

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	July 17, 2020/8:10 pm/Roosevelt and Columbus
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	June 2, 2021
Involved Officer #1:	Unknown Officer #1
Involved Individual #1:	Unknown
Case Type:	Excessive Force

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Unknown Officer #1	Per a Consent Decree Referral by the Independent Monitoring Team, it is alleged by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) that on or about July 17, 2020, on park property at or near Roosevelt and Columbus, at approximately 8:10 pm, Unknown Officer #1:	
	1. Struck an unknown individual with a baton without justification.	Not Sustained
	2. Pushed an unidentified woman to the ground with a baton without justification.	Not Sustained

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE¹

On June 2, 2021, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) received a referral² from the Independent Monitoring Team (IMT) regarding officers' use of force incidents against civilian protesters that occurred on July 17, 2020. Specifically, the IMT directed COPA to Officer Victor Jurado's Body Worn Camera (BWC) footage³ and annotated the frame in which the alleged misconduct is said to have occurred. The duration of the officer's BWC footage is 19 minutes and 22 seconds. The IMT directed COPA's attention to the 10 minute 50 second mark.

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, documentary, and forensic evidence. As part of COPA's ongoing efforts to increase case closure capacity, certain investigations 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.

²Attachment 1 – COPA_Memo_fromIMT_June2021

³Attachment 2 – Victor Jurado_2020-07-17_2000.mp4

Upon review, an unknown uniformed police officer wearing a helmet and holding a baton in his right hand can be seen raising his right arm at or above his head and in a downward motion strike or attempt to strike at an individual protester or group of protesters. Due to the angle of Officer Jurado's BWC, it is unclear if the unknown officer makes contact. Moments later, the same unknown officer can be seen using his baton to push an unidentified female protester to the ground.

COPA attempted⁴ to identify the officer in question in order to properly assess the actions taken and serve allegations as determined. However, the attempt was unsuccessful. COPA's Information Technology (COPA IT) section tried enhancing specific portions of Officer Jurado's BWC footage to no avail.⁵ COPA IT could not identify a name or star number.

COPA reviewed several department records including mass arrest reports⁶ and Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) event queries^{7,8,9,10} to narrow down the search of the unknown officer as well as potentially identify any citizen persons who may have been present and captured in the officer's BWC footage. These reviews yielded negative results.

III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Despite good faith efforts, COPA was unable to identify the accused officer or any citizen persons involved in the incident identified by the IMT. As a result, COPA did not interview any individuals present who could potentially give more context to the events captured on Officer Jurado's BWC. While the footage by itself may be suggestive of misconduct, without further objective verifiable evidence, it is insufficient to prove misconduct occurred.

Per the Department's Special Order S08-01-01,¹¹ a sustained finding can only be reached if the "accused was afforded an opportunity to respond to the allegation." Since COPA was unable to determine the identity of the accused officer, the accused has neither been presented with nor responded to formal allegations. For these reasons, COPA finds the allegations against the unknown officer **NOT SUSTAINED**.

⁴Attachment 8 – 2021-0002353 IT Service Request Form

⁵Attachment 7 – 2021-0002353 IT Service Request Email

⁶Attachment 9 – Mass Arrest Cards

⁷Attachment 3 – 2019907961

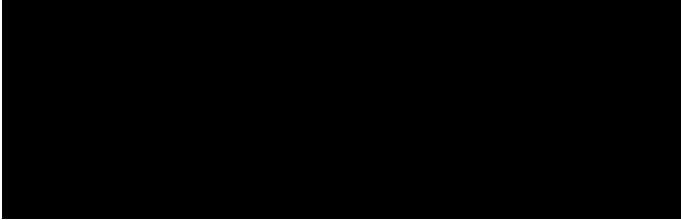
⁸Attachment 4 – 2019910149

⁹Attachment 5 – 2019915735

¹⁰Attachment 6 – 2019916611

¹¹Special Order S08-01-01(II)(F)(17)(c), Conduct of Complaint Investigations

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Date