

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Public Case Synopses

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	Outcome	Description
1	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 dreadlocks. Complainant also alleges that that the Officers were harassing him because of his race by pulling the Complainant over.</p>
2	Dismissed - Failure to State a Claim	Complainant submitted 13 complaints regarding a “Strange presence like is starting to Come[sic.] on.” Complainant alleges that this makes him manic. Complainant states that it appears that “someone wants [him] to stay active and with the Minneapolis Police Department. . . . for the remainder of the summer.”
3	Coached – Officer Coached	<p>5-105 (15) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant is an employee of a secured facility (detox). Complainant alleges that Officer 1 transported an individual to the facility. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 was not in view of the camera outside the facility when he attempted to enter. Complainant alleges that she requested his name several times and he did not comply. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 eventually identified himself and "used a few choice words." Complainant alleges that she informed Officer 1 that his actions "were unprofessional and uncalled for." Complainant alleges that Officer 1 aggressively asked, "were you the one being difficult" when he entered the facility. Complainant alleges reiterated her perception of Officer 1's behavior, and Officer 1 replied, "shut up young lady. . . be quiet little girl . . . zip it!" Complainant alleges that this behavior went on for several minutes. Complainant alleges that she requested he stop calling her "young lady" and provided Officer 1 her name. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 continued to call her "young lady."</p>
4	Investigated, Review Panel Found no Merit, Chief issued Training	<p>5-301 Use of Force Complainant in this matter is the mother of an eighteen year old male who is reported to be diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome [a form of autism]. MECC received a call from a representative of a neighboring police department requesting assistance in locating a runaway female juvenile. The runaway was reported to be in the presence of Suspect 1. This information was broadcast to Precinct [] squad cars. Officers 1 and 2 were working together in Squad [] and started to the address given. At the same time, the Complainant and her son were engaged in a dispute inside their home (four houses away from Suspect 1's home). Complainant's son left the residence because he feared his mother was going to call 911 to report his behavior. While Complainant's son was walking along Lowry Avenue NE, near Grand Street NE, Officers 1 and 2 approached in their squad car. The officers drove alongside Complainant's son and asked him to stop to talk to them. Complainant's son ran away. Both officers chased Complainant's son on foot. After Officer 1 fell down, Officer 2 continued to give chase. Officer 2 caught up with Complainant's son when Complainant's son ran into his residence. Officer 2 physically removed Complainant's son from the residence, took him to the ground, and placed him into handcuffs. Officer 1 arrived at the location and assisted in taking Complainant's son into custody.</p>

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5	Dismissed - No Basis	<p>5-105(2) Professional Code Of Conduct Officers responded to a noise complaint/public intoxication called in by Complainant. Complainant alleges that she gave the officers the address where the noise was coming from and the direction the individuals went, but that nothing was done about the noise.</p>
6	Coached, Policy Violation	<p>5-105(10) Professional Code Of Conduct Witness and her children came to the [] Precinct to file a complaint and spoke to the officer working at the desk. Officer 1 approached and asked "what are they doing here?" After words were exchanged, Officer 1 told the desk officer, "You get those kids out of here right now. They are not welcome at the police station." Officer 1 stated in his interview with [OPCR Investigators] that he did "start the confrontation" and that "If they want to make some kind of complaint against us. . . go down to Internal Affairs." Officer 1 stated that he referred to the children as "little pukers"</p>
7	Investigated, Dismissed - Failure to Cooperate	<p>5-104 Impartial Policing Complainant alleges that Officers 1 and 2 are constantly watching them, causing fear amongst family members and harassing Complainant and her husband. Complainant alleges that the officers kicked in her door and arrested her husband without cause. Complainant alleges that her husband was on house arrest during the time officers allege he committed a criminal act. Her husband was wearing an ankle monitor that restricts him to the house.</p>
8	Closed-Dismissed - No Basis	<p>5-104 Impartial Policing Complainant was pulled over for allegedly picking up passengers in Minneapolis without a Minneapolis taxi license. Complainant alleges that Officers 1 and 2 roughly pulled him out of his taxi when he did not immediately exit the vehicle upon their request when a tow truck arrived, even though he had explained that he needed to tell his cab company dispatch what was happening to his cab. Complainant also alleges that he was pushed against the squad car and immediately arrested for obstructing legal process. Complainant alleges that Officers 1 and 2 would not have been rude and he would not have been treated this way, but for his race and foreign accent.</p>
9	Sent to Coaching, No Policy Violation or Coaching	<p>5-105(10) Professional Code Of Conduct Complainant alleges that sometime in late January or early February, he was at the Higher Ground Shelter when he encountered Officer 1. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 shouted out, "[Complainant is] a sex offender. He's a rapist. He do kids." Complainant alleges that he "had words" with Officer 1 and became upset. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 grabbed Complainant and removed him from the shelter. Complainant alleges he is constantly harassed by Officer 1 who is sometimes accompanied by Officer 2.</p>
10	Investigated, Dismissed - No Basis	<p>5-105 (15) Professional Code of Conduct Complainant was stopped for expired tabs. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 informed her that he intended to tow her car, and when she asked how she should get home, he yelled at her, stating, "it isn't my problem, call a cab or a friend, just give me your keys." Complainant alleges that she asked if she could provide a different key because her house key was on the ring he requested, and Officer 1 screamed at her. Complainant alleges that he continued to scream at her while waiting for the tow truck. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 frisked her twice, frisked her friend twice, told her friend to leave and put Complainant in the squad car. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 searched her vehicle four times and grabbed her purse, searching it twice during the encounter. Complainant felt unsafe in the area where she was stopped at night and asked Officer 1 if he would wait for her until her ride arrived. Complainant alleges that he ignored her and left.</p>

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