Police Department Detail

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Case Details:

Case Number: 2020-00041130 Incident Type: Callout

 Location:
 600 4TH AVE
 Occured From:
 05/30/2020 10:00

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 Occured Thru:
 05/30/2020 23:00

Reported Date: 05/30/2020 06:57 Saturday

Offense Date:

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Reporting Officer ID: 357-Hollinger Status: Closed Status Date: 05/31/2020

Disposition: Closed **Disposition Date:** 05/31/2020

Assigned Bureau: No Letter Needed

Assigned Officer Assignment Date/Time Assignment Type Assigned By Officer Due Date/Time

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Group/ORI: WA0173200 Crime Code: POSPD Statute: Outside Counts: 1 Attempt/ Commit Code: Commit

Agency Assist

Description: Outside Agency Assist

Scene Code: Highway/Road/Alley Bias/Motivation: No Bias

Gang Related: None / Unknown

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NARRATIVE

On 05/30/20, LOCATED IN SEATTLE, COUNTY OF KING, STATE OF WASHINGTON, THE FOLLOWING DID OCCUR:

I am completing this supplemental report to provide more details related to my involvement in the Seattle protests which occurred on 05/30/20.

I was working as a member of the Port of Seattle Police Department Crowd Management Unit. We are a bike team partnered with the Valley Civil Disturbance Unit (VCDU) and were deployed to assist Seattle PD with a protest event turned riot in downtown Seattle.

Initially, we deployed via bicycle from the Seattle PD West Precinct into the downtown area near 4th and 5th /Pike Street. Upon our arrival, we joined other bike teams and line Officers from Seattle PD and other outside agencies. I assumed a position with other members of the team placing our bikes in front of us to provide separation between us and the protesters. I immediately noted that the police were at a significant disadvantage due to the sheer number of protesters. We soon found ourselves surrounded on both sides by protesters. I estimated there were over one thousand protesters on one side of us and a few hundred on the other. The situation was rapidly devolving as protesters became emboldened and assaultive towards us. While we were surrounded, the protesters were screaming obscenities at us and we were targeted with large rocks, glass bottles, frozen water bottles, jugs of milk, and live firework mortars. The crowd was pressing against our line of bikes and they were refusing our repeated orders to move back.

Seattle PD gave multiple dispersal orders to the protesters which were ignored. I noted that many of the protesters placed goggles over their eyes and opened umbrellas in front of them as shields, indicating their intention to disregard the dispersal orders and warnings. Their actions also indicated to me they were preparing for OC and CS gas exposure. During the deployment, I was carrying cans of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) as a less lethal means of force. I have been trained to use OC during my career including being exposed to it by direct application.

Throughout the day, Command directed us to clear various locations around the city. At the intersections of approximately 5th/Olive and 7th/ Pine, the rioters failed to comply with repeated orders to disperse and they continued pressing against our line and refusing our orders to move back. At both locations, I witnessed several Officers get hit with projectiles and exploding firework mortars. I gave repeated verbal warnings to the rioters to move back or they would be sprayed (with OC). To gain compliance and protect ourselves from the projectiles being thrown at us, I deployed OC into the crowd pushing on our line, which had moderate effect causing some of the rioters to turn and run away and in gaining a small amount of distance between us.

The event was a chaotic, violent, and rapidly evolving situation. As such, I did not have the ability to identify those

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On 05/30/2020 I was working as R369 as a member of the Port of Seattle Police Department (POSPD) Crowd Management Unit (CMU) as mutual aid to a large planned protest event in Seattle, WA.

As a member of CMU my job is to provide crowd management in a way that protects the rights of individuals and groups to peacefully assemble and protest but also to discourage acts of lawlessness.

An operation brief and team assignments were provided by the Seattle Police Department prior to the start of the event. During the event assignments and directions were updated as it evolved via radio and team leaders.

Shortly after the protest began the large crowd became unruly and refused to follow directions given. The POSPD CMU bike team was requested to assist with crowd control and law enforcement. The crowd was able to surround the police and place officers, including myself, in an unsafe position. The crowd was given several dispersal orders and refused to comply with the order given.

Throughout the event I administered multiple applications of OC pepper spray to the crowd to create safety and distance for line officers on foot and bikes. Prior to administering pepper spray I gave a verbal command and warning to the person/persons who would be sprayed when feasible. I specifically identified the person/persons by the clothing they were wearing prior to spraying when possible.

I did not provide a verbal warning prior to spraying a suspect who quickly approached the bike line and spit on an officer. The subject continued toward the officer after spitting. Due to his assault and continuing advancement, I sprayed him with several bursts of pepper spray in an effort to stop any further assault or attempt to penetrate the line.

I also did not provide a verbal warning prior to administering pepper spray after a mortar exploded at the feet of several bike officers holding a line. The mortar landed directly on the foot of one officer knocking him and a second officer to the ground which, also broke the line. In an effort to hold the integrity of the line and create distance to evacuate the injured officer, I applied pepper spray to persons advancing toward the line where the mortar exploded.

All pepper spray applications occurred at the intersection of 5th Ave and Pine St. or 6th Ave and Pine St.

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Officer Narrative:

On 5-30-20 I was working uniformed patrol for the Port of Seattle Police Department, City of SeaTac, and County of King.

I was assigned as a member of the Valley Crowd Management Unit (Valley CMU) to assist the Seattle Police Department in crowd control for a large protest within the city limits of Seattle.

As a member of CMU my job is to provide crowd management in a way that protects the rights of individuals and groups to peacefully assemble and protest, but also to discourage acts of lawlessness.

A briefing was provided by the Seattle Police Department regarding assignments for the protest.

I deployed with other members of the Port of Seattle Police Department as a bicycle unit into the downtown and Westlake area near 4th and 5th/Pine Street. Upon arriving in the area, I assumed a position as a member of the front line with my bicycle in front of me to provided separation between myself and protestors. I ascertained very quickly that officers were in a position of disadvantage as we were surrounded in all directions by thousands of protestors screaming profanities and trying to encroach on our bike line.

I was carrying Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) as a less lethal means of force. I have been trained to use OC multiple times throughout my career, including being exposed to it by direct application.

Protestors were given several warnings to disperse from the area by a load PA system, which I could hear over the crowd noise, and they did not comply with the orders given. Protestors began throwing objects, to include glass bottles, rocks, shooting fireworks and various other items found on the street. Fearing for my safety and the safety of peaceful protestors and other officers I began yelling at those in front of me to disperse, which they did not. Shortly after this time CS gas was deployed in effort to disperse the crowd. I did not observe who deployed the CS gas.

During the event I administered OC to multiple individuals who I identified as a safety risk to myself or other officers. On one occasion a male protestor yelled "fuck you" and attempted to grab me, I stepped backward and gave him a direct application of OC to his eyes. Once the male began moving backwards, I discontinued my application. On another occasion a male ran towards me and other officers with a fire extinguisher, fearing he was going to strike us with it or spray it in our faces, I gave him a direct application of OC to the face and even after he had been exposed, he continued to spray officers with the fire extinguisher. Once the male retreated, I discontinued my application. I identifed individuals based on clothing as opposed to large groups during my application and provided verbal warnings to those when feasible. All applications occurred within the area of 5th and 6th and Pine, I did not have the ability to identify those I applied OC to.

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NARRATIVE

On Saturday May 30, 2020 I responded to a mutual aid request from Seattle Police Department with the Port of Seattle Police Department Crowd Management Unit (CMU) bike team and other members of the Valley Civil Disturbance Unit (VCDU) bike officers. At the time, I was the assigned commander of the Port of Seattle CMU, and a member of the command team of VCDU. CMDR Raymond Bunk was the VCDU rep for SPD in the incident command center, and I stayed in the field with POSPD CMU officers to assist with the Seattle protest once it became riotous, in an attempt to maintain communications with IC, and provide tactical command to my team.

When we responded to Seattle at 1000 on the 30th, we attended a briefing and were provided a copy of the incident action plan (IAP) along with the chain of command for the event. SPD planned for two marches that day, one called "March for Justice # George Floyd" and a second march called "The Defiant Walk of Resistance Against Injustice." The incident commander for the event was SPD Captain Kibbee, and the Operations Section Chief was Lt Dyment.

The Commanders intent for the operation was:

We will facilitate, in a content-neutral manner, the rights of all gathered, the freedom to assemble and express their views within the limited conditions necessary to address public safety concerns.

The incident objectives for the day were:

- 1. Provide for the safety of the general public, spectators, first responders, and participants during this statewide COVID-19 state of emergency which does not permit public gatherings.
- Facilitate citizen's right to peacefully express their First Amendment free speech rights within the parameters set forth by the Washington State Governor's Stay at Home proclamation and the suspension of permitted events.
- 3. Take enforcement action for violent crimes committed against persons or significant property damage, while ensuring arrests are conducted in a safe and effective manner and in accordance with training and law.
- 4. Deter criminal activity and protect public and private property by providing a significant uniformed patrol presence.
- 5. Minimize the disruption to traffic through the use of traffic diversion as required.

My team was assigned to Reserve Platoon 3, under the command of Lt Moss. Bike teams from West Bike Squad 4, Bellevue, and Redmond were with us.

Shortly after the first march began, our team was called to assist with routing, as the crowd was growing and was starting to throw objects at police. Throughout the remainder of the operation, while there appeared to be an element who wished to protest peacefully, the crowd present was physically pushing against police lines that were set up, spitting on officers, and throwing objects such as glass bottles, bricks, river rocks (baseball sized), and

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improvised explosive devices built using fireworks. After our initial deployment to 4th and Pike, we were moved to 5th St and Pine by Command over the radio, as more officers were needed there. We quickly found ourselves surrounded by two large crowds of several thousand people. I spoke to my team leaders about moving our personnel to the other side of the smaller crowd to allow the crowds to join up and to prevent us from being surrounded by violent rioters. I briefly spoke to SPD LT Dyment, who told us to stand by while he consulted with command. We were on the line with SPD officers, and other officers from several agencies. Eventually SPD gave dispersal orders to the crowd as rioters continued increasingly throwing bottles, rocks, and other objects to injure police officers. I was standing behind my people, trying to listen to the radio and coordinate movement if we were needed at another location. I observed the line I was with tell the crowd to "move back" several times and use Oleoresin Capsaicin (OC) to push the crowd back and create an exclusionary zone between police and protesters. The purpose of this was to ensure the safety of those who wanted to peacefully protest, and the police. I also observed several officers deploy blast ball and triple chaser hand tossed munitions in an unsuccessful attempt to get the crowd to disperse. I would estimate the crowd surrounding us as over 5000.

At one point I was contacted by an unknown SPD Lieutenant who told me we needed to help push the crowd to regain control of an SPD rescue van, and also to allow medical personnel in the area, as officers were becoming injured. The line officers continued trying to push the crowd using OC and hand tossed munitions. On numerous occasions, protesters picked up the tossed munitions and threw them back at police. I observed several protesters receive applications of OC, but I did not observe anyone who appeared injured or incapacitated in the group of protesters. During this time, I was advised an SPD vehicle was broken into and two AR-15 rifles were stolen and at large. I later learned they were recovered. I saw smoke rising above buildings from vehicles that had been lit on fire.

Eventually the squad I was with was asked to back up other officers about two blocks away, where the crowd was growing and attacking police with thrown objects. As we moved to that location, I observed a passenger vehicle fully engulfed in flames and several businesses that had been broken into and looted. I also walked through a cloud of CS gas that was deployed in the area. As we moved to the new intersection to "hold" we were surrounded by rioters who were continuing to break into stores, looting, and lighting other vehicles on fire. We did not have adequate resources to adequately hold an intersection, or to go after individuals we saw actively engaging in riotous and violent behavior. We were constantly under attack from individuals throwing objects at us from all angles. I observed several officers I was with deploy munitions from 40 mm less lethal launchers at individuals preparing to throw glass bottles and others armed with dangerous objects. The deployments I observed appeared effective and eliminated the individual from being a continued threat; once stuck, they would generally leave the area. One individual was wearing all black with body armor and was carrying an axe.

While at this location (I believe it was 6th and Pine) protesters dismantled a construction site, and built a wall all the way across the street with plywood and chain link fencing. Once rioters built their wall, they continued with sustained attacks of rocks, bricks, glass bottles, and explosives. I was standing behind two Redmond PD officers when one such explosive was thrown and landed at their feet. It knocked them both to the ground, and the male officer had trouble standing back up. I helped him to his feet and took him back to an enclave of a store entrance

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to render aid. I also advised radio we had an injured officer. Shortly after that I saw an officer struck in the face with a river rock. The blow caused serious lacerations, and I later was told his jaw was broken. I assisted him back to an area where there were several King County Deputies behind a metal roll down gate.

The same operational tempo continued until we departed the area to get more equipment. Our team would attempt to move a crowd of rioters and looters, who would retreat, and again encircle our officers and throw objects at us. We were under physical attack almost the entier duration of our involvement. On several occasions I advised radio we needed more officers at our location to cover our backs, but there were no available officers to respond. We continued to encounter vehicles on fire, stores and restaurants broken into and vandalized/ looted, and barricades piled in the streets. Our focus shifted to protecting firefighters and medics who were attempting to extinguish fires and render aid.

Eventually, King County SWAT responded in a V100 with the ability to flood an area with CS gas. This was the first time I saw the crowd effectively pushed away from the city. I did not have a gas mask with me, so I was unable to keep up with my team while CS was being deployed. I was temporarily incapacitated each time I encountered an intersection KCSO SWAT cleared out. After about 5-6 exposures, I left to return to retrieve my gas mask and more munitions for the team. While I was enroute, I heard Valley CDU members released due to another operation the next day. I did not return to Seattle after that.

All actions taken by law enforcement that I personally observed were reasonable and necessary to reduce and try to prevent the ongoing attacks on police officers by rioters. Officers gave commands when they could and used the minimum amount of force possible in each situation. When force was used, it was used consistently with training, policy and law. While no individuals were arrested by my team due to the overwhelming number of protesters vs the relatively low number of police officers, I observed or was made aware of the following crimes:

RCW 9.41.250 Possession of a Dangerous Weapon (gross misdemeanor)

RCW 9A.84.010 Criminal Mischief (gross misdemeanor and class C felony [armed with deadly weapon])

RCW 9A 48.020 Arson in the First Degree (class A felony)

RCW 9A.48.030 Arson in the Second Degree (class B felony)

RCW 9A.84.020 Failure to Disperse (misdemeanor)

RCW 9A.48.070 Malicious Mischief in the first degree (class B felony)

RCW 9A.36.011 Assault in the First Degree (class A felony)

RCW 9A.36.031 Assault in the Third Degree (on law enforcement) (class C felony)

RCW 9A.56.030 Theft in the first degree (class B felony)

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RCW 9A.56.300 Theft of a Firearm RCW 9A. 56.310 Possessing a Stolen Firearm RCW 70.74.170 Explosive Devices Prohibited (class A felony) RCW 9A.52.030 Burglary in the second degree (class B felony) RCW 9A.76.023 Disarming a law enforcement officer (class C felony) RCW 9A.76.020 Obstructing a law enforcement officer (gross misdemeanor) This concludes my activity. This report was generated in Aegis Mobile and the e-signature was affixed using the undersigned officer's unique login and password. I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Electronically signed: Commander T. Bailey, 10321 Date: June 16, 2020 Place: King County, WA

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On May 30, 2020, the Port of Seattle was requested as part of the Valley Civil Disturbance Unit to assist the Seattle Police Department with a planned protest in downtown Seattle. My team first deployed near the intersection of 4th and Pike St. While there, we encountered a male protester with a gas mask that refused multiple commands to get back away from officers and the line. The protester would not leave the protective zone officers were trying to maintain in order to guarantee their and the protester's safety. I applied Oleum Capsicum (OC) to the male's mask with little or no effect.

The team moved to an intersection near 5th and Pike St. where we soon found ourselves surrounded by protesters. I estimated at least a thousand protesters on one side and five hundred on the other. We waited for direction while the crowd became more emboldened and assaultive. During this time, officers were trapped and rocks, bottles and other objects were being thrown at us. I could see the smoke of fires burning nearby coming over the adjacent buildings. The protest turned riotous at this point. A decision to disperse the crowd was made for our safety. Multiple dispersal commands were provided along the lines with no effect. Officers began pushing the riotous crowd back when they failed to follow lawful commands. I utilized OC to help disperse the crowd with minimal effect. The majority of the crowd failed to disperse and there were many rioters who continued throwing rocks, bottles and other objects at officers. I deployed several blast balls towards the area of those individuals. I also deployed several triple chasers as the assaultive behavior continued.

Our team re-deployed near the intersections of 5th and Pike St. and 6th and Pike St. There was wide spread rioting and looting. Rioters were continuing to throw rocks, bottles and other objects at us. One male rioter attempted to breach our line and I applied OC. The rioters began shooting mortar fireworks at us. I deployed several more blast balls and triple chasers during this time in an effort to drive the rioters back out of throwing distance. Rioters began erecting barricades across the street built from planter boxes, fencing and looted objects in order to conceal themselves and launch more attacks.

At one point, my team was near the intersection of 6th and Pike St. when it was discovered the team behind us left leaving our backs exposed to rioters behind us. There was no one to stop them as small groups began to form and move their way towards our line. I directed the small groups to leave the area towards the direction they came. Most did, except a group of females. Another team of officers arrived on scene and began establishing a line to stop the groups. I directed the group of females to get back, but they would not. They began yelling and cursing at me and refused to disperse or get back so as to allow the team of officers to establish a protective line. I pushed one female back and she turned away pushing backwards towards me. I applied OC to her in order to create distance and protect myself from her and the remaining aggressive group members.

My team later moved along Pine St. in an effort to clear it of rioters and looters. There were several burning vehicles in the area and rioters were still throwing rocks, bottles and other objects at officers. Rioters were also

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throwing smoke bombs and other fireworks or explosive devices at us. I deployed one or two more blast balls and several triple chasers during this time.

Our team secured later that evening.

All munitions and OC were deployed in accordance with my training. All munitions and OC were deployed to protect the safety of officers and others. All munitions and OC were used when necessary to protect officers and others from riotous, assaultive behavior. Commands and warnings were provided when feasible. Subjects whom force was used against did not ask or seek medical attention and left the general area. Attempts at arresting the individuals were too dangerous and would have further placed officers in harms way.

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On Saturday May 30, 2020, located in Seattle, King County, Washington, the Seattle Police Department requested mutual aid for a large protest. I was activated as part of the Valley Civil Disturbance Unit Bike Team to assist the Seattle Police Department. The prior evening, Seattle PD faced rioting and destruction when protests changed from being peaceful to violent.

During the protest on May 30th, the weather changed from overcast to heavy down-pouring rain.

This peaceful protest began turning into a violent riot when I heard Seattle Police radio inform officers that members of the crowd were throwing glass bottles and rocks at police officers. I observed other items used to commit crimes against police officers and create a danger to life and property to include: rioters throwing wooden chairs, eggs, milk in jugs, metal bottles, metal trash cans, homemade smoke bombs, homemade stink bombs, glass bottles, rocks, and anything else not nailed down. Rioters shot mortar rounds (fireworks) at police officers on a bike line knocking two officers to the ground. Another officer was hit in the face with a rock and reportedly had a broken jaw. The rioters blocked medical support by forming a human wall and not allowing the ambulances to pass. Still more rioters set multiple vehicles on fire to include law enforcement vehicles. The rioters then blocked access to the Seattle Fire Department. Seattle Police radio announced that 2 or 3 police rifles were stolen from police vehicles by rioters and were shooting at cars. Other crimes committed included assaults on police officers, attempted assaults on police officers, looting on a massive scale, reckless driving, disorderly conduct, obstructing a law enforcement officer, unlawful discharge of a laser (first degree), failure to disperse, criminal mischief, intimidating a public servant, arson, and criminal attempt, to name a few. Another highly danger dangerous situation occurred when rioters formed a shield wall with approximately 20 or more 4'X8' sheets of plywood stretching from one side of the street to another and as a group advanced on the police line.

I would estimate the number of protestors and rioters in Seattle to be over 5,000 in mass.

Based on the culmination of facts and information, I feared for the safety of the legal protestors, my officers and myself. This riot was highly volatile and dangerous.

This riot lasted several hours, and I do not recall all the intersections where I used force. Some of my protective gear included: a bike helmet, a gas mask, a police vest with bullet proof inserts, gloves, elbow and shoulder pads, and pistol belt with tools.

Several of the rioters were wearing protective gear to include rain jackets, face masks, ski goggles, gloves, umbrellas, backpacks, and various types of padding or body armor.

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Somewhere near the intersection of 5th and Olive several persons engaged the Seattle foot line officers attempting to breach the line. I gave several verbal warnings and then dispensed several doses of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray to stop the threat. The OC was generally effective except for the rioters wearing rain jackets, goggles, and masks. The rioters with protective gear kept attempting to breach our lines or block line of sight for other rioters committing crimes. We attempted to pull umbrellas away from rioters using them as visual and physical shields. This is one of the areas where rioters blocked ambulances and firetrucks.

Around 6th and Pike I observed a several people closing in on the Seattle foot squad line. The subjects were less than a few feet from officers, were shouting, and based on their behavior seemed intent on breaching the police line. I gave verbal warnings and the crowd did not move. I utilized OC spray and the subjects backed away and gave the officers a safe exclusionary zone to hold their line.

Also, at 6th and Pike I observed a female subject about 50 feet from the police line and within throwing distance wearing blue camo pants. She had a half gallon sized glass bottle in her hand and was using a metal trash can as a barrier. I gave the female 3-4 loud warnings to drop the bottle and then used an eXact iMpact round aimed at her thigh. The subject was moving when I engaged her, and the round impacted her in near her hip pocket. The subject subsequently dropped the glass bottle in the street causing it to shatter. She retreated and later produced another glass bottle. She decided to drop that bottle and retreat to the rioters' skirmish line. The subject did not seek medical attention and was no longer a problem. Anther subject at this location had a metal object concealed against his forearm. The item looked like a large metal wrench measuring an estimated 12"-18" in length. I gave the subject several orders to drop the item and then utilized an eXact iMpact round and missed his thigh. The subject walked away and came back later with the same metal object in their hand. I warned the subject again and them engaged them with an eXact iMpact round. I aimed at the subject's thigh and the round impacted the subject in the lower stomach or hip but did not have the desired affect because the subject was wearing padding or body armor. The subject left the area and did not seek medical attention and was no longer a threat.

At an unknown location, I sprayed a final subject who advanced on our police line within 1'-2' of the bike line. At this same time, the other bike line was taking thrown rocks, mortar rounds, other debris being thrown at them. I gave my subject several loud warnings to move back and then engaged the subject with OC when he failed to comply. The OC had an immediate effect and the subject stayed back and was no longer a problem. The subject was provided milk and an onion by other rioters.

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Our team was released by Seattle Police Command at 2100 hours. We collected our gear and rode back to our vehicles. During this time, rioters ran at us while shouting. One rioter threw a glass bottle at me, it missed and exploded on a vehicle next to me.

All munitions and OC were deployed in accordance with my training. All munitions and OC were deployed to protect the safety of officers and others. All munitions and OC were used when necessary to protect officers and others from riotous, assaultive behavior. Commands and warnings were provided when feasible. Subjects whom force was used against did not ask or seek medical attention and left the general area. Attempts at arresting the individuals were too dangerous and would have further placed officers in harm's way.

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On May 30, 2020, the Port of Seattle Police Department Crowd Management Unit, acting as an agency member of Valley Civil Disturbance Unit, assisted Seattle Police Department with a protest turned riot in downtown Seattle.

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Seattle Police Mutual Aid Request for CMU - UOF Summary

On May 30, 2020, personnel from the Port of Seattle Police Department Crowd Management Unit (CMU) Bike Team and other members of the Valley Civil Disturbance Unit (VCDU) responded to the City of Seattle for a mutual aid request from the Seattle Police Department (SPD) to assist with two planned demonstrations for that day, "March for Justice #George Floyd" and "The Defiant Walk of Resistance Against Injustice."

The following CMU members were present during the event and either used force, were witness to the use of force, and or were injured by violent demonstrators: Officers D. Aldridge, F. Arena, D. Breed, M. Bruch, T. Derr, E. DeVries, A. Ignatov, I. Maxwell, Sergeants J. Coke, T. Hollinger, B. Theckston, and Commander T. Bailey.

The Incident Commander for the event was SPD Captain T. Kibbee and the Operations Section Chief was SPD Lieutenant J. Dyment. The following were their goals and objectives emphasized during group briefings:

We will facilitate, in a content-neutral manner, the rights of all gathered, the freedom to assemble and express their views, within the limited conditions necessary to address public safety concerns.

- Provide for the safety of the general public, spectators, first responders, and participants during this statewide COVID-19 state of emergency which does not permit public gatherings.
- Facilitate citizen's right to peacefully express their First Amendment free speech rights within the parameters set forth by the Washington State Governor's Stay at Home proclamation and the suspension of permitted events.
- Take enforcement action for violent crimes committed against persons or significant property damage, while ensuring arrests are conducted in a safe and effective manner and in accordance with training and law.
- Deter criminal activity and protect public and private property by providing a significant uniformed patrol presence.
- Minimize the disruption to traffic through the use of traffic diversion as required.

CMU and VCDU personnel were assigned to different areas of the downtown corridor to supplement SPD personnel.

From nearly the beginning of their deployment, violent demonstrators began assaulting law enforcement personnel by throwing hard objects such as rocks, glass bottles, milk jugs, bricks, and improvised explosive devices built using fireworks. The demonstrations quickly grew in size and turned into violent riots fraught with widespread looting, arson, property destruction, assault and massive civil disobedience.

Teams of law enforcement personnel attempted to move crowds, clear roadways for emergency medical vehicles, and enforce dispersal and curfew orders with minimal success. As soon as the area to the front of the teams were cleared, demonstrators would circle around and approach from behind. The teams were under continuous physical attack and often surrounded on all sides.

Despite numerous commands to stop and stay back, demonstrators at the front were pushing and spitting on the officers assigned to the frontline. Normal protocols to maintain a safety exclusionary zone between demonstrators who wanted to peacefully protest, and the police failed. While frontline officers had their attention focused on these types of aggressive and assaultive demonstrators, other more violent demonstrators were behind the first groups throwing hard projectiles to assault and injure any law enforcement personnel.

CMU personnel primarily used OC spray on the most violent demonstrators in the front. While OC was moderately effective, it is limited by its range and can easily be defeated by protective clothing and facial coverings. To stop or prevent violent demonstrators at a greater distance from throwing objects, CMU personnel used a combination of less lethal and impact munitions to include CS gas, orange marking rounds, OC rounds, inert blast ball, and foam sponge rounds. The below matrix is a summary of the types of force and approximate quantity used by each officer:

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CMU personnel maintained the same highly intense and rapidly evolving operational tempo throughout this riot. On several occasions, CMDR Bailey radioed for additional units to help him and his team who were overrun with violent demonstrators but was unable to receive any help. Law enforcement personnel on the frontline could not maintain any sustained crowd control or movement until King County Sheriff's Office responded in a V100 vehicle capable of flooding the area with CS gas. For the first time throughout the riot was the crowds effectively pushed out of the Downtown Seattle business corridor.

I was not on scene at the time of this event. I have read all of the associated case reports and interviewed numerous CMU personnel.

Overall, all CMU personnel operated within department and VCDU policy, and used only the amount of force reasonably necessary to effect lawful purposes. There were two CMU officers injured during the riot; one officer suffered direct OC exposure to the lower torso and groin area after a suspect attempted to disarm him, while the other officer suffered ear pain and hearing loss after an unknown suspect assaulted the officer next to him with an improvised explosive device. Officers gave verbal commands and warnings when they could, but because of the dynamic situation all around no suspect names where force was used could be obtained. Most suspects disappeared back into the crowds and either wore coverings to conceal their identities or shed outer layers of clothing to change their appearance. As of this writing, there have been no injuries reported or complaints forwarded to the Office of Professional Accountability.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

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Acting Chief of Police Mike Villa	Date