

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Public Case Synopses

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| | Outcome | Description |
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| 1 | Sent to Coaching – Policy violation and officer coached | <p>7-401 Normal Vehicle Operation Complainant alleges that he witnessed a squad "barreling" down the street." Complainant alleges that the officer tailgated cars and drove "very aggressively." Complainant alleges that the officer did not have lights/sirens activated.</p> |
| 2 | Sent to coaching – Officer coached, No policy violation | <p>5-105(2) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant's car was keyed by an individual in a parking lot. Surveillance recordings identified the individual, and officers investigated the case. Complainant alleges that she called every week for five months straight and no one would call her back. Complainant alleges that when she was contacted, she was assured officers were working on the case. Officer 1 appears to have received the case and assigned it to Officer 2 who last completed a CAPRS report. The case was not charged.</p> |
| 3 | Dismissed – No Basis | <p>5-104 Impartial Policing Complainant states he witnessed two officers harassing a young African American male. Complainant states the male was doing nothing that would warrant harassment. Complainant states that the male was harassed by the police to go to the squad car, and was then forced into the squad car. Complainant states that the male did not fight with the police but that he seemed "annoyed by the police harassment."</p> |
| 4 | Investigated - Withdrawn | <p>5-105(2) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges she was assaulted by her mother's boyfriend (strangled, thrown against wall). The boyfriend left the home soon thereafter. Complainant called for police service, and she alleges that Officer 1 arrived and kicked her puppy as he entered the home. Complainant alleges that Officers 2 and 3 entered afterwards. Complainant alleges that they apologized for Officer 1 behavior. Complainant alleges that the officers did not believe what she was telling them, stating that her story conflicted with the 911 call. Complainant alleges that the officers corrected her grammar while she attempted to tell them what happened, rolled their eyes and laughed, and refused to check for a dent where her head struck the wall. After officers left, Complainant slammed the door to her bedroom, breaking the frame. Complainant alleges that the same officers returned to the house after her mother called for police service. The officers arrested her, and Complainant alleges that while she was walked to the squad car, one of the officers stated, "I knew you were going to end up here, I could already tell."</p> |
| 5 | Dismissed – No Basis | <p>10-401 Responsibility for Inventory of Property and Evidence Complainant was present at a home when police responded to a report of loud party and shots fired. Complainant alleges that the police discovered a marijuana growing operation in the home, went through his wallet, and confiscated all of the money in the wallet as drug money. Complainant alleges he was not given a receipt for the cash, but was not arrested during the incident.</p> |

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| 6 | Sent to coaching – No coaching or policy violation | <p>5-105(2) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges that he was attacked by four individuals who tried to steal his cell phone. Complainant alleges that he flagged down a squad and explained what happened. Complainant alleges that the attackers were still visible. Complainant alleges that the officers stated that there was nothing they could do. Complainant left and encountered another squad, who radioed dispatch to send another squad to assist Complainant. Complainant alleges that the same squad arrived, checked his ID, and told him, Go home, go get your money and crack from somewhere else."</p> |
| 7 | Sent to coaching – Officer coached, No policy violation | <p>5-104.01 Professional Policing Officers were dispatched to a possible fight with a description of a male in a red car hitting a female. Male was described as late 20's or 30's with dreads, heavysset, wearing a blue shirt and pants. Complainant was leaving her home at the time and was stopped by Officers 1 and 2. She alleges that after being asked if she had been fighting, the officer asked for her driver's license and proof of insurance. Officers checked Complainant's info and returned her identification. Complainant asked for badge info, and alleges that Officer 1 "spoke lowly and hurried back to his vehicle." Complainant alleges that she attempted to ask more questions but was ignored.</p> |
| 8 | Sent to coaching – No coaching or policy violation | <p>5-105(2) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges that her child was molested by her father. Complainant alleges that she reported it to St. Paul PD who stated that the case was given to MPD several years prior. Complainant went to MPD sexual assault unit to speak with investigators and alleges that an officer stated that the case was "redlined." Complainant alleges that MPD did not have any documents regarding the case. Complainant gave documents to an officer in sexual assault on a later date, and alleges that the officer called her and stated that they would not take the case.</p> |
| 9 | Sent to coaching – No coaching or policy violation | <p>5-105(14) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant has a custody sharing agreement with her daughter's father. Complainant alleges that she was told by the father that she could keep the child past the agreed upon time. Complainant alleges that Officers 1 and 2 arrived at her home during this time and told her that the father wanted her to hand over the child. Complainant alleges that she initially tried to demonstrate that the father gave permission for her to keep the child but eventually complied and released the child. Complainant alleges that the officers were "very accusatory" and "brash." Complainant alleges that the daughter cried throughout the encounter.</p> |
| 10 | Sent to coaching – No coaching or policy violation | <p>5-105(14) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant's car was allegedly stolen and she went to the precinct to report it. The complainant alleges that the officers were very rude to her, used disrespectful language, and refused to assist her in filing a stolen vehicle report.</p> |