

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Public Case Synopses

September 2014

	Outcome	Description
1	Investigated, Dismissed – Failure to Cooperate	<p>5-104 Impartial Policing 5-105(10) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges she saw her uncle in the back of a squad car while driving. Complainant alleges she stopped her car and asked why. Complainant alleges she overheard an undercover officer in a red shirt talking about "planting something." Complainant alleges she tried to follow the squad as it drove off because she "didn't want him to be dropped off in a dangerous area." Complainant alleges she saw the squad exit the alley and she exited the vehicle to see if the officers had her uncle. Complainant alleges that an officer pulled up, stopped her and her niece, and ordered them to put their hands behind their backs. Complainant alleges that he grabbed and twisted her arm. Complainant alleges that she asked to have the officer put the handcuffs on in the front "because of a disability" but the officer refused. Complainant alleges he took their cell phones "to get a search warrant" for the phones. Complainant alleges she was called dumb and that she was being a b*tch. Complainant alleges that after the officers ran her name, she was released. Complainant alleges she was walking down the street away from the squad when an officer got on the loudspeaker and called out, "b*tch" and drove away.</p>
2	Investigated, Dismissed – No Jurisdiction	<p>5-301 Excessive Force Complainant alleges he was assaulted by a horse mounted officer causing injury to his head and neck.</p>
3	Sent to Coaching, No Policy Violation/Coaching	<p>5-106 On-Duty Code of Conduct 5-105(3) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant alleges that she and three women were robbed on the street. Complainant alleges that she called 911 and waited an hour and a half to receive a response (it should be noted that the Visinet indicates that the Officer's response time was approximately 30 minutes). Complainant alleges that when Officer 1 responded, she did not ask for details about the incident, did not speak with the victim of the assault, and did not write down any information provided by the Complainant. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 did not exit her squad car during the encounter and had the Complainant stand outside in the cold.</p>
4	Investigated, Dismissed – No Basis	<p>5-104 Impartial Policing Complainant alleges he was pulled over for running a red light when he had not run the light, and believes that he was pulled over solely because he was a young, black man with dread[locks]. Complainant also alleges that that the Officers were harassing him because of his race by pulling over the Complainant.</p>

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5	Dismissed – No Basis	<p>5-104 Impartial Policing Complainant alleges that he has been repeatedly harassed by Officer 1. Complainant alleges that he has been stopped by Officer 1 approximately 15 times in the past year. Complainant was a passenger in his niece's vehicle when it was recently stopped. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 accused him of having stolen vehicles, talked about his sex offender registry status, and searched the vehicles. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 looked in the back seat after detaining the passengers for 30 minutes and noticed that Complainant and his niece were not wearing seatbelts. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 told Complainant's niece to put on her seatbelt. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 stated, "now I got you on a charge, you aren't wearing a seat belt. Hang tight, I'm going to get you a ticket."</p>
6	Investigated – Dismissed, No Jurisdiction	<p>5-105(3) Professional Code of Conduct 9-200(III)(C)(2) Search and Seizure (Dwellings) A warrant was served at Complainant's residence. Complainant was 9 months pregnant when the warrant was served. Complainant alleges that she was handcuffed and made to lie on her stomach on a tile floor for 10 minutes. Complainant alleges that they "attempted" to shoot her puppy. Complainant alleges that her children were put in "restraints." Complainant alleges that an officer punched a hole in her wall and stepped on her tablet.</p>
7	Sent to Coaching, No Policy Violation, Officer Coached	<p>5-104 Impartial Policing Complainant alleges that Officer 1 responded to a call regarding a stolen car. Complainant's brother was accused of sexually assaulting a woman and she left in the car. Complainant went to the woman's house to retrieve it, and Officer 1 arrived. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 made a number of inappropriate comments after Complainant refused to leave the area, threatened to arrest him for trespassing, put him in the squad car, and drove him several blocks before releasing him.</p>
8	Sent to Coaching, No Policy Violation, No Coaching, Referred	<p>5-105(2) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant called to report a suspected burglary in progress. Officers did not arrive at the scene to address the report until thirty minutes later. Homeowner, upon returning home soon thereafter, reported that a burglary had taken place at the residence. Units quickly responded to homeowner call.</p>
9	Investigated, Dismissed – Failure to Cooperate	<p>5-104 Impartial Policing Complainant alleges that niece of Complainant and another Juvenile (both 11 years of age) were arrested, driven to their residence less than 1 block away, and cited for curfew violation for being out past 9:00PM on a Monday night. The Juveniles were picked up at about 4-5 houses down from their residence. Complainant alleges that her niece and the juvenile were only cited because they are Latino.</p>
10	Dismissed – No Basis	<p>5-105(3) Impartial Policing 5-301 Excessive Force Complainant was a passenger in a vehicle stopped for possibly being linked to a theft earlier that day. Complainant alleges he was arrested under false pretenses. Complainant also alleges that officers ordered him to lift his hands above his head and squeezed his stomach hard before roughly placing him in a squad car. Complainant states he had had appendix surgery before the incident.</p>