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CASE # 2020-681677 | OFFICER: Ryan Potter | DPSST: 55447 | ☐ AMENDED

DATE: 09/26/2020 | TIME: 12:00 AM | ASSIGNMENT: RRT

LOCATION: SW 4th Ave / SW Taylor St

NAME (LAST, FIRST M)	GENDER	RACE	DATE OF BIRTH
DOE, JOHN	MALE	BLACK	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

On September 26th, 2020 a large crowd of approximately 300 people gathered outside the Justice Center in the parks on the west side. This crowd eventually began blocking streets/intersections at the location. While assigned to RRT Echo Squad we were sent to disperse a crowd occupying the nearby parks, pushing them to the northwest. These individuals had been given multiple warnings to leave by the sound-truck. The crowd engaged in multiple anti-law enforcement chants. These members of the crowd had also been launching projectiles such as beer bottles, paint balloons, and rocks at police. The event was declared an unlawful assembly.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTACT

☐ REASONABLE SUSPICION ☐ WARRANT/JUDICIAL DECREE ☒ OTHER

☐ PROBABLE CAUSE ☐ CIVIL HOLD ☒ CIVIL UNREST

EXPLAIN

The crowd had already engaged in the multiple criminal activities described above. They chose to stay after this was announced, and continued the listed criminal behavior. Subjects I used force on were part of this crowd and refused to disperse.

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 large group of protesters had already engaged in the above listed criminal actions, and been told to disperse multiple times. There was time, opportunity, and avenues of escape readily available for the people making up the crowd to leave. They did not disperse, and instead continued engaging in multiple criminal activity. People within the crowd threw multiple projectiles at officers, including fireworks, large rocks, full cans of beer, and a paint balloons. The crowd used force on me, physically pushing back against me as I moved forward with the line of RRT personnel. Subjects I used force on refused to disperse, despite warnings.

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] PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS

☐ IMPAIRED FROM DRUGS OR ALCOHOL OR BOTH

EXPLAIN

As stated above, these crowds are extremely anti-law enforcement. Individuals were also attempting to interfere with officers making lawful arrests at the location. I believe the lack of compliance was due to the subjects being hostile to police and they were intentionally being disobedient and antagonistic. There were many avenues to escape, with ample time to leave. These individuals made the active decision to refuse to leave to provoke a confrontation with police including the subjects I used force on.

MENTAL HEALTH

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

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EXPLAIN

[redacted]

SPECIALTY UNITS

YES, WHICH ONES? SPECIALTY UNITS INVOLVED?

WHICH SPECIALTY UNITS?

Charlie, Delta, Echo RRT Squads, Sound Truck, and multiple MFF. Outside agency RRT squads (OSP, MCSO).

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 of peacefully expressing their emotions/opinions/viewpoints, people in the crowd began occupying the street/ intersections. When this occurred, the sound truck made multiple announcements to leave the area. which they refused including orders to leave the area or be subject to arrest, and force warnings. These announcements allowed plenty of time for people to leave the area before RRT engaged the crowd. In spite of this, the crowd remained. People in the crowd continued to exhibit criminal behavior.

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	YES	YES

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

The sound truck gave warning prior to this use of force and all of the subsequent force used below. These warnings occured constantly throughout the night.

Per command instructions all RRT lines were to push the crowd northbound on SW 4th Ave, away from the Justice Center, Federal Courthouse, and associated parks. While moving the crowd northbound on SW 4th Ave I was located on the east sidewalk of the street pushing a slow moving crowd with other RRT assets. During this time I encounter DOE #1 (black male, gas mask, black clothing, backpack) in the front of the crowd purposely slowing RRT assets. I provided this male (and other individuals around him) with the lawful order to "Move down the street" multiple times. As they ignored this warning myself and other RRT assets began providing baton pushes to encourage movement of the crowd. Each time I provided a push to DOE #1, he would come back to my position to block my movement.

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DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

Another unknown male "DOE #2" (white male, backpack, black clothing, mask, helmet) attempted to step in front of DOE #1 to block my baton pushes, I provided a baton push to him, and he retreated into the crowd and disappeared.

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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:

Due to the extremely close proximity of other officers and protesters, other force options such as OC Spray would not be an effective option.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORCE YOU OBSERVED OTHER OFFICERS USE:

I saw other officers use baton pushes and pepper spray.

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.

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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:

There were multiple witnesses to this incident. All refused to give their information as they are hostile to police during these events. All

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were white males/females dressed in all black or items with the word "Press" on them. It is unsafe to attempt to collect witness information at this event.

MEMBER INJURY

☐ I WAS INJURED DURING THIS INCIDENT

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE	DPSST		RANK	NAME
Ryan Potter	55447	EMAILED TO	SGT	Carroll

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

APPROVED BY:		DPSST:	

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