Force Data Collection Report

CASE # 2020-20308 | OFFICER Rethmeier | DPSST 55243 | ☐ AMENDED

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

LOCATION: North Precinct and Immediate Surrounding Area

NAME (LAST, FIRST M)	GENDER	RACE	DATE OF BIRTH
Baldwin, Olive	FEMALE	WHITE	02/27/1998

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 to a mobile field force with Central C shift as a less lethal operator, responding to a protest at North Precinct. Over the course of the last month, demonstrations have become increasingly violent towards police. The protest was designated an unlawful assembly and dispersal orders were given to the crowd over multiple hours. I observed violent person and property crimes occur.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTACT

☐ REASONABLE SUSPICION ☐ WARRANT/JUDICIAL DECREE ☐ OTHER

☒ PROBABLE CAUSE ☐ CIVIL HOLD ☒ CIVIL UNREST

EXPLAIN

Contact occurred after the protest was designated an unlawful assembly and multiple dispersal orders were given. We were supporting other MFFs and RRT members in pushing the crowd away from the North precinct building. I personally observed crimes occur during this event.

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 armed with projectiles, shields, and improvised explosives. Multiple protesters engaged in physical resistance and active aggression towards officers.

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

☐ IMPAIRED FROM DRUGS OR ALCOHOL OR BOTH

EXPLAIN

The crowd was hostile and antagonistic. Multiple dispersal orders had been given by the sound truck. Announcements had been made that behaviors such as throwing objects at officers would be met with force. I have no further information on other conditions.

MENTAL HEALTH

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

[redacted]

SPECIALTY UNITS

YES, WHICH ONES? SPECIALTY UNITS INVOLVED?

Force Data Collection Report

CASE #	OFFICER	DPSST	
2020-203098	Rethmeier	55243	☐ AMENDED

WHICH SPECIALTY UNITS?

RRT, several MFFs and a sound truck were present.

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

Officers initially attempted to deescalate the situation when protesters arrived at the precinct. Officers did not engage the crowd and allowed them to erect barricades and vandalize the building without intervening. Another round of deescalation was attempted after our initial push of the crowd away from the building. The crowd moved a distance away and erected new barricades. Officers did not intervene or engage this crowd despite criminal activity and a large fire being lit in the intersection. Officers did not engage the crowd again until there was a life safety issue when the crowd lit part of the precinct on fire.

During all of this the sound truck provided multiple announcements in an attempt to get people to voluntarily leave the area once the event was considered a civil disturbance.

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
+ -	ACTIVE AGGRESS	YES	LAUNCHABLE IMPACT	LEFT LEG	YES	YES

IMPACT ROUNDS	DEPLOYMENT	DISTANCE
40 MM SPONGE (PATROL)	LAUNCHABLE	~20 ft

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

As officers were attempting to move the crowd away from the precinct and push them North onto NE MLK Blvd, a portion of the crowd engaged in active aggression and attacked officers. I observed an unidentified white male with a mask, a backpack, and a black shield pushing, hitting, and using his shield against an officer who was trying to push him Northbound on MLK. I launched a 40MM round from around 20 feet away into the subject's left thigh. I observed the round impact the subject's leg. The subject continued to struggle against officer, but I was forced to turn my attention away from the subject to address the portion of the crowd in front of me. I was unable to identify the subject I used the 40mm on due to being involved in an active and very violent crowd control situation.

	RESISTANCE	WARNING	FORCE	TARGET LOCATION	RESISTANCE CONTINUED	RE-EVALUATE
+ -	ACTIVE AGGRESS	YES	CONTROL AGAINST RESISTANCE	BOTH LEGS	YES	YES

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

Force Data Collection Report

CASE #	OFFICER	DPSST	
2020-203098	Rethmeier	55243	☐ AMENDED

I observed two officers struggling to subdue an unidentified subject in the street on NE MLK Blvd next to North precinct. The subject was white, with long dark hair, wearing dark clothing, jeans, and shin guards. I did not have a view of the subject's face and could not determine their gender. The subject was actively striking and pushing at officers while they were trying to arrest them. I placed my knees on the subject's legs and ankles to control their movements and prevent them from kicking officers or using their legs to gain leverage to continue resisting arrest. Other officers succeeded in placing the subject into handcuffs, but the subject continued to actively kick and thrash their body. Officers announced that we needed to move to subject into a holding cell at North precinct. We determined that we needed to carry the subject due to their continued fighting against our efforts. I carried the subject's feet while we carried them towards the precinct. The subject kicked and thrashed their body during our attempt to carry them. We had to stop and set the subject back on the ground partway towards the precinct due to their behavior. The subject responded by attempting to mule kick me in the head. I placed my knees back on their legs and ankles to prevent this from continuing. An unknown officer placed a hobble restraint around the subject's ankles. I again assisted in carrying the subject towards the precinct again by holding their legs. The subject continued to kick and thrash their body during this attempt. We needed to stop and set the subject down again in the garage as we entered the precinct due to their behavior. The subject again attempted to mule kick me in the head. I placed my knees on the subject's legs and ankles to prevent this. The subject complained about this and asked that I remove my knees. One of the officers near the subject's head asked if they would stop kicking if we did this. I heard the subject say "yes." In response, I removed my knees from the subject's legs and just held them down with my hands. The subject then immediately mule kicked towards my head and [redacted]. I again placed my knees on the subject's ankles and legs to prevent further kicking. We picked the subject up and carried them the rest of the way into the holding cell. I returned to my mobile field force after this event and was not able to identify the subject. I could not identify the other officers involved because of the chaotic scene, gas masks, and helmets.

	RESISTANCE	WARNING	FORCE	TARGET LOCATION	RESISTANCE CONTINUED	RE-EVALUATE
+ -	ACTIVE AGGRESS	YES	LAUNCHABLE IMPACT	STOMACH	NO, EXPLAIN	YES

IMPACT ROUNDS	DEPLOYMENT	DISTANCE
40 MM SPONGE (PATROL)	LAUNCHABLE	40 ft

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

I was attached to my mobile field force and we were moving the crowd North on NE MLK Blvd. I observed an unidentified subject wearing a mask, dark clothes, and a backpack running towards us with an unidentified object in his right hand. The object appeared similar to a bottle or chunk of rock or wood. I believed that this object was capable of causing serious harm to an officer, if thrown. The subject cocked his right arm in what appeared to be a throwing motion. I deployed one 40 mm less lethal round towards the subject's belt-line as they threw the object towards police officers. The subject turned and ran away northbound after this. I do not know if my less lethal round impacted the subject. I activated my flashlight on the less lethal launcher after I deployed it at the subject and the reflection of the light on smoke obscured the subject's belt-line and legs from me. I was unable to identify the subject due to the ongoing violent crowd control situation.

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:

The distance involved in my less lethal deployments meant that other force options were not available. I used the least amount of force possible to maintain control of the arrested subject and determined that other force options were not required to maintain control.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORCE YOU OBSERVED OTHER OFFICERS USE:

I observed Sgt. Billard use pepper spray on a subject who was throwing objects onto a fire which was in contact with North precinct. I also observed an unidentified officer place a hobble on the subject that I assisted in carrying to a holding cell in North precinct. I saw two other unidentified officers assist in carrying the subject to the holding cell and use force to maintain control against resistance. I was unable to identify these officers due to the chaotic nature of the event, wearing gas masks, and helmets.

SUBJECT INJURY AND/OR TREATMENT

Force Data Collection Report

CASE # 2020-20309 | OFFICER Rethmeier | DPSST 55243 | ☐ AMENDED

	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:

I was unable to contact any witnesses due to the ongoing hostile and violent crowd control situation. I observed many members of the public filming during the course of the event, but do not have contact information for them.

MEMBER INJURY

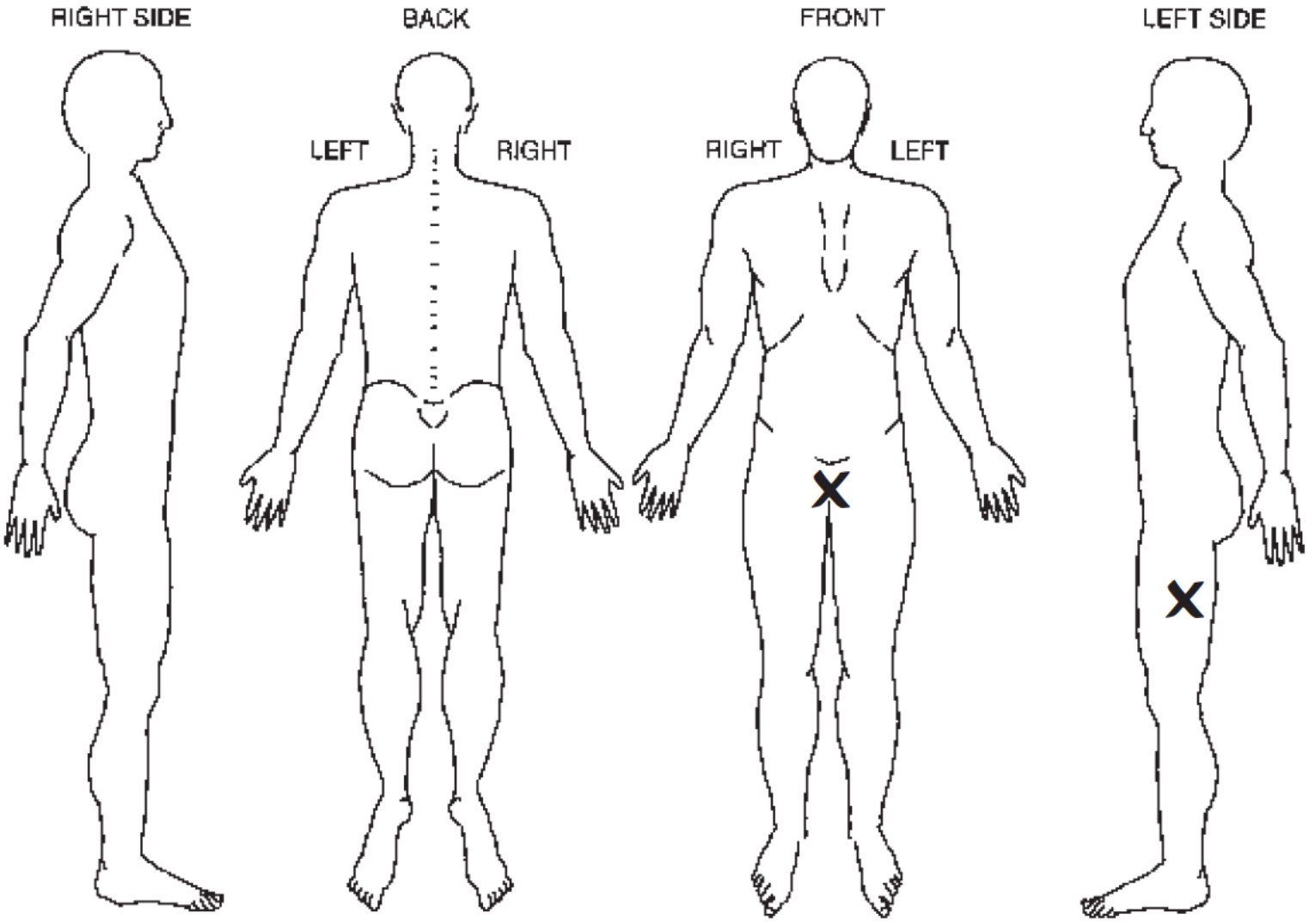
[redacted] **WAS INJURED DURING THIS INCIDENT**

	TYPE OF INJURY	LOCATION OF INJURY	INJURY ATTRIBUTED TO	TREATMENT	INJURY LOG?	DISABILITY PACKET COMPLETE
+ -	[redacted]					

Force Data Collection Report

CASE #	OFFICER	DPSST	
2020-203098	Rethmeier	55243	☐ AMENDED

CEW OR LAUNCHABLE IMPACT MUNITION LOCATIONS:



SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE	DPSST		RANK	NAME
Taylor Rethmeier	55243	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