Force Data Collection Report

CASE # 20 - 681380 | OFFICER Middleton | DPSST 56655 | ☐ AMENDED

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

LOCATION SW 4th Ave. and Jefferson St.

NAME (LAST, FIRST M)	GENDER	RACE	DATE OF BIRTH
Doe, John/Jane	UNK	UNK	01 / 01 / 1999

TYPE OF CALL - REASON FOR CONTACT

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

☐ TRAFFIC STOP ☒ OTHER ☐ MERE CONVERSATION ☐ WELFARE CHECK

EXPLAIN

On August 26, 2020 I was assigned to charlie squad with the Rapid Response Team. Members of a crowd of anarchists had broken into the city council building, and were discussing the possibility of setting fire to the building on live streams. Multiple acts of vandalism had already been committed. As similar situations have routinely led to life safety situations such as building fires in the past we decided to address the crowd prior to such a situation becoming apparent. An unlawful assembly announcement was made, and command staff made plans with resources from mobile field forces and county deputies to address the criminal behavior. Charlie squad was tasked with performing a dynamic movement into the crowd, and attempting custody of anarchist demonstrators with an emphasis on custodies associated with the crowd's shield wall.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTACT

☐ REASONABLE SUSPICION ☐ WARRANT/JUDICIAL DECREE ☐ OTHER

☐ PROBABLE CAUSE ☐ CIVIL HOLD ☒ CIVIL UNREST

EXPLAIN

The subject of force was part of a shield wall that appeared to be reinforced by additional anarchists pushing from behind the shield bearer.

CONDITION PRIOR TO FORCE

☐ ARMED (ACTUALLY) [redacted]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 shield wall was arranged to protect criminal agitators behind it from lawful arrest.

PERCEIVED CONDITION FOR LACK OF COMPLIANCE PRIOR TO FORCE

[redacted]MEDICAL CONDITIONS [redacted]DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ☒ DISOBEDIENT / ANTAGONISTIC ☐ OTHER

[redacted]MENTAL IMPAIRMENT [redacted]MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS ☐ LANGUAGE BARRIER [redacted]HYSICAL LIMITATIONS

☐ IMPAIRED FROM DRUGS OR ALCOHOL OR BOTH

EXPLAIN

Members of the crowd had been responsible for breaking into city hall, and vandalizing the interior. All the members of the shield wall I saw were clad in "black bloc" style attire which is typically used to conceal one's identity for the purpose of committing crimes in large crowds with anonymity.

MENTAL HEALTH

[redacted]NONE [redacted]PRIOR TO FORCE KNOWLEDGE [redacted]POST FORCE KNOWLEDGE [redacted]OTHER

EXPLAIN

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SPECIALTY UNITS

YES, WHICH ONES? SPECIALTY UNITS INVOLVED?

WHICH SPECIALTY UNITS?

RRT

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

Over the course of the past roughly three months police liaisons have made regular attempts to contact demonstrators in an effort to facilitate more peaceful events. Tonight we also used the sound truck to give demonstrators orders and force warnings from a distance, gave demonstrators distances of up to a city block prior to the use of force to consider their options, and made a show of numbers to demonstrators in an effort dissuade criminal activity from the crowd.

Tonight an unlawful assembly announcement had been made at 9:48 PM giving the subject 31 minutes to reconsider taking part in the criminal activity, and fighting with officers.

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	CONTROL AGAINST RESISTANCE	TORSO	NO, EXPLAIN	YES

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

The sound truck gave several force warnings and unlawful assembly declarations prior to my contact with this individual. I was unable to see the shield bearer past the shield, and was therefore unable to see any identifying characteristics. My goal was to push past the shield wall, and attempt custody of criminal agitators behind the shield wall. I made contact with the shield using my long baton as a guard between me and the shield bearer, and shoved past it. Whoever was holding it staggered back off to the side, and did not offer any further resistance to me. I saw a separate individual I had probable cause to arrest, and moved on. I did not use further force on the shield bearer.

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:

Based on the size of shields in the shield wall I did not believe that pepper spray or hands would be near as effective in breaking through the shield wall as my long baton.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORCE YOU OBSERVED OTHER OFFICERS USE:

I saw several officers deploy force against resistance throughout the evening. I saw an unknown officer deploy what I believed to be a less lethal munition against a subject throwing rocks at police. I saw Ofc. B. Taylor use an FN-303 on another subject throwing unknown objects at police.

SUBJECT INJURY AND/OR TREATMENT

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	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:

Due to the hostile and violent nature of the crowd it would have been unsafe or unreasonable to attempt to locate or interview witnesses.

MEMBER INJURY

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

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE	DPSST		RANK	NAME
Trevor Middleton	56655	EMAILED TO	SGT	T. 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