

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Public Case Synopses

November 2013

| | Case | Outcome | Description and Primary Policy Implicated |
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| 1 | 13-xxxxx | Investigated - Dismissed, Failure to Cooperate | <p>5-301 USE OF FORCE This complaint was filed by the Complainant on behalf of her minor child (Complainant 2). Officers 1 and 2 responded to a "person with a gun" call. Upon arrival, the officers came in contact with Complainant 2, who let the officers into the apartment building. Complainant 2 and Witness 1 were ordered to accompany the officers upstairs. A struggle ensued between Complainant 2 and the officers and force was used against Complainant 2. Complainant 2 was arrested for obstructing legal process and later transported to MPD Juvenile Unit for processing.</p> |
| 2 | 13-xxxxx | Coached | <p>5-105(14) PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT Complainant alleges that s/he witnessed Officers 1 and 2 respond to a fight between two men. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 provoked one of the fighters, instigating another fight. Complainant alleges s/he did so by getting in the fighter's face and pushing him.</p> |
| 3 | 13-xxxxx | Investigated - Successfully Mediated | <p>5-105(14) PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT 5-104 IMPARTIAL POLICING Complainant alleges that s/he was stopped by officers in a squad. Complainant alleges that when Complainant asked what s/he was being stopped for, the officer replied, "we'll find something." Complainant alleges that s/he was given a citation for not having a license plate light but alleges that s/he saw it working recently. Complainant alleges that s/he stated to the officers, "[you] must feel tough with [your] guns and badges," and the officer told the complainant to meet him/her after work so he can show the complainant "what tough is."</p> |
| 4 | 13-xxxxx | Coached | <p>5-104 IMPARTIAL POLICING Complainant alleges s/he was harassed by Officer 1 while downtown walking a service dog. The dog is not required to wear a leash per the leash ordinance, but Officer 1 threatened to arrest Complainant.</p> |
| 5 | 12-xxxxx | Investigated – Dismissed, No Basis | <p>5-301 USE OF FORCE Complainant alleges that Officers 1 and 2 attempted to lure Complainant out of Complainant's home by offering a free turkey dinner. Complainant alleges that when s/he exited the dwelling, officers stuck their service weapons in Complainant's face. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 used Excessive Force when s/he "threw" Complainant face down onto the ground and dropped a knee into the Complainant's back before handcuffing Complainant. Complainant alleges s/he was arrested without cause.</p> |
| 6 | 13-xxxxx | Dismissed, No jurisdiction | <p>5-105(3) PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT Complainant alleges that the Minneapolis Police Department has been stalking Complainant for several months. Complainant alleges that whenever s/he is in the city, there is always a large police presence. Complainant alleges that a young police officer mouthed to Complainant as s/he passed in a patrol car, "we are going to get you." No dates could be provided. Complainant alleges the back window of Complainant's vehicle was shot out of her car while it was parked outside of Minneapolis. Complainant attributes this to the police department but has no evidence to support the theory. Complainant believes this is because s/he is an activist.</p> |
| 7 | 13-xxxxx | Dismissed – Failure to State a Claim | <p>Complainant fought with a woman and police were summoned to the scene. The other party left before officers arrived. Complainant alleges that "somehow her claims outweighed [Complainant's claims]." Complainant was arrested for an unrelated outstanding warrant.</p> |

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| 8 | 13-xxxxx | Coached | <p>5-105(3) PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <p>Complainant alleges that two officers came to Complainant's home to get items for his/her "ex." Complainant alleges that s/he did not invite them in and they took Complainant outside. Complainant alleges that they did not explain what was going on and would not allow Complainant to make a call. Complainant alleges Officer 1 took her phone. Complainant alleges that Officers 1 and 2 allowed her ex to go through the apartment. Complainant alleges that they let Complainant go with her ex still in her apartment. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 looked through Complainant's phone without permission. Complainant alleges that throughout the encounter, the officers would not explain what was happening.</p> |
| 9 | 13-xxxxx | Dismissed – Failure to State a Claim | <p>Complainant alleges that a car followed Complainant while s/he walked her dog. Complainant alleges s/he called 911 who told her that the car was legally parked. An officer arrived on the scene and determined that the car was legally parked and unoccupied.</p> |
| 10 | 13-xxxxx | Successfully Mediated | <p>5-105(15) PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <p>Complainant was stopped by Officers 1 and 2 due to snow obstructing the vehicle's rear window. Officer 1 spoke with Complainant, requesting identification. Complainant asked why s/he was stopped, and an argument ensued. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 told Complainant s/he would be arrested if s/he did not produce identification. Complainant stated s/he would not produce it and to arrest Complainant. Officer 1 told Complainant to get out of the car, and he and his partner handcuffed Complainant. Further arguments ensued. Complainant was eventually released with a citation. Complainant alleges that Officer 1 was rude and disrespectful throughout the interaction.</p> |