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CASE # 2020-681380 | OFFICER Damerville | DPSST 51797 | ☐ AMENDED

DATE 08/25/2020 | TIME: 10:19 PM | ASSIGNMENT: RRT

LOCATION SE Jefferson/SE 4th Ave

NAME (LAST, FIRST M)	GENDER	RACE	DATE OF BIRTH
Unknown	UNK	UNK	01/01/1991

TYPE OF CALL - REASON FOR CONTACT

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

☐ TRAFFIC STOP ☐ OTHER ☐ MERE CONVERSATION ☐ WELFARE CHECK

EXPLAIN

August 25th was a continuation of demonstrations and protests from May 29, 2020. RRT Charlie Squad was activated to respond to potential protests regarding the Minneapolis Riots and death of George Floyd. I was assigned as the Squad Leader of Charlie Squad. There were several hundred protesters that gathered at Shemanski Square, eventually marching to City Hall. Once arriving at City Hall, members of the crowd began attempting to breach the building and causing significant property damage inside. A little while later, an attempt to start a the building on fire near the bell was interrupted. This behavior to a riot declaration being announced.

As a squad leader, I carry hand toss munitions, such as OC Vapor, CS Gas, and Rubberball distraction devices. My role as a squad leader is to maneuver my squad and achieve the CMIC's operational objectives while taking appropriate action to prevent widespread chaos, protect life and prevent injuries.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTACT

☐ REASONABLE SUSPICION ☐ WARRANT/JUDICIAL DECREE ☐ OTHER

☒ PROBABLE CAUSE ☐ CIVIL HOLD ☒ CIVIL UNREST

EXPLAIN

For several months there have been large scale protests due to the death of George Floyd. Throughout the city there has been an innumerable amount of objects from glass bottles, rocks, flares, firework mortars, milk jugs filled with unknown substance, and water bottles. This is not just a historical account this is happening on a nightly basis. During each of these events, protesters have taken the streets and been allowed to march freely and voice there free speech at will.

There was probable cause to arrest over a hundred others for IPO.

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

Information since these events began have indicated protesters shooting other protesters, threatening to shoot and harm police with homemade weapons, explosives, and projectiles. Hundreds of projectiles have been thrown at police causing some injuries and significant damage to police vehicles and facilities.

On 8/25/2020- 8/26/2020 projectiles included rocks (up to soft ball sized rocks), water bottles, glass bottles, paint balloons, firework mortars and other unidentified items. This is the list of projectiles that I am personally aware of.

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

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EXPLAIN

Warnings to leave the area have been given each night after the an unlawful assembly. Crowds have been told to not throw objects at police lines. Typical responses are "Fuck you," "All cops are bastards," "No, you go home,""Quit your job," and "Take off your riot gear we dont see no riot here," followed by a volley of projectiles.

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, Mass Arrest Team, DVD, ASU, SERT,

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

The sound truck advised demonstrators to leave the area and warned that force would be used. There were numerous officers on scene. Officers were staged out of sight of the protesters as an attempt to deescalate, which was also ineffective.

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	25 ft

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

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Around 2320, Charlie squad took a custody at SW 5th/SW Jefferson which caused the squad to be stationary for a longer period of time. As I was attempting to coordinate the disengagment of Charlie Squad and Mobile Field Forces, my squad began taking a numerous projectiles from glass bottles, rocks, water bottles, and handmade rebar caltrops. I observed an 2 individuals on the west side of SW 5th Ave throwing items at the police line. I deployed an RBDD within 10 feet of them to stop this assaultive behavior. As I released the RBDD both individuals ran away prior to the RBDD functioning. Suspect #1 blue jeans and a cream or white shirt ran southbound then west on SW Jefferson. Suspect #2 ran to the North and out of sight. I did not see neither individual again.

Later in the evening, Charlie squad was tasked with assisting a MFF with securing the front of City Hall. I deployed a TC Smoke towards a group of individuals that were approximately 1/2 block to the north of our location because they were throwing items at the police line. Unsure if these items were hitting officers. This made it difficult for the individuals attempting to target officers.

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:

Due to the distance between the crowd and myself other force options were not reasonable to stop the active aggression of crowd members. Given the specifics of each munition deployment, the decision of which tool to used was based on the size of the crowd that needed to be dispersed or stopped from aggressive behavior. Given the sheer number of times, Charlie squad was met with a crowd that showed extremely aggressive behavior it is possible that some uses of force are not remembered. Force I chose to use was an attempt to use the minimal force necessary to prevent active aggression and overcome physical resistance.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORCE YOU OBSERVED OTHER OFFICERS USE:

I observed several Charlie Squad members utilize force to overcome active aggression when attempting to overcome a wall of shields in the middle of SW 4th Ave near SW Jefferson. I also observed Officer Taylor deploy his FN 303 launcher numerous times on individuals that were attempting to harm officers by throwing projectiles.

I was notified of other munitions used by Charlie Squad Grenadiers but did not see their deployments.

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

[redacted]THE SUBJECT WAS TRANSPORTED AND/OR ADMITTED BECAUSE OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

[redacted]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:

Due to the dynamic crowd control environment, it was not feasible to gather witness information.

MEMBER INJURY

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

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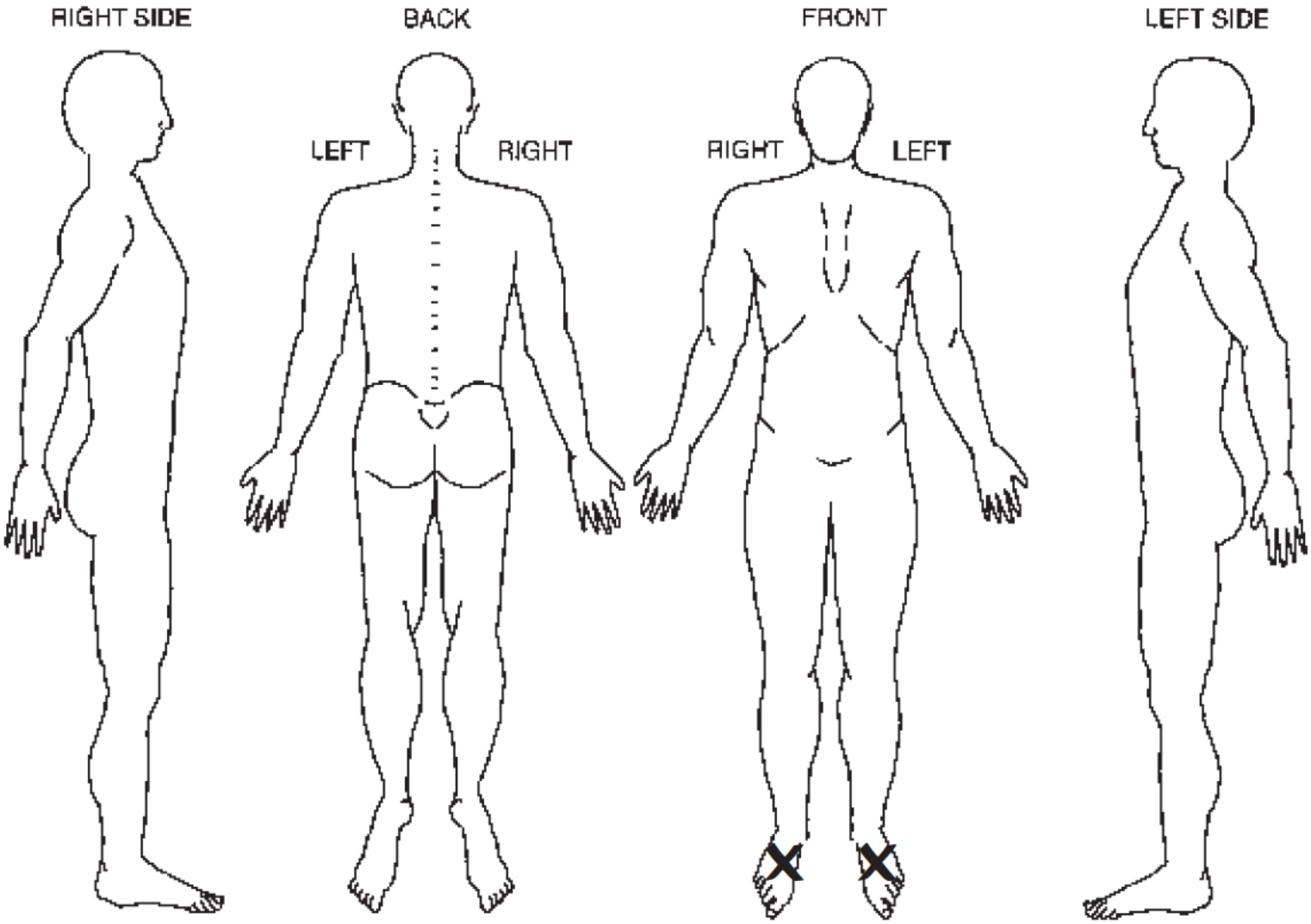
CEW OR LAUNCHABLE IMPACT MUNITION LOCATIONS:



SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE	DPSST		RANK	NAME
Justin Damerville	51797	EMAILED TO	SGT	Tyler

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

APPROVED BY:	Sgt. Trevor Tyler	DPSST:	50003

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