

OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW

CLOSED CASE SUMMARY

OPCR-21-43



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ALLEGATIONS

	Policy Implicated	MPD Policy Manual Range	OPCR Outcome	PCRP Finding	MPD Outcome
Officer 1 Allegation 1	3-119 (A) and (C) Name Tags	A-D	Sent to Coaching	NA	No Action Taken by MPD
Officer 1 Allegation 2	3-121.08(E) Body Armor EVC- No Additional Markings	A	Sent to Coaching	NA	Coaching Completed
Officer 1 Allegation 3	5-105 (B)(6) Professional Code of Conduct	A-D	Sent to Coaching	NA	No Action Take by MPD
Officer 2 Allegation 1	3-119 (A) and (C) Name Tags	A	Sent to Coaching	NA	Coaching Completed
Officer 2 Allegation 2	3-121.08(E) Body Armor EVC- No Additional Markings	A	Sent to Coaching	NA	Coaching Completed
Officer 2 Allegation 3	5-105 (B)(6) Professional Code of Conduct	A-D	Sent to Coaching	NA	No Action Taken by MPD

REPORTED DEMOGRAPHICS

Race: N/A

Gender: N/A

Police Precinct: 5th

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

Complaint alleges that officers were not properly displaying their name tags on the outermost garment while in uniform and on-duty. It is further alleged that an officer replaced their name tape with the word “Police” and that officers affixed “Thin Blue Line” patches to their external vest carriers.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

1) INTAKE INVESTIGATION

a) VisiNet report

- i) The “Problem” is listed as “Police Event”. The call log indicates a large-scale police response. The log indicates hundreds of civilians with multiple response areas. The log also reports large piles of wood stacked up with the potential for burning.

b) Police Report

- i) There is no public narrative section of the police report.

c) Other

- i) Initial complainant statements
- ii) Any other documents used to properly identify the officer

2) VIDEO ANALYST REVIEW

a) Body Worn Camera (BWC) Review

- i) BWC footage exists for this complaint. Video analysts reviewed video and indicated there was extensive BWC of officers on the date, time, and location of complaint. Officers were able to be identified via multiple officers’ BWCs to be compared against pictures provided from complainant. It was observed that officer 1 replaced their name tape with a “Police” tape for this incident. It was also noted that Officer 1 regularly wears the thin blue line as part of their uniform while on patrol.

Officer 2 was verified using another officers’ BWC and VisiNet report in comparison to the provided photo from the complainant. It is also noted that Officer 2 regularly wears the thin blue line tape as part of their uniform and has been seen in several unrelated incidents without a name tape.

b) Squad Video Review

- i) Squad video was not active at the time of the incident.

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3) CASE REVIEW & JOINT SUPERVISOR ROUTING

- a) After reviewing the relevant and available evidence collected during intake, the Joint Supervisors agreed the complaint warranted coaching.

4) ADMIN/PRELIM INVESTIGATION

N/A

CASE OUTCOME

5) OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW

- a) The complaint was forwarded to the precinct for coaching.

6) POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW PANEL

N/A

7) MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

- a) Coaching was conducted on 3 of the 6 allegations.
- b) No action was taken on 3 of the 6 allegations.
- c) 1 policy had a split action of coaching an officer and no action taken on the other officer.