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CASE # 2020-680613 | OFFICER Taylor | DPSST 51250 | ☐ AMENDED

DATE 06/06/2020 | TIME: 11:30 PM | ASSIGNMENT: RRT

LOCATION: SW 5th Ave/ W Salmon St (And then throughout downtown Portland

NAME (LAST, FIRST M)	GENDER	RACE	DATE OF BIRTH
Unknown	UNK	UNK	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

Assigned to RRT Delta Squad as a Grenadier. Have been a member of RRT for 6 years and certified as a Grenadier for more than 2 years.

On June 6, 2020 the protests and demonstrations regarding the death of George Floyd continued. At the time there were concrete jersey barriers and a chain link fence erected around the perimeter of the Justice Center to prevent protesters and rioters from having access to the building. In days earlier the Justice Center had already been breached once, vandalized, and set on fire. Several attempts have been made to gain access to the building by protesters for the likely purpose of damaging and burning the building which would pose a great threat of serious physical injury or death to those inside. On this particular night our squad was assigned to support Alpha squad and the others that were responsible for holding the fence line in the event that protesters try to breach it. Over the course of the evening I heard over the radio that the crowd was hostile and that several projectiles had been thrown at officers to include water bottles, glass bottles, bananas, and other items. I had also heard information from the incident commander that we would clear the area if protesters had made attempts to take down the fence. Information was broadcast that a subject had been observed cutting zip ties, which was one of the things used to secure the fencing. It seemed as though the subject was attempting to defeat the fortification of the fence line to make an entry point into the closed off fence line which was in place to protect the Justice Center and those within. Our role was to assist with moving the crowd after the initial push near the fence was made.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTACT

☐ REASONABLE SUSPICION ☐ WARRANT/JUDICIAL DECREE ☐ OTHER

☒ PROBABLE CAUSE ☐ CIVIL HOLD ☒ CIVIL UNREST

EXPLAIN

Prior to the crowd coming into contact with us the sound truck had made announcements declaring the demonstration an unlawful assembly and had then ordered the crowd to disperse. We had heard that downtown was closed from Lincoln to Burnside, Naito to 13th to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Orders were also given to go home. The announcement had also been given declaring a civil disturbance.

CONDITION PRIOR TO FORCE

☒ ARMED (ACTUALLY) ■ 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

When we arrived in the area of SW 5th avenue/ SW Salmon street I heard other squads further to the east dispersing the protesters after the dispersal order had been given by the incident commander. I also heard that the sound truck dispersal orders had been given. I observed that some protesters were running westbound on SW Salmon street but the vast majority were walking westbound on the south sidewalk of SW Salmon street. As they approached the intersection we were directing the crowd to go south, which we had coordinated with other squads before the movement, but several individuals tried to go west against our directions. The crowd was agitated and some were yelling at us as they approached. Just prior to our contact with them several members of the group that had been by the fence with the main group had been throwing projectiles at officers for an extended period of time so we were mindful that they may continue to throw projectiles at us.

PERCEIVED CONDITION FOR LACK OF COMPLIANCE PRIOR TO FORCE

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[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

This was our 9th night of dealing with antagonistic violent protesters who were doing whatever they could under the guise of being the media or exercising their first amendment rights. However, each time that we have dealt with them I had observed acts of violence and hostility. This crowd was no different. When I initially directed the crowd southbound several people tried to walk past me with no regard for the instructions they were given. It wasn't until the RBDD was utilized that people began to follow our lear commands.

MENTAL HEALTH

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

EXPLAIN

[redacted]

SPECIALTY UNITS

YES, WHICH ONES? | SPECIALTY UNITS INVOLVED?

WHICH SPECIALTY UNITS?

RRT, SERT QRT, Sound Truck, Traffic Division, etc. There were also several mobile field forces present to assist us in our efforts. We also had MRT squads from OSP and Clark County Sheriffs Office to assist us.

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

First, we gave the protesters time to disperse and to stop throwing projectiles. Time was also given to stop trying to breach the fence that has been erected for several days. Several requests from the sound truck had been made to stay away from the fence and to stop throwing projectiles. Today there were not any mobile field force officers initially placed on the line to guard the fence but protesters still made efforts to breach the fence. There were many efforts made to avoid a confrontation but it appeared as though the protesters refused to abide by the clear directions of the sound truck and they instead initiated a clash with the police.

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	FEET	NO, EXPLAIN	YES

IMPACT ROUNDS	DEPLOYMENT	DISTANCE
RBDD	HAND TOSSED	10 to 15 feet

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

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To regain control of the intersection and direct the protesters to the south I placed one rubber ball distraction device (RBDD) on the SW corner of the intersection. The RBDD was more than 10 feet away from the closest protester but it did change the direction of the entire crowd who then continued southbound on the sidewalk. A few people tried to continue westbound but I used FN303 rounds directed at the ground as an area denial tool and the protesters changed directions and went southbound. At that time nobody was struck with an FN303 round as a direct impact tool.

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DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

After moving the initial group as described above we began driving around downtown to look for splinter groups to disperse them. We had located one large group of a couple hundred people walking on SW Main street between SW Broadway and SW Park. They were blocking the entirety of the roadway making it impossible for vehicle traffic to move around them. We had been yelling at them to go home because downtown Portland was declared an unlawful assembly and dispersal orders had been given. However, the protesters were acting as though we weren't even there. I observed as they pulled picnic tables, newspaper boxes and other large items into the street to limit our access to them and our ability to move safely through the street. In an effort to break up the crowd so mobile field forces could start arresting people, and in response to their hostile behavior, I placed another RBDD at the back of the crowd. I observed that several protesters started running westbound while others continued walking directly in front of out van. At that point I also fired several FN303 rounds to the ground as area denial to prevent the crowd from turning back on us.

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DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

As we continued to roll around downtown dispersing crowds we came upon another sizable group on SW Park avenue near SW Madison street in front of the Portland Art Museum. The group contained at lease 100 people. That group was also acting as though we did not exist. They were walking in the street, blocking the entirety of the street. We continued to tell the protesters to leave but they wouldn't. In an effort to enforce the dispersal order given by the incident commander and begin affecting custodies I placed an RBDD at the back of the crowd with the intent to drive them southbound. However, the RBDD had very little effect on the group. I again deployed several FN303 rounds towards the ground in front of protesters because I observed about a dozen protesters attempting to flank our squad as we moved the larger group. Again, the FN303 rounds were used for the purpose of area denial and not as an impact tool.

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 used the option that I thought was best for the circumstances that we were dealing with. Tonight we were advised that chemical munitions, specifically CS gas, was only to be used in the event of immediate life safety circumstances. We also had some large groups to move so I didn't feel that using only impact munitions was the best tool for the job.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORCE YOU OBSERVED OTHER OFFICERS USE:

I am not aware of what other force was used.

SUBJECT INJURY AND/OR TREATMENT

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	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]

[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:

There were several witnesses present at the times that force was used but when force was used they all dispersed. Many were wearing all dark clothing. None stayed around to talk to us.

MEMBER INJURY

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

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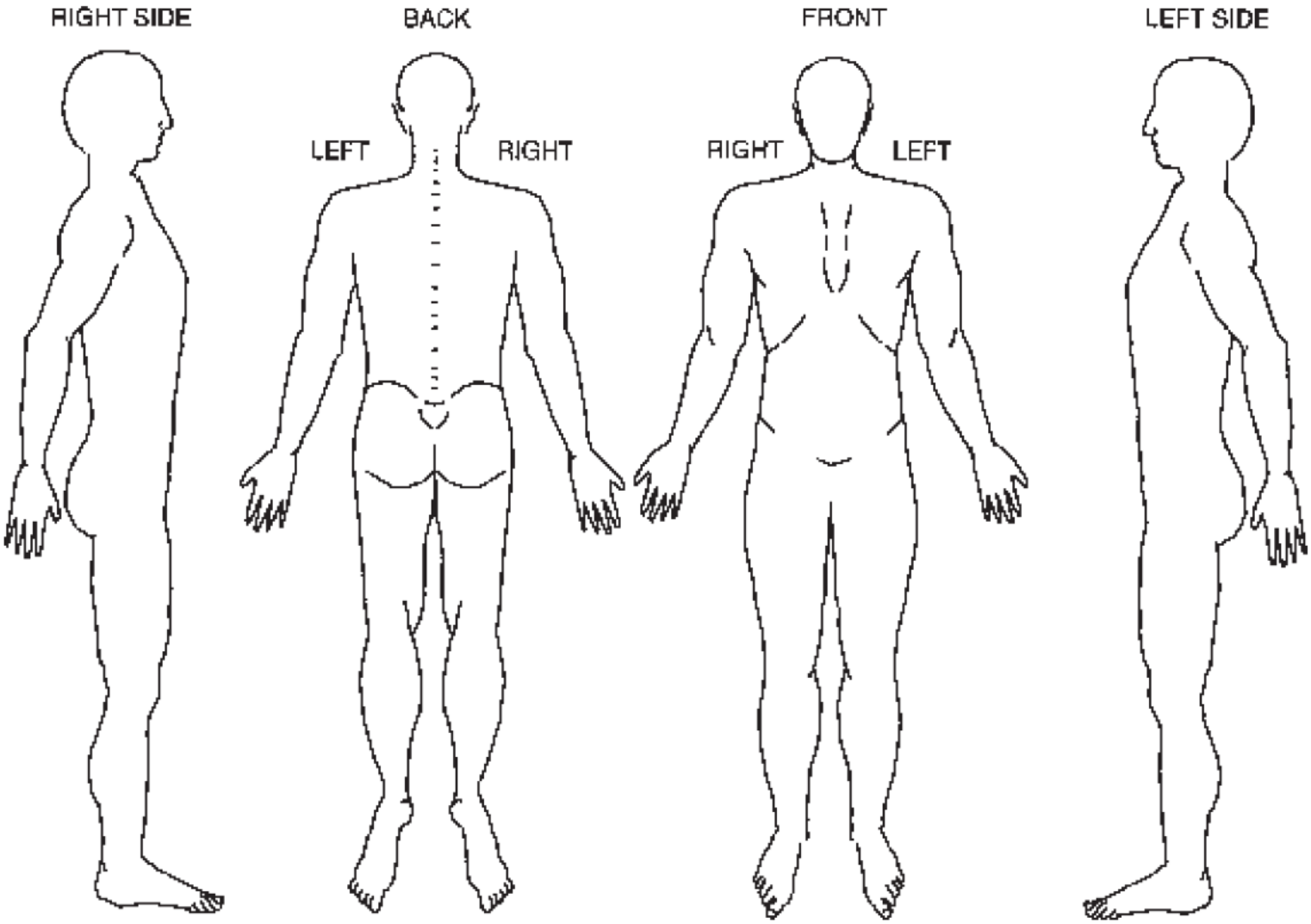
CEW OR LAUNCHABLE IMPACT MUNITION LOCATIONS:



SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE	DPSST		RANK	NAME
Brent Taylor	51250	EMAILED TO	SGT	Burton

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

APPROVED BY:	SGT Bret Burton	DPSST:	43860

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