Force Data Collection Report

CASE # 2020-681688 | OFFICER: Wheeler | DPSST: 57813 | ☐ AMENDED

DATE: 09/18/2020 | TIME: 10:25 PM | ASSIGNMENT: RRT

LOCATION: SW Moody Ave / SW Abernathy St

NAME (LAST, FIRST M)	GENDER	RACE	DATE OF BIRTH
Quinn-Ward, Callen I	MALE	WHITE	02/14/2000

TYPE OF CALL - REASON FOR CONTACT

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

☐ TRAFFIC STOP ☒ OTHER ☐ MERE CONVERSATION ☐ WELFARE CHECK

EXPLAIN

On the evening of September 18, 2020 I was assigned to RRT Delta squad. We were assigned to defend the ICE Building from a group of violent rioters who over the past 100 days have proved to be incredibly violent and destructive towards law enforcement. On this night there was a crowd size of around 100 - 150 individuals.

This group of rioters had vandalized the ICE Building, thrown projectiles at federal law enforcement officers including rocks and balloons filled with paint, and committed various other offenses including disorderly conduct for completely blocking SW Moody Avenue. They also poured small ball like objects all over the ground in an attempt to cause officers to slip and fall on them.

Quinn-Ward was a member of this crowd and was holding what appeared to be large white shield in the front of the crowd.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTACT

☐ REASONABLE SUSPICION ☐ WARRANT/JUDICIAL DECREE ☐ OTHER

☒ PROBABLE CAUSE ☐ CIVIL HOLD ☒ CIVIL UNREST

EXPLAIN

An unlawful assembly had been declared at 2123 hours by the federal law enforcement officers and by us at 2140 hours because of the riotous behavior in the area leading to conditions of civil unrest.

There was probable cause to arrest Quinn-Ward for interfering with a police officer for refusing to disperse after an unlawful assembly had been declared and dispersal orders were given.

There was also probable cause for disorderly conduct 2 for standing in the middle of and blocking vehicular traffic on SW Moody Avenue, as well as for engaging in violent, tumultuous, and threatening behavior with his shield.

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

Quinn-Ward was armed with what appeared to be a large almost door size white shield in the front of the crowd.

Quinn-Ward engaged in physical resistance by holding what appeared to be a shield in the front of the crowd and refusing to disperse after unlawful assembly declarations were made and the crowd was ordered to disperse.

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

Quinn-Ward was disobedient and antagonistic as he disobeyed all lawful orders given to him by police, and attempted to antagonize police into taking action by being a part of this violent wall of shields.

MENTAL HEALTH

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

EXPLAIN

[redacted]

SPECIALTY UNITS

YES, WHICH ONES? SPECIALTY UNITS INVOLVED?

WHICH SPECIALTY UNITS?

Rapid Response Team, Mobile field forces, soundtruck

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

Before this use of force occurred, an unlawful assembly had been declared for over an hour, and several crowd dispersals had already been completed by federal law enforcement officers. The crowd, including Quinn-Ward had ample opportunity to obey the commands to leave the area and they refused to do so.

There were approximately 20 RRT members, dozens of federal law enforcement officers, and multiple mobile field force officers in the area. There were more than enough officers present to attempt to de-escalate the crowd.

The soundtruck gave dozens of force warnings, unlawful assembly declarations, orders and reminders for the crowd to stop committing crimes throughout the evening.

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	TAKE DOWN	TORSO	NO, EXPLAIN	YES

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

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Our squad was tasked with coming in behind a large group of rioters who had formed a wall of shields in the front of the crowd to take custodies. Over the last 3 months of riots these shield walls have shown to be very assaultive towards law enforcement, and have inhibited us from dispersing crowds.

Our RRT squad came down SW Abernathy Street to SW Moody Street, and we advanced towards the rear of the crowd to take custodies. I picked out Quinn-Ward who was holding a large white shield which looked like a door in the front of the shield wall.

Quinn-Ward initially had his back to me and was looking away from me. I ran towards Quinn-Ward and just as I got to him he turned sideways and looked at me.

I made contact with my baton Quinn-Ward on his side with two hands on my baton knocking him onto the ground. Quinn-Ward fell onto his side on the ground, and did not resist my efforts any further.

It was my intention to perform a takedown on Quinn-Ward. In these chaotic, rapidly evolving, dangerous, and violent situations it is necessary to gain control of subjects as quickly as possible so you can keep your situational awareness up, and not have to fight with an individual for a prolonged period of time exposing you to assaults from other rioters which has happened to me in the past while taking custodies. Therefore I knew I needed to take Quinn-Ward to the ground to quickly gain control of him.

While trying to take Quinn-Ward into custody after this use of force I was struck in the head by another individual with a shield so I diverted my efforts to taking that male into custody, and left Quinn-Ward. Officer Flohr then finished taking Quinn-Ward into custody, and it is my understanding he did not resist her efforts at all.

The soundtruck had been in the area for nearly 45 minutes giving dispersal orders as well as use of force warnings.

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:

A takedown was the quickest, most effective, and lowest level of force to use on Quinn-Ward in order to gain control of him.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORCE YOU OBSERVED OTHER OFFICERS USE:

I did not witness any other officers use force on Quinn-Ward.

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.

☐ _____ 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.

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WITNESS INFORMATION: NAME OR DESCRIPTION (IF NAME REFUSED) AND MEMBER WHO LOCATED:

There were numerous witnesses in the area, and the majority of them were filming with their phones. The crowd in these areas were very hostile towards police and there was not safe circumstances to approach these demonstrators, and interview them regarding the force they witnessed. They were a mixture of white and black males and females in their twenties and thirties all wearing all black clothing. Most wore black helmets and painter's style respirators.

MEMBER INJURY

☐ **I WAS INJURED DURING THIS INCIDENT**

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE	DPSST		RANK	NAME
Brian Wheeler	57813	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