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CASE # 2020-680932 | OFFICER: Adi Ramic | DPSST: 51049 | ☒ AMENDED

DATE: 06/30/2020 | TIME: 9:42pm | ASSIGNMENT: RRT

LOCATION: N Lombard / N Fenwick

NAME (LAST, FIRST M)	GENDER	RACE	DATE OF BIRTH
Nicholas, Alexander	MALE	WHITE	06/23/1994

TYPE OF CALL - REASON FOR CONTACT

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

☐ TRAFFIC STOP ☒ OTHER ☐ MERE CONVERSATION ☐ WELFARE CHECK DOMESTIC RELATED? ☐

EXPLAIN

I was in uniform working with the Rapid Response Team (Delta). Tonight's protest started off with a large group of people marching through north Portland. This was a un-permitted protest and protester's were walking in the middle of the street for most of the march blocking vehicle traffic. For a considerable amount of time protesters threw bottles, rocks , marbles and other projectiles, at the police. The incident command deemed the protest a civil disturbance and RRT was deployed to try to stop the acts of violence that were occurring. Officers were facing risk of serious physical injury.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTACT

☐ REASONABLE SUSPICION ☐ WARRANT/JUDICIAL DECREE ☐ OTHER

☒ PROBABLE CAUSE ☐ CIVIL HOLD ☒ CIVIL UNREST

EXPLAIN

Once the protest was deemed a civil disturbance by the incident command it was RRT Delta squads mission to restore order and ensure protest participants were following all laws as they were being dispersed and to bring an end to the civil unrest that had now swept the area. I watched Nicholas not get out of the middle of the street after multiple orders. I also watched Nicholas interfer with a lawful arrest of another subject.

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

Prior to my force event, I observed Nicholas directly in the middle of the street after clear orders were given to the entire crowd to move out of the road. When the line of officers were moving subject Nicholas did not just leave like many other people he continued to engage in physical resistance slowing down. RRT officers were attempting to advance forward but a group about 200 people attempted to stop the push including, Nicholas. The large, violent crowd cause concerns because we were out numbered.

PERCEIVED CONDITION FOR LACK OF COMPLIANCE PRIOR TO FORCE

■ MEDICAL CONDITIONS ■ DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ☒ DISOBEDIENT / ANTAGONISTIC ☐ OTHER

■ MENTAL IMPAIRMENT ■ MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS ☐ LANGUAGE BARRIER ■ PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS

☐ IMPAIRED FROM DRUGS OR ALCOHOL OR BOTH

EXPLAIN

Several minutes of calm and clear announcements were giving explicit instructions ordering for dispersal and the direction of travel that protests participants needed to head out of the area occurred prior to RRT Delta squads arrival at N Lombard and N Campbell ave. I observed Nicholas stopping in the middle of the street. Most of the crowd was still engaged in criminal activity by throwing rocks and bottles at the officer and shining lasers in their eyes. Nicholas was walking at a pace to slow RRT line officers from moving towards the crowd and maintain sight on them. I warned Nicholas to keep moving and not to slow down.

Nicholas continually yelled at officers, spewing profanities and continually disobeying orders.

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Just prior to N Fenwick another officer attempted to take a subject into custody and Nicholas was trying to un-arrest his friend.

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, BHU

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

RRT tactics generally rely on De-escalation through time and distance. On this night the sound truck spent several minutes warning protesters to not throw projectiles at officer or this would be deemed an unlawful assembly and then a civil disturbance. The sound truck was able to articulate expectations of the crowd for several minutes prior to the declaration of a disturbance.

Once RRT was tasked with dispersal we remained around the corner from the main body crowd, once again allowing time and distance for dispersal. The Sound truck was once again sending the message that this was unlawful assembly and that subjects need to leave the area. Several minutes of this distance and announcements occurred.

A slow walk occurred by RRT hoping the protesters in the crowd would stop engaging in criminal activity and leave the area like instructed. The sound truck and multiple officer including myself were telling subject to please keep moving out of the area or they could be arrest and force could be used against them.

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	LEFT ARM	NO, EXPLAIN	YES

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

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I watched officer Middleton (56655) attempt to arrest a subject near N Lombard and N Fenwick. The subject looked like he was trying to pull away from officer Middleton. I watched (arrested) Nicholas try to pull away the subject that officer Middleton was trying to take into custody. I already had probable cause to arrest Nicholas for disorderly conduct, because he was still in the middle of the street after countless warning to leave the street. I saw Nicholas try to un-arrest the subject I tried to push him with my RRT stick away from the officer and the subject. I pushed Nicholas with my stick that I was holding with both my hands in a horizontal direction near his arms and ribs area.

Nicholas tried to grab my stick and for a moment got a hold of the top of the stick. I was able to hold on to my stick, not allowing Nicholas to take it from me. I yelled at Nicholas to stop. I grabbed Nicholas by the top of his jacket and backpack I believe and pulled him away from the rest of the crowd and officer Middleton and the other subject.

My intentions were not to take Nicholas to the ground, but just pull him back towards the other police officers where we could safely take him into custody. Nicholas was using his body weight to try to physically resit me. I pulled Nicholas and he fell to the ground. I do not know if Nicholas tripped or if he just lost his balance. I went to the ground with Nicholas and quickly got behind him and told him to stop resisting and that he was under arrest. Another officer assisted me in putting flex cuff on Nicholas' person.

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 thought about pepper spraying Nicholas but he was so close to Officer Middleton I was worried to spray him as well.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORCE YOU OBSERVED OTHER OFFICERS USE:

I observed unknown officers from Delta squad and OSP use their baton to push and encourage the crowd to leave the area like instructed.

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.

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☒ 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:

Several witnesses observed the event but left the area during custody.

MEMBER INJURY

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

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SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE	DPSST		RANK	NAME
Adi Ramic	51049	EMAILED TO	SGT	Coffey

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APPROVED BY:	Sergeant Coffey	DPSST:	35623

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