

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	April 19, 2019 / 12:45 a.m. / 530 N. Clark Street
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	April 19, 2019 / 11:09 a.m.
Involved Officer #1: Raymond Archuleta	Officer Raymond Archuleta / Star# 19887 / Employee ID# [REDACTED] / Date of Appointment: / Police Officer / 18th District / White Male.
Involved Individual #1: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] / Born: [REDACTED] 1996 / Black Male
Case Type:	Excessive Force / Improper Stop

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer Raymond Archuleta	It is alleged that on or about April 19, 2019, at or near 530 N. Clark St., at approximately 12:45 a.m., Officer Raymond Archuleta:	
	1. Stopped Mr. [REDACTED] without Justification. 2. Jabbed Mr. [REDACTED] in the neck without justification.	EXONERATED UNFOUNDED

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE¹

In a statement to COPA, the complainant, [REDACTED] told investigators he was pulled over by the police shortly before 1:00 a.m. on April 19, 2019. The officer told Mr. [REDACTED] that he pulled him over because something about Mr. [REDACTED] registration looked strange and it appeared that he had no insurance. Mr. [REDACTED] said he provided the officer with proof of

¹COPA conducted a full and complete investigation of this matter, including the interview of all pertinent civilian and officer witnesses, and the collection and review of digital and documentary evidence. As part of COPA’s ongoing efforts to increase case closure capacity, certain cases are summarized more succinctly in a Modified Summary Report of Investigation, pursuant to COPA Guideline Modified Summary Report of Investigation Template and Approvals, effective February 13, 2019.

insurance and the officer asked him about other documents and papers that were visible, including a ticket. Mr. ██████ said the officer made him nervous by questioning him and the officer was fishing for information, which aggravated Mr. ██████. The officer gave Mr. ██████ a ticket for not using his turn signal, but Mr. ██████ said he was initially told he was pulled over for not having insurance and questioned the officer on why he was ticketing him. He said the officer wouldn't tell him what he wrote him the ticket for until after he gave him the ticket. Mr. ██████ said he knew he shouldn't have, but he hopped out of his car and as soon as he did, the officer jabbed him in his neck. Mr. ██████ didn't want to get thrown to the ground, so he ran into the middle of the street to draw attention to the situation in case the officer tried to injure him.

Bodycam footage from the incident shows Officer Raymond Archuletta approaching Mr. ██████ car and asking him about his license plates because they are registered in Georgia and asking Mr. ██████ where he's from in Georgia. Officer Archuletta asks Mr. ██████ about a ticket he sees as Mr. ██████ is going through some papers and asks him if he is driving for Uber. Mr. ██████ becomes visibly annoyed with the questions and asks Officer Archuletta why he pulled him over. Officer Archuletta begins to explain that he saw Mr. ██████ driving fast in traffic on LaSalle St. As Officer Archuletta is explaining the reason for the stop, Mr. ██████ interrupts the Officer several times and says he was not driving fast and does not allow the Officer to finish explaining. Mr. ██████ insists he did not violate any traffic laws, and Officer Archuletta reiterates that he did and walks away to his police vehicle. Officer Archuletta spends several minutes writing the ticket in his police vehicle and returns to Mr. ██████ vehicle.

Upon returning to Mr. ██████ vehicle, Officer Archuletta informs Mr. ██████ that he has been ticketed for not using his turn signal. Mr. ██████ responds "No, fuck no. You're bullshit" and says he is not signing anything and tells Officer Archuletta he is not giving him a ticket. Mr. ██████ says he didn't do anything wrong and repeatedly asks Officer Archuletta what he did, even though Officer Archuletta already told him what the ticket was for. Mr. ██████ says he is going to get out of his car and asks Officer Archuletta "Who do you think you are?" and "What do you think you're doing?" Officer Archuletta advises Mr. ██████ not to exit his vehicle. Mr. ██████ continues to ask what he did wrong and argue with Officer Archuletta. Officer Archuletta discontinues trying to communicate with Mr. ██████ and drops the ticket into the car window and walks away, saying "drive safely, driver". As Officer Archuletta is walking away, Mr. ██████ exits his vehicle. Officer Archuletta quickly turns and instructs Mr. ██████ to get back in the car while placing his right hand on Mr. ██████ collarbone to push him away and back into the vehicle. Mr. ██████ refuses to get back in the car and Officer Archuletta attempts to restrain Mr. ██████ by grabbing his wrist, but Mr. ██████ resists the Officer's attempt to place him into custody and runs towards the middle of the street. Officer Archuletta calls for assistance over the radio while pursuing Mr. ██████ into the street, and his bodycam comes off. Officer Archuletta is able to place Mr. ██████ into custody and retrieves his bodycam from the street as other officers arrive on the scene. Mr. ██████ is transported by another officer to the 18th District for processing and charged with failing to use a turn signal, assault, and resisting arrest.

III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The body-worn camera footage in this case is compelling evidence that Officer Archuleta acted properly in the stop of Mr. [REDACTED]. Officer Archuleta stopped Mr. [REDACTED] because of a traffic violation and informed Mr. [REDACTED] why he was stopped, as well as asked questions pertaining to the vehicle’s registration and insurance, all of which are standard questions in a traffic stop. Officer Archuleta twice attempted to deescalate the encounter when Mr. [REDACTED] became upset by walking away from the situation; however, Mr. [REDACTED] remained belligerent. Mr. [REDACTED] exited his vehicle to further confront Officer Archuleta, which would place a reasonable officer in apprehension of an imminent battery. Officer Archuleta attempted to get Mr. [REDACTED] back into his car and away from him, but Mr. [REDACTED] would not comply with the verbal or physical direction being given him. When Officer Archuleta attempted to place Mr. [REDACTED] into custody, Mr. [REDACTED] resisted arrest and fled into the street. Officer Archuleta’s actions were reasonable, and he used only the force necessary to effectuate the arrest.

Mr. [REDACTED] claimed there was no reason for him to be pulled over, but Officer Archuleta had reason to pull him over and told him that reason was a traffic violation. Mr. [REDACTED] also admitted he was getting upset by the questions the Officer was asking him. While Mr. [REDACTED] may have been upset by the questions, Officer Archuleta was within his authority to ask them, and they were very basic questions. Mr. [REDACTED] also admitted he should not have gotten out of the vehicle, which is ultimately what resulted in his arrest because the Officer was actually walking away to leave him with only a ticket for a minor traffic violation. Mr. [REDACTED] claimed he was jabbed in the throat; however, the bodycam footage shows that Officer Archuleta used pressure near Mr. [REDACTED] collarbone to try to keep Mr. [REDACTED] away from him and get him back into his vehicle.

Based on the preceding, COPA finds that Officer Archuleta had reason to stop Mr. [REDACTED] for a traffic offense and he is therefore EXONERATED of allegation No. 1. COPA further finds the allegation that Officer Archuleta used excessive force to be UNFOUNDED.

Approved:

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10-29-2020

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Date

Appendix A

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