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CASE # 2020-681752 | OFFICER: Taylor | DPSST: 51250 | ☐ AMENDED

DATE: 09/27/2020 | TIME: 12:00 AM | ASSIGNMENT: RRT

LOCATION: SW 4th Ave/ SW Yamhill St

| NAME (LAST, FIRST M) | GENDER | RACE | DATE OF BIRTH |
|---|---|---|---|
| Singelstad, Richard | MALE | WHITE | 11/24/1993 |

## 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

Assigned to RRT Delta Squad as a Grenadier. Have been a member of RRT for 6 years and certified as a Grenadier for more than 2 years.

On this particular day we had received information that there was about 300 protesters that had assembled in the area of Chapman Square and in the street between SW Madison and SW Main street on SW 3rd avenue. Among those were between 100 and 150 who were portraying themselves as "press" or "media" by wearing tactical style vests with "press" patches, helmets with "press" markings, or other clothing modified to display such markings. Several of the protesters were also dressed in all black and were wearing personal protective equipment such as helmets and gas masks. Some others were carrying shields which have frequently been used against us in various manners. Many protesters in this group have been showing since the death of George Floyd in late May and have engaged in violent and riotous behavior. Some of this behavior tonight also included throwing projectiles at officers such as water bottles, smoke bombs, full cans of beer and full soup cans.

Because of the history of people in the crowd and their frequent desire to engage in vandalism and other criminal behavior our squad was brought downtown to stage nearby. While at the staging area we had received information that actors in the group had started to block the street on SW 3rd avenue to vehicular traffic. In an effort to mitigate this and prevent RRT from having to respond to the area the sound truck had broadcast announcements that the streets were open to vehicular traffic. They also advised the protesters to get onto the sidewalks or into the park or they would be subject to arrest, citation, or the use of crowd control agents or impact munitions. A short time later RRT squads were brought in to clear the streets. During this movement some custodies were taken for observed criminal activity. After arresting some of the subjects blocking the street our squad disengaged from the area. While disengaging I was struck in the back by a full metal can of soup.

Later in the evening an Unlawful Assembly had been declared so we had dispersed the crowd of protesters from the area of Chapman Square and Lownsdale Park due to their criminal behavior. The crowd of protesters were directed to move to the North or the West by the sound truck. In response most of them moved to the North. During these movements I observed as several members of the "press" had positioned themselves towards the back of the crowd in an apparent effort to slow our movements. The crowd was moved a few blocks to the North near SW 4th avenue/ SW Yamhill street. A few subjects were arrested as the crowd was moved northbound. Later in the evening the crowd was also moved again in an effort to disperse them.

## LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTACT

☐ REASONABLE SUSPICION ☐ WARRANT/JUDICIAL DECREE ☐ OTHER

☒ PROBABLE CAUSE ☐ CIVIL HOLD ☒ CIVIL UNREST

EXPLAIN

We had observed a crowd of protesters standing in the street blocking vehicular traffic on SW 3rd avenue between SW Madison and SW Main street. As a result of observed behavior the sound truck had offered several clearly audible announcements to clear the street and move to the park or the sidewalk. In response I observed the crowd yell many anti-police chants as they have done day after day. I also observed many protesters chanting my name specifically as they yelled "Fuck Brent Taylor," which again has become a daily chant among the protesters whether I am there or not. During this time I also observed some protesters throwing projectiles at officers to include full cans of beer, metal cans of soup and glass bottles. Due to the observed criminal behavior an Unlawful Assembly was later declared and the crowd was ordered to disperse. During a couple of instances I observed people failing to comply with commands of officers of the sound truck to move or leave the area.

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Our squad began dispersing the crowd of protesters northbound on SW 4th avenue following the Unlawful Assembly announcements from the sound truck. On SW 4th avenue between SW Salmon/SW Taylor streets I observed SINGELSTAD standing in the middle of the street after being directed to disperse the area. He was also facing the line of RRT officers holding a skateboard in a manner that appeared as though he intended to use it as a shield.

## CONDITION PRIOR TO FORCE

- ☒ ARMED (ACTUALLY)
- ☐ REPORTED TO BE ARMED
- ☐ ARMED (PERCEIVED)
- [redacted] MENTAL HEALTH INFLUENCE (PERCEIVED)
- ☐ UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS
- ☐ UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL
- ☐ PASSIVE RESISTANCE*
- ☒ ENGAGED IN PHYSICAL RESISTANCE
- ☐ OTHER
- ☐ NONE

EXPLAIN

An Unlawful Assembly was declared by the sound truck and the crowd of protesters was ordered to disperse from the area to the North or the West. I observed SINGELSTAD standing in the street holding a skateboard refusing to leave the area. I observed that we started moving the crowd northbound on SW 4th avenue towards SW Taylor street. While doing so it appeared that SINGELSTAD was using the skateboard as a shield by swiping it at the hands of officers who were guiding protesters northbound away from the area. Seeing this behavior I believed that SINGELSTAD intended to use the skateboard as a weapon so I made an effort to grab the skateboard to remove it from him.

## PERCEIVED CONDITION FOR LACK OF COMPLIANCE PRIOR TO FORCE

- [redacted] MEDICAL CONDITIONS
- [redacted] MENTAL IMPAIRMENT
- [redacted] DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY
- [redacted] MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS
- ☒ DISOBEDIENT / ANTAGONISTIC
- ☐ LANGUAGE BARRIER
- ☐ OTHER
- [redacted] PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS
- ☐ IMPAIRED FROM DRUGS OR ALCOHOL OR BOTH

EXPLAIN

Prior to police interaction subjects were blocking the street and refusing to comply with the orders of the sound truck. The group was extremely antagonistic and had been chanting several anti-police chants throughout the duration of their time out there. I had also received several personal threats while monitoring the crowd as well. Many of the protesters appeared as though they had no intent to leave the area. They were donned with personal protective equipment and some of them had shields and other items which are frequently used against us. This appeared to be a group reluctant to listen to directions from the police. The energy in the crowd was high and there were subjects in the crowd intent on engaging in violence towards the police. SINGELSTAD had also engaged in this antagonistic behavior and had refused to leave when directed to do so by the sound truck.

## 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,NOC, ASU, Sound Truck, Mobile Field Forces, Field Arrest, Formal Arrest, Multnomah County RRT, OSP MRT

## 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**

As usual, initially we did not engage the crowd with the intent of allowing them the opportunity to be peaceful. There were crimes that we allowed to occur to prevent having to engage with them. The sound truck offered several announcements and warnings requesting protesters move out of the street and to later leave the area because an unlawful assembly had been declared due to their criminal activities. Prior to engaging in any force we gave the protesters time to disperse from the area with plenty of avenues of escape. There were also additional resources brought in prior to making the effort to move the crowd. When all de-escalation efforts failed then the only option we had was to physically move the crowd.

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## 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 | BACK | NO, EXPLAIN | YES |

**DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:**

As we were moving the crowd of protesters northbound on SW 4th avenue near SW Taylor street I observed as officers in the area were attempting to guide SINGELSTAD and other protesters northbound as directed by the sound truck. At the time I observed that SINGELSTAD was holding a skateboard and appeared to be using it as a shield to block the hands of the officers trying to guide him. Seeing this I made an effort to grab that skateboard in an effort to prevent it from being used as a weapon against us, as I have observed in the past during the recent protests. When I grabbed the skateboard I observed that SINGELSTAD started pulling backwards to retain it and prevent me from keeping a hold of it. I directed SINGELSTAD to let go of the skateboard because it could be used as a weapon. I observed that he refused to let it go and was able to pull it free from my grasp.

In an effort to prevent SINGELSTAD from using the skateboard against us I again grabbed the skateboard and told him to "let go of it," referring to the skateboard. It appeared that SINGELSTAD was exerting great effort to retain the skateboard so I pulled abruptly on the skateboard in an effort overcome SINGELSTAD'S resistance and free the skateboard from his grasp. When I did so it pulled SINGELSTAD backwards off of his feet and onto his back on the ground. At the time SINGELSTAD was still grasping the skateboard in an effort to retain it but I was able to pull the skateboard free from his hands. After doing so Ofc. Terrett, Ofc. Livingston and Ofc. Flohr placed SINGLESTAD under arrest. After freeing the skateboard from his grasp I did not use any additional force against SINGELSTAD.

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:**

I used the options that I felt were most appropriate given the circumstances, distances and tactics that we were being utilized. Other options were not considered at the time because I was in close proximity to the subject and did not have the ability to access other tools or options. I also used the lowest level of force necessary to accomplish the task at hand.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORCE YOU OBSERVED OTHER OFFICERS USE:**

Due to the nature of the crowd I was focusing on the threats in front of me and did not observe what other officers were doing.

## 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]

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■ 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.

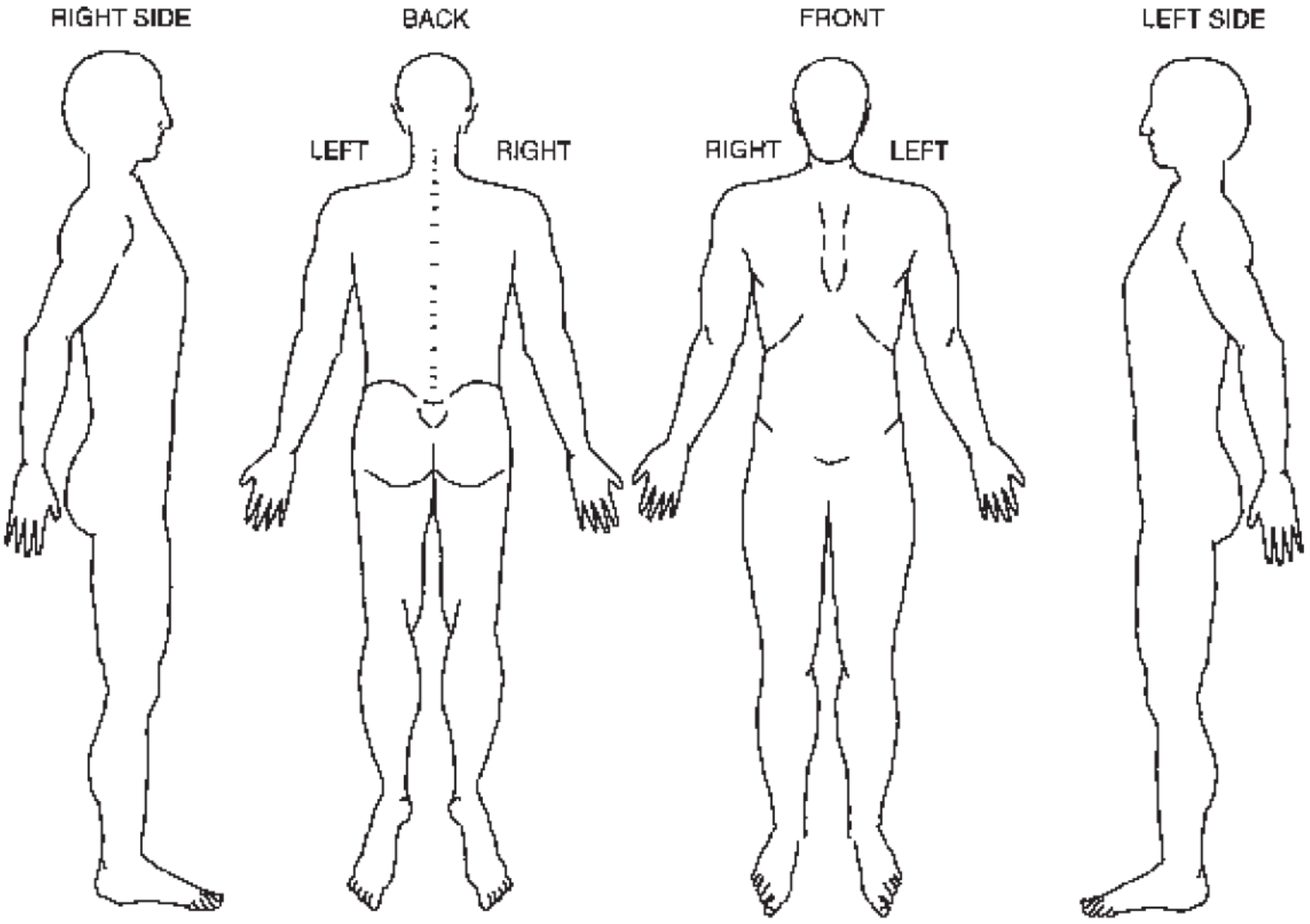
**WITNESS INFORMATION: NAME OR DESCRIPTION (IF NAME REFUSED) AND MEMBER WHO LOCATED:**

There were several witnesses to the force events but the crowd was very antagonistic and was not interested in talking.

## MEMBER INJURY

■ **I WAS INJURED DURING THIS INCIDENT**

## CEW OR LAUNCHABLE IMPACT MUNITION LOCATIONS:

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## SIGNATURE

| SIGNATURE | DPSST | | RANK | NAME |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brent Taylor | 51250 | EMAILED TO | SGT | Carroll |

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

| APPROVED BY: | Carroll | DPSST: | 33550 |
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| 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 |
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