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CASE # 2020-680664 | OFFICER Morgan | DPSST 54711 | ☐ AMENDED

DATE 06/07/2020 | TIME: 12:00 AM | ASSIGNMENT: RRT

LOCATION: SW 3rd Ave/ SW Washington St

NAME (LAST, FIRST M)	GENDER	RACE	DATE OF BIRTH
Porterfield, Helen M	FEMALE	WHITE	04/25/1998

TYPE OF CALL - REASON FOR CONTACT

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

☐ TRAFFIC STOP ☒ OTHER ☐ MERE CONVERSATION ☐ WELFARE CHECK

EXPLAIN

I was working in the official capacity as a Portland Police Officer. I was assigned to the Rapid Response Team and wearing a black BDU style uniform with Xion personal protective equipment underneath my uniform. I was wearing a helmet with a face mask and carrying a gas mask and long baton. The type of event we were responding to was a protest in response to the death of George Floyd. The groups involved had been violent the nine days before, causing significant vandalism to businesses throughout the city. The groups had broken numerous windows and looted multiple businesses.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTACT

☐ REASONABLE SUSPICION ☐ WARRANT/JUDICIAL DECREE ☐ OTHER

☒ PROBABLE CAUSE ☐ CIVIL HOLD ☒ CIVIL UNREST

EXPLAIN

The protest initially began as a peaceful protest, but evolved into an unlawful assembly. The groups had been very hostile towards law enforcement throughout the evening, shouting obscenities. A metal fence was set up surrounding the Justice Center. An RRT squad of Offices was tasked with standing in the area of the fence. As Officers were standing near the fence, the behavior of the crowd began to escalate. Numerous members within the crowd were throwing objects at Officers. The subjects were throwing water bottles, glass bottles, eggs, milk jugs, and propelling items like rocks, bricks, and ball bearings using sling shots. At approximately 2330 hrs the group had began to pull the fencing down surrounding the Justice Center. The situation became dangerous and the protest was deemed an unlawful assemble and the crowd was instructed to disperse and leave the area. The sounds truck gave the group an admonishment that the gathering had become an unlawful assembly and they needed to disperse the area.

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

Numerous subjects refused to disperse the area and continued to march in small groups, blocking streets and vandalizing structures. Groups were setting up barricades in the streets and setting fires to trash bins and newspaper bins. RRT squads and the sound truck had been driving in the area giving numerous announcements declaring the gathering was an unlawful assembly and instructing people to leave and go home. The RRT squad I was assigned to was driving EB on SW Washington St, at the NW corner of SW 3rd Ave, when we encountered a group of individuals still marching in the area. The group had already been informed numerous times they needed to leave the area and had been given over approximately 30 minutes to do so. I have worked downtown Portland for over four years and have taken part in multiple walking patrols. I know based on experience, it take much less than 30 minutes to walk nine blocks out of the area deemed to be part of the unlawful gathering from SW 3rd Ave/SW Main-Madison St. This was more than enough time to leave therefore this group had intentionally chosen to stay in the area and disobey the Police order to disperse. I observed one of these subjects, PORTERFIELD, Helen, actively trying to interfere and prevent the arrest of her partner. Ofc. Westerlund was trying to take PORTERFIELD's partner into custody and stop him from punching Sgt. Damerville. PORTERFIELD was grabbing onto her partner and attempting to pull him away from Ofc. Westerlund's grasp.

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

PORTERFIELD had received numerous loud admonishments from the sound truck instructing her to disperse the area. PORTERFIELD and her group ignored the directions from the sound truck and continued to remain in the area. PORTERFIELD and her group had ample time to leave the area after the gathering was deemed an unlawful assembly. PORTERFIELD also chose to intervene in the arrest of her partner and physically pull him away from Officers. This placed Officer's in a dangerous situation when trying to take an aggressive subject into custody who had just tried to assault a Sergeant.

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?

I am a member of RRT as well being ECIT trained. There were also numerous other specialty units present such as SERT, CNT, EDU, NOC, Mass Arrest Team, ASU.

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

There were numerous attempts at de-escalation prior to force being used.
-There was the use the use of police liaisons, at the beginning of the event, to promote a dialogue with protesters and to share expectations from the City.
-There were numerous Officers present at the location.
-Officers were initially distanced from protesters to allow us time to use as many resources such as sound truck admonishments to prevent the use of force.
-RRT had initially not had a presence at the demonstration to allow individuals to continue expressing themselves peacefully.

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	CHEMICAL AGENT	FACE	NO, EXPLAIN	YES

CHEMICAL AGENT	DEPLOYMENT	DISTANCE

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OC	SPRAY CAN	10 ft

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

I used my MK-9 OC spray on PORTERFIELD. I targeted the positive impact area of PORTERFIELD's face. PORTERFIELD was displaying active aggression and physically pulling her partner away from other Officers. PORTERFIELD's partner had tried to punch a Police Sergeant while being taken into custody. PORTERFIELD placed Officer's and herself at risk by interfering while they were taking an aggressive subject into custody. The act of taking a combative subject into custody can result in arms and legs moving unintentionally while trying to regain control of a person. PORTERFIELD could have been injured had she been stuck inadvertently in the custody process. PORTERFIELD could have also caused such injury by the same means to an Officer as well. I deployed my OC spray to stop PORTERFIELD from causing injury to another member or herself. Once I deployed OC spray to PORTERFIELD's face it was effective and her actions stopped as well as my force.

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:

As a line Officer, I am only afforded a few tools to use in crowd control, long baton and OC spray. Due to the close proximity to multiple individuals including Officers, using my long baton was not appropriate and could have caused further injury to the suspects and other Officers. The long baton would also have not been effective to stop PORTERFIELD's actions. The situation did not warrant any higher levels of force to accomplish the task.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORCE YOU OBSERVED OTHER OFFICERS USE:

I observed Ofc. Westerlund strike PORTERFIELD's partner and take him to the ground. I observed Sgt. Oliphant simultaneously use OC on PORTERFIELD when I did.

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]

[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:

MEMBER INJURY

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

SIGNATURE	DPSST		RANK	NAME

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SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE	DPSST		RANK	NAME
Kristin Morgan	54711	EMAILED TO	SGT	Spiegel

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

APPROVED BY:	Sgt. Daniel Spiegel	DPSST:	49997

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