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CASE # 2020-681016 | OFFICER Flohr | DPSST 57430 | ☐ AMENDED

DATE 08/06/2020 | TIME: 9:53 PM | ASSIGNMENT: RRT

LOCATION SE 106th Ave/SE Washington St

NAME (LAST, FIRST M)	GENDER	RACE	DATE OF BIRTH
Unknown	UNK	UNK	01/01/1995

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

Per operational orders, I was working as an RRT line officer, keeping a violent crowd away from East Precinct. The event had been declared an unlawful assembly at approximately 2153. The unlawful assembly was declared after the crowd again set fires at the doors of East Precinct, blocked traffic with cars, and painted over security cameras. East Precinct is attached to a block of apartments/ townhomes to the South. Setting fire to East Precinct posed a significant risk to the lives of everyone inside all the building. They also threw multiple projectiles at officers once we deployed to disperse the crowd.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTACT

☐ REASONABLE SUSPICION ☐ WARRANT/JUDICIAL DECREE ☐ OTHER

☒ PROBABLE CAUSE ☐ CIVIL HOLD ☒ CIVIL UNREST

EXPLAIN

The protesters had already engaged in multiple criminal actions, as listed above.
An unlawful assembly was declared around 2153. At 0037 PCC 14C.30.010 was used to close the area of 106th, from Washington-Cherry Blossom, to everyone including press. I had PC for IPO and violation of the city code.

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

The large group of protesters had already engaged in multiple criminal actions, and been told to disperse after an unlawful assembly was declared. They did not disperse, and instead continued engaging in the listed criminal activity. People within the crowd threw multiple projectiles at officers, including large rocks, watter bottles, apples, mortars, and similar commercial-grade fireworks.

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

The protesters attempted to light East Precinct on fire for the second night in a row. They blocked the street and painted over the security cameras. When RRT deployed to move the crowd away from the precinct (2221). Despite multiple announcements that the event was an unlawful assembly and they needed to leave the area, the crowd remained. The people in the front of the crowd had shields, which they often use as weapons against officers, and use to conceal criminal activity occurring behind them.

MENTAL HEALTH

■ NONE ■ PRIOR TO FORCE KNOWLEDGE ■ POST FORCE KNOWLEDGE ■ OTHER

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SPECIALTY UNITS

YES, WHICH ONES? SPECIALTY UNITS INVOLVED?

WHICH SPECIALTY UNITS?

RRT, Air1, sound truck, field arrest team

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

Prior to deploying, RRT and other police resources stayed completely out of sight to give the crowd a chance to peacefully express their emotions. Instead, the crowd quickly began destroying city property and lit a fire against the precinct which posed a significant life-safety risk to the officers and other employees inside, as well as the citizens living in the town homes/apartments attached to the South side of the precinct.
When this occurred, the sound truck made multiple unlawful assembly declarations, including orders to leave the area and force warnings. These announcements allowed plenty of time for people to leave the area, and there were multiple avenues of egress available. In spite of this, the crowd remained.

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	TORSO	NO, EXPLAIN	YES

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

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Prior to contacting the crowd, the sound truck gave multiple orders to leave the area. These warnings included a warning that those who did not leave would be subject to arrest and/or use of force.
Per operational orders I was on the RRT line moving the crowd away from East Precinct.

While moving the crowd East along SE Stark St, I issued multiple orders to move or be pushed. In spite of this, the people in front of me moved slowly, interfering with my ability to stay on line with other officers. This put our safety at risk, as it presents an opportunity for threats to move behind officers backs. In order to prevent this, I used my baton to push John Doe1 forward faster. I felt him lean back into me and brace his feet to try to maintain his slow speed. When I pushed him forward, he sped up and disappeared into the crowd. Doe1 was an unknown race tall male wearing a blue hoodie with the hood up and jeans.

While still moving East along Stark, I pushed X Doe2. Doe2 was exhibiting the same behavior as described in Doe1. I used my baton to push Doe2 forward and prevent them from getting behind our line. Doe2 braced themselves, leaning back into me and trying to stop. Doe2 was wearing a dark hoodie with the hood up, I could not make out the race or gender. After the first push, Doe2 took a few steps forward, stopped and braced themselves. I used my baton to push Doe2 again. At this point he moved into the crowd and disappeared.

After disengaging the crowd and returning to East Precinct, the crowd re-assembled in a nearby park, took over the street, and moved back toward the precinct. When the crowd got to SE 106th Ave, we were able to continue pushing them West along Washington. While moving the crowd West John Doe3 was moving slowly in front of me. I was yelling over the noise of the crowd for him to move faster. He did not, he continued moving slowly, and interfering with my ability keep the line from being staggered. Per operational orders we started a dynamic movement. I used my stick to push Doe3 forward as I was running. This caused him to start running into the crowd. I was no longer pushing him. He stumbled as he was running to avoid a parked car, and fell to the ground. Doe3 was wearing a black sweatshirt with the hood up and a tan backpack. He stayed on the ground and rolled to the side. I bypassed him, as I could see he had decided not to try to interfere with RRT again.

	RESISTANCE	WARNING	FORCE	TARGET LOCATION	RESISTANCE CONTINUED	RE-EVALUATE
+ / -	ACTIVE AGGRESS	YES	TAKE DOWN	TORSO	NO, EXPLAIN	YES

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

Prior to contacting the crowd, the sound truck gave multiple orders to leave the area. These warnings included a warning that those who did not leave would be subject to arrest and/or use of force.
Due to the behavior of the crowd, the IC determined the sidewalks needed to be closed per PCC 14C.30.010 (restrict access to certain areas). The sound truck announced this city ordinance was in effect for SE 106th Ave between Washington St and Cherry Blossom Dr. This order included press, and was announced with the press included. They also announced that failing to comply with this order could lead to arrest. This announcement was made 5 times by the sound truck by 0037.
After moving the crowd North to Washington St at about 0050, we disengaged. The crowd moved back South along 106th. Despite more orders to move out of the restricted area, the crowd did not follow these lawful orders. We moved up again to address this, and an officer was hit with a large rock. The crowd again walked down the street, into the restricted area. The people moving South onto the closed area of SE 106th Ave moved so far South that RRT was able to enact a plan to move around the side of the group while staying within the closed area, and take custodies.

I moved as part of the custody team. As I ran out into the street, I saw a large group go from the street behind a parked car to try to avoid arrest. I moved to cut them off. As I came around the car I saw a white male, John Doe4, wearing a gas mask, dark jacket and blue jeans sprinting toward me. I yelled for him to stop. Instead of stopping, Doe4 lowered himself into a football tackle stance and continued sprinting at me. I dropped my center of gravity and wrapped Doe4 into a bear hug as I moved toward him.

Doe4 and I both fell to the ground. He rolled over me, and ended up North of me. I could see he was getting to his feet. I again ordered him to stop and grabbed hold of his sleeve. Doe4 ripped himself out of the jacket he was wearing and sprinted away. I did not use any force to overcome resistance as Doe4 just slipped out of his jacket. By the time I got to my feet I could no longer see where he had gone. I was not able to identify him.

YES	WHEN THE RESISTANCE DECREASED, I REDUCED MY AMOUNT OF FORCE TO A LEVEL REASONABLY CALCULATED TO MAINTAIN CONTROL.

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DESCRIBE WHY OTHER FORCE OPTIONS WERE REASONABLY CONSIDERED BUT NOT USED:

I considered using a strike on Doe4, but because I had been running and stored my baton on my belt, could not draw it in time to use it.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORCE YOU OBSERVED OTHER OFFICERS USE:

I saw other officers also use baton pushes, but due to low lighting, and our uniforms, could not identify the officers or the people pushed.

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:**

Based on the rapidly evolving situation, and the volatile nature of the crowd, it was not safe for me to stop and try to ask any of the crowd to be witnesses to these events.

MEMBER INJURY

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

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE	DPSST		RANK	NAME
Amelia Flohr	57430	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