

**SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	July 5, 2021 / 7:30 PM / 10000 S Western Ave
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	July 6, 2021 / 04:10 AM
Involved Officer #1:	James H. Bansley, Star# 8791, Employee# [REDACTED] DOA: December 16, 2009, PO, Unit of Assignment: 006, DOB: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 1983, Male, White
Involved Officer #2:	Danielle Clifford, Star# 6452, Employee# [REDACTED] DOA: April 16, 2018, PO, Unit of Assignment: 004, DOB: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 1991, Female, White
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 2003, Male, Black
Involved Individual #2:	[REDACTED] Female, Black
Case Type:	Verbal Abuse

**I. ALLEGATIONS**

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer James H. Bansley	It is alleged that on or about July 17, 2021, at or after approximately 7:30 pm, at or near 10000 S. Western Av., Officer Bansley, Star#8791, committed misconduct through the following acts or omission:	
	1. Stating words to the effect of I got you bitch to [REDACTED]	Not Sustained
	2. Using a racial slur against [REDACTED]	Not Sustained

**II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE**

COPA was able to obtain various types of digital and documentary evidence including daily assignment sheets, district rosters, crash reports, 911 call recordings, body-worn camera footage, and CCTV footage from the incident location. COPA also conducted interviews with the complainants, Officer Bansley (accused), and Officer Clifford (witness). The complainant Mr. [REDACTED] alleged in his statement that Officer Bansley used a racial slur and made a comment to the effect of “*I got you bitch*” after tackling him to the ground. [REDACTED] also claimed

that there was no reason for him to be tackled and handcuffed because he was not trying to run away from the officers. Ms. ██████████ stated that the officers on scene were very rude and unprofessional with her. The BWC footage and CCTV footage proved most useful in reaching our findings for this case. The documentary evidence and Officer Clifford's interview helped in identifying Officer Bansley as he was previously unidentified when the complaint was initiated.

### III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Upon review of the available evidence and interviews with the involved parties, COPA finds that both allegations of misconduct against Office Bansley are **Not Sustained**. Mr. ██████████ alleged that Officer Bansley made profane derogatory comments and also used a racial slur when placing him in handcuffs. The BWC footage of Officer Gallegos<sup>1</sup> and Officer Clifford<sup>2</sup>, the closest officers to Officer Bansley and ██████████ does not show clear evidence that Officer Bansley spoke to ██████████ as he described it. Officer Clifford stated that she did not hear Officer Bansley or any other officer speaking unprofessionally or rudely to both ██████████ or his mother, Ms. ██████████. Officer Bansley stated that he did not make any derogatory or racial remark toward ██████████ at any point. Officer Bansley described ██████████ as running into him and the two falling to the ground together with ██████████ holding on to him on the way down rather than ██████████ being tackled as he described. The description given by Officer Bansley matches closely with what is seen in the CCTV footage.

In regard to his credibility, ██████████ is questionable at best. He describes his driving as lawful and not responsible for causing the crash at the incident location. He described stopping at the stop sign at W 100<sup>th</sup> St and S Western Ave and proceeding into the intersection when safe when a Buick sedan sped up causing the accident. ██████████ also described himself as being cooperative and only stepping away from Officer Gallegos momentarily to speak with his mother on the phone. The CCTV footage<sup>3</sup> shows ██████████ clearly speeding into the intersection and disregarding the stop sign before causing the accident. The BWC of Officer Gallegos and CCTV also show ██████████ clearly attempt to turn and run from the officers before running into Officer Bansley and going to the ground. Ms. ██████████ also described several officers on scene and at the hospital as rude and unprofessional, keeping her from seeing ██████████ while being evaluated at the hospital. COPA's review of the BWC evidence shows that Officers both on scene at the incident location and Christ Advocate Hospital shows that all involved officers conducted themselves in a professional manner.

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<sup>1</sup> Att. 38

<sup>2</sup> Att. 33

<sup>3</sup> Att. 5

Approved:



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Matthew Haynam  
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