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CASE # 2020-20890 | OFFICER: Billard | DPSST: 45665 | ☐ AMENDED

DATE: 06/26/2020 | TIME: 12:30 AM | ASSIGNMENT: CENTRAL

LOCATION: NE MLK & Killingsworth

NAME (LAST, FIRST M)	GENDER	RACE	DATE OF BIRTH
Doe, Jane	FEMALE	WHITE	MM/DD/YYYY

TYPE OF CALL - REASON FOR CONTACT

☐ SUBJECT STOP ☒ PERSON CRIME ☒ PROPERTY CRIME ☐ ADMINISTRATIVE ☐ INJURED ANIMAL

☐ TRAFFIC STOP ☒ OTHER ☐ MERE CONVERSATION ☐ WELFARE CHECK DOMESTIC RELATED? NO

EXPLAIN

I was assigned as a squad leader to Central C Shift Mobile Field Force. We were activated to respond to a large crowd that was involved in an unlawful assembly at North Precinct. From approximately 9:00pm until midnight, the crowd of several hundred surrounded North precinct. Several protesters tried to ram garbage dumpsters through the parking garage bay doors. The crowd made announcements via an amplified sound device that their intent was to occupy and/or burn down the building. The incident commander declared the event an unlawful assembly. The sound truck made annoucements over their P.A. for the crowd to disperse to the north and west. They were given multiple warnings that if they remained at the location they would be subject to arrest and use of force.

After approximately 30 minutes of warnings from the sound truck, we were instructed by the incident commander to move the crowd away from the building. As we moved the crowd away from the building, we used the crowd control technique of walking slowly on a line formation and using our PR-24s to push people out of the area. After this was accomplished and the south side of the precinct was secured, the crowd began to throw glass bottles and rocks at myself and other officers on the line. One protester moved quickly around the corner of the building and dumped a jug of brown liquid over my helmet and face shield. I briefly could not see and had to withdraw to clean my shield. Several people in the crowd used green lasers to blind us. Multiple mortars were thrown at us from suspects inside of the crowd. Due to the size of the crowd and their similarities in dress (wearing all black with face masks) I was not able to see who specifically was throwing the objects.

It was then reported over the radio that several protesters had lit a fire at the north side of the building. As the fire continued to grow we were informed the building itself was being threatened. The incident commander said clearly over the air that the incident had become a life safety event and the use of chemical munitions was authorized.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTACT

☒ REASONABLE SUSPICION ☐ WARRANT/JUDICIAL DECREE ☐ OTHER

☒ PROBABLE CAUSE ☐ CIVIL HOLD ☒ CIVIL UNREST

EXPLAIN

The event had been declared an unlawful assembly by the incident commander. Multiple dispersal orders had been given by the sound truck for subjects to leave the area.

CONDITION PRIOR TO FORCE

☒ ARMED (ACTUALLY) [redacted] MENTAL HEALTH INFLUENCE (PERCEIVED) ☐ PASSIVE RESISTANCE*

☒ REPORTED TO BE ARMED ☐ UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS ☒ ENGAGED IN PHYSICAL RESISTANCE

☒ ARMED (PERCEIVED) ☐ UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL ☐ OTHER ☐ NONE

EXPLAIN

The crowd was engaged in active aggression against police. Members in the crowd were armed with shields, and projectiles. They had thrown multiple flammable objects and glass bottles at us. Several protesters had lit large fires; one of which was threatening North Precinct.

PERCEIVED CONDITION FOR LACK OF COMPLIANCE PRIOR TO FORCE

[redacted] MEDICAL CONDITIONS [redacted] DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ☒ DISOBEDIENT / ANTAGONISTIC ☐ OTHER

[redacted] MENTAL IMPAIRMENT [redacted] MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS ☐ LANGUAGE BARRIER [redacted] PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS

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☐ IMPAIRED FROM DRUGS OR ALCOHOL OR BOTH

EXPLAIN

Both suspects I contacted were hostile and aggressive. The demeanor of the crowd was extremely violent toward us. They came prepared with weapons and shields to use against police. They shouted "kill cops" and other threatening slogans throughout the incident.

MENTAL HEALTH

[redacted] NONE [redacted] PRIOR TO FORCE KNOWLEDGE [redacted] POST FORCE KNOWLEDGE [redacted] OTHER

EXPLAIN

I did not perceive any mental health influence.

SPECIALTY UNITS

YES, WHICH ONES? SPECIALTY UNITS INVOLVED?

WHICH SPECIALTY UNITS?

Demonstration Officers, RRT, sound truck

DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES

YES DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES WERE ATTEMPTED OR USED?

EXPLAIN WHY NO DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES WERE USED/ATTEMPTED OR DESCRIBE TECHNIQUES USED/ATTEMPTED

The sound truck made annoucements for 30 minutes prior to our move to clear the crowd away from the building. The warnings from Sgt. Tyler in the sound truck were clear and audible. He specifically said the event was an unlawful assembly and to leave the area. We gave the crowd 30 minutes to move away from the precinct voluntarily. The crowd yelled and back to us that they were not leaving. I heard several protesters yell for the group to stay together. After the event was declared a life safety event, the sound truck gave specific announcements regarding the use of chemical munitions being authorized for those engaged in illegal activity.

USE OF FORCE WAS NECESSARY TO

☒ PREVENT OR TERMINATE THE COMMISSION OF AN OFFENSE.

☐ LAWFULLY TAKE A PERSON INTO CUSTODY, MAKE AN ARREST, OR PREVENT AN ESCAPE.

☐ PREVENT A SUICIDE OR SERIOUS SELF-INFLICTED INJURY.

☒ DEFEND THE MEMBER OR OTHER PERSON FROM THE USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE.

☐ ACCOMPLISH SOME OFFICIAL PURPOSE OR DUTY THAT IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW OR JUDICIAL DECREE.

CHRONOLOGICAL USE OF FORCE

	RESISTANCE	WARNING	FORCE	TARGET LOCATION	RESISTANCE CONTINUED	RE-EVALUATE
+ -	PHYSICAL RESIST	YES	CONTROL AGAINST RESISTANCE	TORSO	YES	YES

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

While initially pushing the crowd away from the precinct, a female subject was refusing to move with the crowd. She stood her ground in the street and shouted "fuck you!" repeatedly while holding her phone out to film us. As our line formation moved toward her, she maintained her position. As I came in contact with her in an effort to move her from the area (using the trained crowd control tactic of pushing with one hand on either end of my PR-24), she refused to move. I pushed against her resistance and she pushed back. My weight shifted back and I ordered her repeatedly to "move". She refused to move and I pushed her approximately four more times to keep her moving. She eventually caught up with the crowd.

	RESISTANCE	WARNING	FORCE	TARGET LOCATION	RESISTANCE CONTINUED	RE-EVALUATE

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+ -	ACTIVE AGGRESS	YES	CHEMICAL AGENT	FACE	NO, EXPLAIN	YES

CHEMICAL AGENT	DEPLOYMENT	DISTANCE
OC	SPRAY CAN	10-15 feet

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

After the incident commander had declared the event an unlawful assembly and authorized chemical munitions in response to a fire that was burning on the north side of North Precinct, our Mobile Field Force was assisting RRT in moving the crowd north on MLK Blvd. As I approached the intersection at Killingsworth, I looked to my right and observed a large fire next to the exterior wall of North Precinct. I did not see any other fire threatening the building so I believed this was the fire referred to over the radio. I observed a female suspect ducking down behind the dumpster as officers moved through the intersection. She then stood up and began to stoke the flames with a stick or similar object. I could see the flames growing in the dumpster. The suspect was the only person near the fire. The closest person to her was approximately 20 feet away.

Based on the immediate threat of danger to the occupied precinct and observing a suspect contributing to arson, I deployed a burst of OC spray from my cannister from approximately 10-15 feet away to her face. The suspect brought her hands up to shield her face and ran away east bound on Killingsworth. I did not see her again. The sound truck had made multiple announcements to disperse the area or be subject to chemical munitions.

YES — WHEN THE RESISTANCE DECREASED, I REDUCED MY AMOUNT OF FORCE TO A LEVEL REASONABLY CALCULATED TO MAINTAIN CONTROL.

DESCRIBE WHY OTHER FORCE OPTIONS WERE REASONABLY CONSIDERED BUT NOT USED:

I was in a line formation in close proximity with other officers. Pepper spray would have cross contaminated other officers.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORCE YOU OBSERVED OTHER OFFICERS USE:

I observed multiple uses of the less lethal 40mm and chemical munitions; however, I could not tell who was doing it because all of the officers were wearing gas masks.

SUBJECT INJURY AND/OR TREATMENT

	TYPE OF INJURY	OBSERVATION	LOCATION OF INJURY	INJURY ATTRIBUTED TO	INJURY TREATMENT
+ -	[redacted]				

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT, APPARENT, PRE-EXISTING INJURY OR ABSENCE OF INJURY:

[redacted]

THE SUBJECT WAS MEDICALLY CLEARED FROM THE FORCE EVENT

THE SUBJECT WAS TRANSPORTED AND/OR ADMITTED BECAUSE OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

THE SUBJECT WAS TRANSPORTED AND/OR ADMITTED FOR DRUGS/ALCOHOL

WITNESS

☐ I ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE WITNESSES AND NONE WERE LOCATED.

☐ _____ ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE WITNESSES AND NONE WERE LOCATED

☐ WITNESSES WERE LOCATED BUT THEY REFUSED TO GIVE THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION AND A DESCRIPTION OF THEM IS IN THE SECTION BELOW.

WITNESS INFORMATION: NAME OR DESCRIPTION (IF NAME REFUSED) AND MEMBER WHO LOCATED:

During a protest where a crowd is involved in active aggression against police, it is not feasible to locate witnesses to be interviewed.

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MEMBER INJURY

[redacted] WAS INJURED DURING THIS INCIDENT

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE	DPSST		RANK	NAME
Susan Billard	45665	EMAILED TO	SGT	Butcher

**********SUPERVISORS ONLY**********

APPROVED BY:	Kristine Butcher	DPSST:	43866

PSD: ONLY PERCEIVED MENTALLY ILL	PSD: ONLY SERIOUS USE OF FORCE	PSD: BOTH A SERIOUS USE OF FORCE ON A SUBJECT WITH PERCEIVED MENTAL ILLNESS		**SERGEANT:** SUBMIT FINAL COPY TO RECORDS