Force Data Collection Report

CASE # 2020-680995 | OFFICER Taylor | DPSST 51250 | ☐ AMENDED

DATE 08/01/2020 | TIME: 9:58 PM | ASSIGNMENT: RRT

LOCATION 4735 E Burnside and then within a few blocks of that area.

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

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 August 1, 2020 we had received information that there were a group of protesters congregated at Laurelhurst Park with the intent to march to SE Precinct. The group, which numbered about 150 in size, had marched eastbound on Burnside to SE 47th avenue where they congregated in front of the Precinct blocking the roadway for westbound travel. In addition to the protesters there were also a few support vehicles blocking traffic so vehicular traffic could not move freely without diverting around protesters and support vehicles. In recent months since the death of George Floyd we have responded to dozens of similar protests on a daily basis that were targeting Police Bureau precincts, the PPA Union office, or other government buildings such as the Federal Courthouse and the Justice Center. During these protests/riots protesters have made attempts to vandalize, deface, destroy and in some cases burn down these building which provide critical infrastructure for the city of Portland, Multnomah County, and the United States. Shortly after their arrival at SE Precinct this group appeared to be similar in nature. Protesters in the group were donned with helmets, gas masks, umbrellas and other personal protective gear which I know have been used in an effort to overcome the effects of our crowd control munitions and riot control agents. I have also seen over the last two months that protesters wearing such gear frequently engage in violent, criminal activity towards police. This behavior frequently includes throwing projectiles of various types and using their personal protective equipment to shield others engaged in similar behavior. Shortly after the group of protesters arrived outside the Precinct tonight the chant could be heard "Every city, every town, burn the Precincts to the ground!" This chant, and the actions that frequently follow it, are consistent with the deviant behavior that we have been facing for months. Our primary responsibility was to ensure the protection of the Precinct and all those who were inside it.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTACT

☐ REASONABLE SUSPICION ☐ WARRANT/JUDICIAL DECREE ☐ OTHER

☒ PROBABLE CAUSE ☐ CIVIL HOLD ☒ CIVIL UNREST

EXPLAIN

Prior to any force being used a small contingent of RRT officers had been positioned near the entrances to the Precinct parking lot to prevent protesters from entering the property. As the group congregated in front of the precinct some of the protesters began moving onto the property. The sound truck was moved into a position to make announcements to leave the property as the group began to move closer to the line of RRT officers. This was done in an effort to de-escalate the situation. However, despite the announcements from the sound truck the crowd did not leave. I addition to the group of protesters trespassing onto the property there were agitators in the crowd that also started throwing projectiles at officers on the line which I know can cause injury to officers. I heard over the radio that one of our criminalists had been struck in the head with a glass bottle that was filled with paint. A short time later other glass projectiles were also thrown at officers with the apparent intent to cause injury.

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

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EXPLAIN

This was not a peaceful protest or demonstration. This appeared to be a group insistent on causing injury to officers or destruction to the Precinct, as has been attempted in the past. As stated previously, the group of protesters was blocking at least one lane of vehicular travel on E Burnside. The group was congregated in front of the entrances to the Precinct and had started moving onto the property. There were protesters in the crowd using extremely bright LED flashlights and were shining them in the eyes of officers which makes it so officers are unable to see the rest of the crowd. This is a threatening tactic to police because it makes officers unable to see projectiles that are thrown or launched from further in the crowd, thus causing a greater risk of being struck with projectiles such as bottles, rocks, jars and others items that have been frequently thrown or launched at us during these events. Tonight efforts were made to target individuals using the LED lights with a Polarian (extremely bright flashlight) but those holding the lights then started hiding behind umbrellas and other people to protect themselves. In addition to trespassing and using bright lights against the police there were agitators throwing projectiles which included bottles, full cans of beer and glass jars filled with paint. One of our criminalists had been struck in the head with a paint filled glass jar while standing behind the line of officers who were preventing protesters from entering the parking lot.

I heard as the sound truck gave announcements to move west of SE 47th avenue or the crowd would be subject to force. The warnings were given three times but there was little movement from the crowd. I also heard that the unlawful assembly announcement was given ordering the crowd to disperse to the west and the south but again, the protesters did not leave. In response our squad was brought up to move the crowd to the west away from the Precinct. As we began marching towards the crowd I observed projectiles thrown from the back of the crowd such as water bottles and beer cans, which nearly struck officers. Bright LED lights continued being shined into the faces of officers as the protesters walked backwards. In addition, I observed that some protesters created a wall of umbrellas which appeared to be shielding protesters. I know that protesters frequently conceal weapons and other items to use against us behind their umbrellas. The group as a whole appeared very antagonistic and had refused every opportunity given them to leave peacefully.

PERCEIVED CONDITION FOR LACK OF COMPLIANCE PRIOR TO FORCE

[redacted]EDICAL CONDITIONS [redacted]EVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ☒ DISOBEDIENT / ANTAGONISTIC ☐ OTHER

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

☐ IMPAIRED FROM DRUGS OR ALCOHOL OR BOTH

EXPLAIN

This group of protesters appeared intent on wanting to engage in violence towards us or towards the building. We had heard earlier in the evening that protesters were chanting about burning down police precincts. They had also thrown projectiles at us as they had done for weeks. Despite announcements and warnings from the sound truck I observed that the group of about 150 protesters remained gathered tightly at the entrance as agitators from the back threw projectiles at us. The group of protesters had several dressed in Black Bloc attire. Many others were wearing gas masks and helmets and were carrying umbrellas. This tactic is also used to conceal weapons and other items that are frequently used against us. The crowd appeared to have a mob mentality where they would feed off the energy of each other and incite each other to engage in violence and physical resistance. They did not appear to have any intent to back down or leave the area. They continued to display the intent to engage in violence until we were unable to stand by and do nothing without the risk of injury.

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, Sound Truck, NOC, ASU, Formal Arrest, Field Arrest

DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES

YES DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES WERE ATTEMPTED OR USED?

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

Initially we had a very minimal police foot print in front of the Precinct. The crowd was given time to leave but they began displaying the intent to engage in violence. In response the sound truck gave announcements to leave but the protesters remained and their behavior became more violent. Dispersal orders were given which had little effect. Additional police resources were brought in prior to any force events taking place.

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	CHEMICAL AGENT	FACE	NO, EXPLAIN	YES

CHEMICAL AGENT	DEPLOYMENT	DISTANCE
OC	SPRAY CAN	2 to 3 feet

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

As we began moving the crowd there was one subject holding a very large LED flashlight that he had been shining into the faces of officers for several minutes. The subject was a white male in all dark clothing standing in the front of the crowd. As we approached SE 47th avenue we were so close to the crowd that the light in my eyes was blinding me to the rest of the crowd that had subjects in the crowd throwing projectiles. Around that same time I heard over the radio to get the light from the subject because it was also blinding other officers. Ofc. Pavon and I rushed at the subject and Ofc. Pavon grabbed the flashlight. The subject began aggressively pulling away trying to retain the flashlight which I believe he intended to continue to use against us. In response I deployed a 1 to 2 second burst of pepper spray into the face of the subject which caused him to let go of the flashlight. I did not use any other force against the subject.

	RESISTANCE	WARNING	FORCE	TARGET LOCATION	RESISTANCE CONTINUED	RE-EVALUATE
+ -	PHYSICAL RESIST	YES	TAKE DOWN	TORSO	NO, EXPLAIN	YES

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

As we continued to move the crowd westbound on E Burnside I observed a group of people slowing moving down the center of the roadway. I observed one subject holding an umbrella and it appeared as though he were trying to hide behind it. By this point in time the sound truck had already given the dispersal order and the protesters in the group were refusing to leave as directed. Our squad performed a dynamic movement westbound and I pushed the subject who was facing me holding the umbrella as he was walking backwards. When I pushed the subject he fell backwards onto the ground. I then moved past him and did not use any additional force.

	RESISTANCE	WARNING	FORCE	TARGET LOCATION	RESISTANCE CONTINUED	RE-EVALUATE
+ -	PHYSICAL RESIST	YES	CONTROL AGAINST RESISTANCE	BACK	NO, EXPLAIN	YES

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

While continuing to move the crowd through the blocks there was a subject walking slowly in the middle of the street. He was wearing all black clothing. I came up behind him and yelled at him to move to the sidewalk. He did not. I then lightly pushed him from behind enough to get him moving forward. The subject did not fall when he was pushed. He then ran off into the crowd. I did not see him again after that.

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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 force options that I felt were most appropriate for the circumstance without having to result to a higher level of force.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORCE YOU OBSERVED OTHER OFFICERS USE:

Because I was focusing on the threats I was presented with I am not aware what other officers did. Officer Pavon took the suspect's flashlight but I am not sure if he had to use force to do so.

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:

There were several witnesses to the force events but the crowd was very antagonistic and was not interested in talking. It was also not safe to do so because the dynamic of the crowd which had attempted to harm us and cause injury.

MEMBER INJURY

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

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE	DPSST		RANK	NAME
Brent Taylor	51250	EMAILED TO	SGT	Carroll

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

APPROVED BY:	Carroll	DPSST:	33550

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