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CASE # 2020-681755 | OFFICER Sanders | DPSST 47719 | ☐ AMENDED

DATE 09/27/2020 | TIME: 1:45 AM | ASSIGNMENT: RRT

LOCATION Chapman Square

NAME (LAST, FIRST M)	GENDER	RACE	DATE OF BIRTH
OVERCASH, IAN C	MALE	WHITE	12/05/2001

TYPE OF CALL - REASON FOR CONTACT

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

☐ TRAFFIC STOP ☒ OTHER ☐ MERE CONVERSATION ☐ WELFARE CHECK

EXPLAIN

I was assigned to Echo Squad to assist with the nightly riots that have crippled the city for months. Today, under a unified state command, police were instructed to strictly enforce all laws and to keep the peace. By around 2100, Antifa/Black Bloc members had gathered in the middle of SW 3rd between Main and Madison, blocking all vehicular traffic on these streets. Tonight's progression was following the same violent destructive path that it has the past several months. Many of the same indicators were present, which included helmets/shields, hundreds of 'black bloc' anarchists dressed alike, backpacks, and hateful messages that they brought with them to project at police. OVERCASH whom I made contact with later was part of this crowd and was exposed to all of the loud speaker messaging.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTACT

☐ REASONABLE SUSPICION ☐ WARRANT/JUDICIAL DECREE ☐ OTHER

☒ PROBABLE CAUSE ☐ CIVIL HOLD ☒ CIVIL UNREST

EXPLAIN

Shortly after 2100 on 9/26/20, the crowd in the street was given repeated and directed orders to clear out of the street and warnings were given regarding the consequences, which could be the use of force or arrest. Several hours later, after 0130 a.m., the mob was still trying to congregate and cause trouble. Everyone in this crowd could be arrested for not dispersing/leaving the area. Our squad held the mob out of the street and at bay at SW 3rd/ SW Main while arrests were made and a plan was formulated to address the crowd. I saw/ heard projectiles launched toward us while we stood there. I was constantly having to use my flashlight to keep perpetrators at bay as best I could and hyper vigilant not to get hit by a flying object. We chased them westbound to disrupt the mob and try to make some targeted arrests.

The subject I used force on was laying on the ground on his back/side and trying to kick officer WESTERLUND

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

In the middle of Chapman park (currently after hours and closed), I saw two officers struggling with a subject (OVERCASH) next to a tree. This subject was laying on the ground on his back/side and trying to kick officer WESTERLUND, who was trying to arrest him. I ran over with my stick raised to strike this suspect's legs, when the suspect appeared to stop kicking briefly, as if momentarily preoccupied more on fighting WESTERLUND.

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

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EXPLAIN

I believe OVERCASH was here to create conflict with police and intentionally escalate the chaos. He gave no other reason for his behavior other than what his antagonistic actions showed.

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, ECIT (myself and many others)

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

An overwhelming amount of restraint was used by police to address this riotous mob. When the incident commander made the decision to disperse this unlawful crowd out of the street , clear messaging and warnings was given multiple times over the sound truck for this dispersal, and ample time given for the mob to disperse. We also had numerous officers present to attempt to convince the crowd to comply.

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	LEFT LEG	YES	YES

DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

Force warnings were given many times to this crowd via the LRAD throughout the evening/night.

When OVERCASH stopped kicking Officer WESTERLUND for a brief moment, I did not strike him with my baton, but instead used this pause to pin OVERCASH's leg on the ground with my knee on his left leg, which I crossed over his right leg. I then heard Officer WESTERLUND yelling for the suspect to let go of him, and to stop grabbing him. Officer WESTERLUND was bent over on the suspect, and it appeared he was being pulled or held by the suspect's hands.

	RESISTANCE	WARNING	FORCE	TARGET LOCATION	RESISTANCE CONTINUED	RE-EVALUATE
+ -	ACTIVE AGGRESS	YES	BATON STRIKE	LEFT LEG	YES	YES

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DESCRIBE THIS USE OF FORCE:

I could not see an immediate window of opportunity to directly intervene to defend Officer WESTERLUND, so I jabbed the tip of my hickory stick into the underside of the suspect's left thigh. I did this quite hard, and tried to dig it in to cause OVERCASH enough discomfort that he would be convinced to stop assaulting WESTERLUND. After several seconds, WESTERLUND was able to break free, I stopped pressing my baton into his leg, and we handcuffed OVERCASH. OVERCASH began to yell his objections to this arrest and was verbally hostile. Once we stood OVERTON up, OVERTON became willing to walk with us to inside Central Precinct where we passed him off to Officer BRYANT (field arrest).

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:

Using physical control and the use of my baton on OVERCASH was sufficient to accomplish my objectives, and I did not have a need to use any other tools. An officer ran over part way through the altercation and offered to pepper spray our custody with a large can of pepper spray but I told him that we were okay because we were handcuffing OVERCASH by this point, and I knew there was the possibility that we could be exposed to the pepper spray in the process.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORCE YOU OBSERVED OTHER OFFICERS USE:

Officer WESTERLUND was trying to push/fight off OVERCASH using strength. I didn't see exactly how this was accomplished and what force he used because I was focused on the suspect's legs.

SUBJECT INJURY AND/OR TREATMENT

	TYPE OF INJURY	OBSERVATION	LOCATION OF INJURY	INJURY ATTRIBUTED TO	INJURY TREATMENT
+	[redacted]				
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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 this crowd, it would have been unsafe or unreasonable to attempt to locate or interview witnesses. After the arrest, I needed to stay with my squad to maintain control of the broader crowd.

MEMBER INJURY

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■ **I WAS INJURED DURING THIS INCIDENT**

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE	DPSST		RANK	NAME
Dave Sanders	47719	EMAILED TO	SGT	CARROLL

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

APPROVED BY:	Carroll	DPSST:	33550

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