

## POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

## Public Case Synopses

June 2014

	Outcome	Description
1	Dismissed – No Jurisdiction	<p><b>5-105 PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT</b>  Complainant was leaving a restaurant during the evening of the first UMN riot. When Complainant left the establishment, he alleges that a "rubber pellet gun or some other form of firearm" was aimed at him. Complainant alleges he was threatened with jail.</p>
2	Investigated - Withdrawn	<p><b>5-301 USE OF FORCE</b>  Complainant alleges that officers "jumped on [his] back and punched [him] in the head and in the face." Complainant alleges that his "head is busted" and that his knee "is swollen." Complainant was arrested after a short motor vehicle and foot chase.</p>
3	Dismissed – No basis	<p><b>5-105 PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT</b>  Complainant's nephew was the target of an operation designed to recover stolen property taken during a burglary. Three officers posed as buyers of the stolen property and entered Complainant's home. When officers began to arrest Complainant's nephew, they did not identify themselves as officers. When Complainant told the officers she was calling the police, they took the phone from her hand and did not identify themselves as officers. Soon thereafter, the officers were able to communicate with Complainant and explain the situation.</p>
4	Investigated – Dismissed, failure to cooperate	<p><b>5-104 IMPARTIAL POLICING</b>  Complainant alleges he was in front of a liquor store. Complainant alleges he encountered an employee sitting outside on a break and began talking to her. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 was talking to another individual nearby. Complainant alleges that he made a comment about this to the store employee, and Officer 1 approached him and asked for his ID. Complainant alleges that he asked why, and Officer 1 threatened to tase him three times. Complainant alleges he received a ticket for loitering, begging, and trespassing. Complainant alleges his bicycle which was not returned.</p>
5	Dismissed - No basis	<p><b>5-301 USE OF FORCE</b>  Complainant alleges that Officer 1 threw the Complainant to the ground and punched him the face repeatedly when he was not resisting the officer. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 shouted, "you motherf*cker" while punching the Complainant in the face.</p>
6	Dismissed – No basis	<p><b>5-105(2) PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT</b>  Complainant was at an auto shop attempting to get quotes for tire repair. Complainant alleges that he had a minor dispute with an employee. Complainant alleges that as he attempted to leave in his vehicle, the two exchanged words. Complainant alleges that the employee walked to Complainant's vehicle and hit him in the nose while he was still bucked into the car. Complainant called for police service, and Officer 1 responded. Complainant alleges that after briefly detaining the employee, he was released with no consequences. Complainant alleges that the officers left after providing a blue card. Complainant went to the hospital and learned he had a broken nose as a result of the punch.</p>

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7	Dismissed – No Basis	<p><b>5-104 IMPARTIAL POLICING</b>                      Complainant alleges that he is being harassed about an individual that he does not know. A CAPRS report exists from the date in question that lists both the individual and Complainant, and lists Complainant as a possible alias of suspect. Complainant alleges that he has BCA paperwork demonstrating that he is not the individual.</p>
8	Coached – officer coached	<p><b>5-105 PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT</b>                      The Complainant alleges that Officer 1 harassed him in a courtroom. The Complainant asked for a translator, and when the judge left the courtroom, Officer 1 stated “you are a taxi driver and you should speak English.” Officer 1 allegedly threatened the Complainant by stating that he would speak with the city inspector because the Complainant should not be allowed to work as a taxi driver.</p>
9	Dismissed – No basis	<p><b>5-104 IMPARTIAL POLICING</b>                      Complainant alleges that he has been repeatedly harassed by members of a specialized unit. Complainant alleges that they have planted drugs in his car and arrested him without probable cause. Complainant identified three instances.</p>
10	Dismissed – Referred	<p><b>5-105 PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT</b>                      Police responded to a domestic at Complainant's residence after her boyfriend called for service. Officers 1 and 2 arrested her for a 5th degree domestic. Complainant is legally blind, and Complainant alleges that she was not allowed to take her walking cane or any adaptive means to assist her with her visual impairment. Complainant alleges that when she arrived at jail, she was inappropriately groped by a female officer. The officer was determined to be HCJ staff, not MPD.</p>