

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Public Case Synopses

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	Case	Outcome	Description
1	13-xxxx	Sent for Coaching	<p>5-104 IMPARTIAL POLICING Complainant alleges he was stopped by Officer 1 for failing to signal a turn when he actually signaled. Complainant alleges Officer 1 yelled at him and made him wait for over 30 minutes "waiting to see if [Complainant] would get irritated and [the officer] could dream up a charge on [the complainant]."</p>
2	13-xxxx	Investigated – Submitted to Panel – Chief Exonerated Officers	<p>5-105(2) PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT Complainant and Civilian Witness 1 were in a vehicle that was struck by bullets in a drive-by shooting. Complainant alleged that Officer 1 responded and used excessive force by pushing Complainant into the squad's rear passenger door, used excessive force by pushing Complainant upon his release causing him to fall to the ground, and kept complainant's money totaling \$1200.00.</p>
3	13-xxxx	Sent for Coaching	<p>5-104 IMPARTIAL POLICING Complainant alleges that he was arrested and booked for trespassing. Complainant alleges that he was on public property. Complainant alleges that the arresting officer, Officer 1, asked him to file a complaint, "because he like[sic.] the attention and they're not going to do anything." Complainant alleges that Officer 1 referenced another complaint against Officer 2. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 told him the Officer 2 told him about the complaint and how "Internal Affairs was playing games" and mocked his cousin and niece for selling their bodies. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 told him he can make up charges again "just like this one."</p>
4	13-xxxx	Dismissed – no basis	<p>5-104 IMPARTIAL POLICING Complainant alleges that he and his girlfriend were cleaning dishes. Complainant alleges she informed him that officers arrived with his girlfriend's daughter, and he went to the door. Complainant alleges officers asked what was "going on." Complainant alleges that the officer stated that they were there "to make sure things go smooth." Complainant alleges that he did not respond and heard his girlfriend's daughter yelling "nasty" things from outside. Complainant alleges he went out and "said some unpleasant things to her" and went inside. Complainant alleges that he told his girlfriend to tell her daughter that he would drive his girlfriend home. Complainant went downstairs "to keep from getting into something [he] may regret." When he went upstairs, everyone left.</p>
5	13-xxxx	Sent for Coaching	<p>5-105 PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT Complainant witnessed an accident between two vehicles. Complainant called for police service, and Officer 1 arrived. Complainant alleges Officer 1 asked one of the people involved in the accident, an older white man, if he was hurt. The Complainant alleges that the officer then began to "get into the younger black gentleman's face," "yelling at him for his license." Complainant alleges that the younger black man "was treated like a lesser human being and was belittled the entire time." Complainant alleges that the officer asked him if he saw the event, and the complainant stated that he "heard the black man's (going west on []) car T-bone the white man's car... from [his] point of view, the accident was not the fault of the younger black man." Complainant alleges the officer stated, "you can go now" and left without getting the Complainant's contact information.</p>

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6	13-xxxx	Sent for Coaching	<p>5-105(2) PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT Complainant alleges she was attacked repeatedly by Suspect, her cousin, in her home. Complainant alleges that when she called for police service, the officers refused to provide assistance. Complainant called 911 again, and Officer 1 responded. Complainant alleges he was aggressive, would not listen, and would not take a report. Complainant alleges that Suspect returned four hours later and attacked her again, did serious damage to her property, and threatened to kill her. Complainant alleges she was bleeding when officers arrived and they refused to take a report.</p>
7	14-xxxx	Dismissed – no basis	<p>5-105(2) PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT Complainant alleges she is being stalked and harassed by a man she met on the internet. Complainant alleges that the man has broken into her home and left items sexual in nature. Complainant alleges that the stalker sexually assaulted her. Complainant alleges that she was told by Officer 1 that “leaving [sexually inappropriate] things wasn’t a crime,” that the DNA lab that would analyze evidence “was backed up with real crimes,” and that because she had a “consensual online relationship to begin with . . . it would be difficult for [Complainant] to prove that [entering her home] wasn’t consensual.” Complainant felt that Officer 1 was “dismissive, demeaning, and sexist.”</p>
8	13-xxxx	Dismissed – no basis	<p>5-104 IMPARTIAL POLICING Complainant pulled to the side of the road in his vehicle to answer a text message. Complainant alleges that he signaled when he did so. Officers 1 and 2 pulled behind him and activated their squad lights. It was determined that Complainant did not have insurance or a valid driver's license. Complainant states that the officers "were very thoughtful and kind and did not harass [him] at all" but simply wants "an answer as to why [he] was pulled over in the first place." The squad recording confirms that Complainant did not signal when he came to a stop at the curb.</p>
9	13-xxxx	Sent for Coaching	<p>5-105(10) PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT Complainant alleges that Officer 1 stopped him as he rode his bike against traffic on a one-way street. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 asked "what the f*ck [he] was doing." Complainant alleges that Officer 1 told him he could not ride against traffic on a one-way, and he responded, "I didn't know I couldn't." Complainant alleges that Officer 1 stated, "well since you wanna[sic] f*ck*ng get smart about it, give me you're[sic] f*ck*ng I.D." Complainant alleges he gave Officer 1 her ID and accused Officer 1 of racial profiling because Officer 1 did not stop a second person riding his bike during the stop. Complainant alleges Officer 1 stated, "I'll show you racial profiling" and got in his squad car. Complainant alleges he told Officer 1 that he was late for class, and Officer 1 gave him a thumbs up. Complainant alleges that after 15 minutes, Officer 1 exited his squad and "started verbal[sic] abusing me [him] more."</p>
10	13-xxxx	Sent for Coaching	<p>5-105(2) PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT Complainant called police after witnessing two individuals fighting in the street. Officers arrived ~15-20 minutes later and the individuals causing the disturbance were still on site. Complainant told the officer what she witnessed, and she alleges the officer stated, "Well, fighting [mutual combatants] isn't illegal."</p>