

REDMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident 20-010243

Nature: Agency Assist

Address: 810 VIRGINIA ST; SEATTLE W

PRECINCT

SEATTLE WA

Responsible Officers: M Fuller

When Reported: 08:14:19 05/30/20

Occurred Between: 08:14:03 05/30/20 and 08:14:03 05/30/20

Synopsis

Redmond Police responded to Seattle to assist with a protest.

Narrative

Officer: R.Edwards #4270

Date/Time Stamp: Sat May 30 21:26:08 PDT 2020

- 1. Witness information - Enter all Witness(s) names in the Law Incident Involvements
- 2. Additional suspects - Enter all Suspect(s) names in the Law Incident Involvements
- 3. Describe property taken; show make, model, serial numbers and individual values, where taken from, etc.
- 4. Property damaged; describe with dollar loss
- 5. Statements; from whom, and taken by
- 6. Evidence - Enter all Evidence in the Law Incident Involvements
- 7. Photos
- 8. Latents
- 9. Casualties or death; nature of injuries, attending physician, where treated, etc.
- 10. Narrative; describe/reconstruct incident, crime scene

Start report below line:

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On 05-30-20 at about 0830 hrs, the Redmond Police Civil Disturbance Unit was requested by Seattle Police Department to assist with a protest in the City of Seattle. Upon arrival, my unit was assigned to post in the area of 4th AVE and Pine St, Seattle, King County, WA.

While at my post, thousands of protesters were attempting push our bike line back. We were given the order to push the crowd back. There was a white male, about 6'3 wearing a long yellow rain jacket and a painters mask with purple filters standing directly in front of my bike. The male refused to move back with the rest of the crowd as ordered. I used my bike to push the male back. After pushing the male, he still refused to move back.

I deployed my O.C canister and sprayed the male across his eyes. The male still refused to move back. Other officers that were behind me grabbed the male and pulled him behind our line where he was placed in custody.

This concluded my involvement with this specific incident.

End of report.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that all statements made herein are true and accurate and that I am entering my authorized User ID and password to authenticate it (RCW 9A.72.085). This document is electronically submitted from an electronic device that is owned, issued, and maintained by a criminal justice agency.

Electronically Signed: R.Edwards #4270

Redmond/King/Washington Date: Sat May 30 21:47:12 PDT 2020

Narrative

Officer: R. Peterson #4267

Date/Time Stamp: Sat May 30 22:03:11 PDT 2020

Narrative:

On May 30, 2020 I assisted the Seattle Police Department as a member of the Redmond Police Civil Disturbance Unit. There were two protests planned for the day, one starting at 1200 and the other starting at 1500 hours. The commander's intent for the events that day consisted of assisting in securing persons 1st amendment right to peaceably assemble and exercise free speech. We were to act to prevent criminal behavior (such as violence or major property destruction) so as to create an environment where people could freely express the above-mentioned rights.

I was deployed with the Redmond Police Civil Disturbance Unit, the Bellevue Police Civil Disturbance Unit, the Port of Seattle Civil Disturbance Unit and a contingent of Seattle Police Bike Officers. We were sent to several areas of the city to include the area around the Columbia Center and Seattle City hall, where we helped manage a march to keep it moving the proper directions on the one-way streets. We then deployed to the protest at Westlake Park.

We were positioned on 5th Ave on the north side of Pine St where we formed a fence line with our patrol bicycles from east to west, blocking the very large crowd from walking northbound on 5th AVE. During this time, I was the victim of several assaults, to include being hit with three, filled plastic water bottles and a glass bottle, unwanted touching, and grabbing. By this time the protest had turned into a riot, in which violence was erupting and major property destruction was taking place. We had donned gas masks, and CS gas canisters had to be deployed by other agencies on multiple occasions.

While holding the fence line I witnessed several rioters destroying a Seattle Police Vehicle by hitting it with objects and kicking it. They broke out all the windows and had begun jumping on the hood and roof. People were actively trying to set fire to the police car. A Seattle Swat Team Officer was trying to deploy less lethal munitions and a Light/Sound/Distractioin/Device in an attempt to stop the destruction but was being hindered by a thin, white male wearing glasses, and a green hooded jacket with a face mask. The man was using a sign that was fashioned from a wooden picture frame to hold in front of the SWAT Team Officer in order to prevent him from deploying his munitions. I used my issued MK9 OC spray and discharged a blast at the man's face. This had the desired effect, causing the subject to flee and allowing the SWAT Team Officer to deploy the munitions. After deploying the OC Spray another Rioter ran up to the mobile fence line and doused me with the entire contents of a fire extinguisher. I was covered from head to toe (as was my patrol bicycle) with the fire retardant.

While still maintaining the mobile fence line at 5th Ave and Pine I watched a group of male rioters attacking a woman who was a member of the press.

She had a white helmet on and had covered herself with a semi-clear/white plastic poncho. She had plastic bags covering her camera equipment and clearly marked "PRESS" badges front and back. The men assaulting her were dressed in the common dark colors and masks that are worn by various anarchist groups. In order to keep the men from attacking the woman (whom they were grabbing, kicking and slapping at) I deployed two long blasts of my MK9 OC Spray. I saw a stream of OC from another MK9 that was deployed by another agency directed at the males as well. Once again, the less lethal tool was effective, halting the violent attack on the woman. The attackers moved back into the crowd and were not apprehended.

We eventually used the mobile fence line to move a portion of the crowd eastward on Pine St from 5th AVE. We were able to hold the fence line at 5th and Pine and stood stretching from north to south on the west side of the intersection. During this time, I was hit with another glass bottle. Redmond Officer Horn was hit in the face with a hard object that was thrown while we were in that position, breaking his gas mask and causing him to later receive multiple stitches to his face. We were eventually relieved from that position by Valley Civil Disturbance Unit. NFI.

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