges that she refused and asked her daughter to allow Officer 1 to further search her. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 stated "f*ck this," grabbed her daughter, threw her in the squad car, and slammed the door. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 yelled obscenities about "you people," yelled obscenities directly in the Complainant's daughter's face, and cited the Complainant and her daughters for trespassing, banning them from the area.

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8	13-xxxxx	Coached	5-105 (15) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges she was driving and Officer 1 pulled up next to her vehicle. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 made remarks such as, "do you enjoy pulling in front of a car with pretty lights?" and "do you even have a license?" Complainant alleges he continued to shame her until driving off. Complainant felt this behavior was demeaning.
9	12-xxxxx	Investigation, Review Panel found no merit, closed by Chief, no discipline	5-105(2) Professional Code Of Conduct Complainant's neighbor placed a call to 911 and reported he was attempting to make contact with the Complainant at her residence, and she was not answering her door. He reported that he was concerned about the welfare of the Complainant, stating that her ex-boyfriend has an order for protection against him, which prohibits him from being at the location and he feared that the ex-boyfriend was inside preventing her from answering the door. Officers 1 and 2 were dispatched to the call. After the officers were dispatched, the Complainant called 911 to report that the person at her door (the neighbor who called 911) was a stalker and she did not want any contact with him; however, this information was not relayed to Officers 1 or 2 before they made contact with the Complainant. When they arrived, they spoke with the neighbor who called 911. They then made contact with the Complainant, and she allowed them to enter to check for the presence of the Complainant's ex-boyfriend, who was not present. While the officers were inside the Complainant's residence, the caller informed the officers that the ex-boyfriend was alleged to have engaged in criminal sexual conduct with the Complainant's daughter along with an allegation that there was child pornography on the Complainant's computer. Officers viewed Complainant's browser history, contacted an investigator from the sex crimes unit, and seized the computer.
10	12-xxxxx	Coached	5-105(2) Professional Code Of Conduct Officer 1 responded to an accident involving the Complainant and another woman. The other woman had no driver's license or insurance. The complainant alleges that Officer 1 stated that he did not want to go to St. Joe's "to pick up car seats to take her into custody" as the other driver had children with her. The Complainant alleges that Officer 1 allowed the other woman to drive away. The Complainant alleges Officer 1 told the Complainant that she "got the sh*tty end of the deal."