

INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

Agency Name
New Haven Police Department

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CT0009300

Case#
20-019976

Date / Time Reported
05/31/2020 12:31 Sun

Last Known Secure
05/31/2020 12:31 Sun

At Found
05/31/2020 12:31 Sun

Location of Incident
1 UNION AVE, New Haven CT 06511-

Premise Type
Government/public

Beat/Tract
30

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| #1 | <i>Non-nibrs Offense 999</i> | | Entry Exit Security | |
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Officer/ID# *ONEILL, MARK C (875)*

Invest ID# *(0)* Supervisor *ONEILL, MARK C (875)*

Status Complainant Signature Case Status *Active* Date *06/24/2020* Case Disposition: Page 1

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Assisting Officers
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Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated:

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REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE

New Haven Police Department

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| Victim Society | Offense NON-NIBRS OFFENSE | Date / Time Reported Sun 05/31/2020 12:31 |

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On said date and time, there was a planned protest outside the New Haven Police Department. A group of protesters stationed themselves outside of the New Haven Police Department in front of the front stairs. It should be noted that the front desk area was closed due to the current Covid-19 pandemic. We had officers stationed along the top of our front stairs to prevent any individuals from entering the building. A day or two before protesters showed up at the Bridgeport Police Department and vandalized the front lobby of their department. There has also been numerous reports of police departments and precincts being overrun by demonstrators.

The crowd was estimated to be over one thousand people during the day and at times the crowd started surrounding the police department, officers were extremely out numbered.

Some members of the crowd were wearing face protection, goggles and had large containers of what appeared to be milk standing by. These tactics are used to defend against the use of pepper spray and/or tear gas.

During the approximately 12 hour stand off officers were subject to verbal and physical abuse by demonstrators.

They were at times a few inches away from officers yelling in their face extremely hostile and vile things to them, this is all documented on officers body worn cameras.

The hostile crowd at least once tried to push through the officers and were held back and pepper spray was deployed. See individual supplements for the use of force used.

Later on in the evening orders were given to disperse, however the order was changed and it was decided that the officers would be pulled back tactfully and brought inside of the building and if anyone breached the building, they would then be arrested. Orders were given via public address system of our intention by Lt. N. Marcuccio and the officers backed up into the building and the demonstrators were left on the front steps and eventually dispersed on their own within the hour.

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Case Status: ACTIVE

Case Mng Status: NA

Occurred: 05/31/2020

Offense: NON-NIBRS OFFENSE

Investigator: LEONARDO, EDUARDO (86)

Date / Time: 06/01/2020 14:27:51, Monday

Supervisor: CAMERON, CHRISTOPHER W

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 06/01/2020 14:54:09, Monday

Contact:

Reference: Supplement

On May 31, 2020 at approximately 1230 hours I reported to 1 Union Avenue (New Haven Police Headquarters) for a scheduled protest under the direction of Lieutenant O'Neil.

Throughout the duration of the protest which last until approximately 0000 hours I was assigned to a post located at the front entrance of Headquarters near the front steps. There were two sets of barriers which separated me and protestors. The first set of barriers were crime scene tape affixed to the railings near the front steps. Behind the crime scene tape was a secondary barrier which consisted of cones and chain links.

At one point, during the protest protestors located within my scope of view bypassed the first set of barriers. An order from the crowd was then given for protestors to advance pass the second set of barriers and enter the police department. As the protestors attempted to advance pass the secondary barriers I extended my arms forward and pushed back about three people. An additional male person then lunged forward toward me with both arms covering his face (in a torpedo like fashion). I attempted to push back this subject but it was ineffective. I subsequently punched the male subject about three times which impeded his movement forward. I then pushed said male back and deployed my OC spray at said male and two additional males in the vicinity that were attempting to bypass the barriers. This method was effective in controlling said subjects.

Due to the nature of the incident, I was unable to obtain information on the subjects I came in contact with. It should be noted, prior to the protestors attempting to bypass the barriers I noted several protestors within my scope of view holding blunt objects (wooden sticks about 1 foot in length) and pocket knives. Similarly, when the protestors attempted to bypass the secondary barriers multiple objects were thrown near my vicinity and I was struck a few times near the lower portion of my body with objects, fists, and/or legs.

BWC Activated.

Use of Force Form completed.

Investigator Signature

Supervisor Signature

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Case Mng Status: *NA*

Occurred: *05/31/2020*

Offense: *NON-NIBRS OFFENSE*

Investigator: *HANSEN, KATIE (332)*

Date / Time: *06/03/2020 09:27:07, Wednesday*

Supervisor: *FELICIANO, MARTIN (726)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *06/03/2020 14:48:07, Wednesday*

Contact:

Reference: *Supplement*

On May 31, 2020 I was assigned to the front of 1 Union Ave for the protest that occurred at police headquarters. The protest reportedly had upwards of a thousand people at time. There were more people in the crowd than there were police officers. Many individuals in the crowd were wearing masks and face shields. I observed one individual with a knife and another individual with a large wooden stick type object that appeared as thick as a baseball bat. Additionally, police buildings/precincts across the country have recently been overrun by protestors and subsequently burned and/or vandalized.

At one point during the protest, the protestors attempted to make entry into the building despite verbal warnings. They cut down the line of police tape and pushed forwards the chain barrier, eventually knocking the chain barrier to the ground. As the front row of protestors began pushing into the front line of officers, I had my baton on it, holding with both hands shoulder width apart and parallel to the ground. An individual with a backpack made contact with me. I used the baton to push the protestor's upper arm and the backpack until they stepped back away from the line of officers. I then stepped back behind the location where the chain barrier had been as some of the protestors started throwing various bottles at officers.

I was behind the front line of officers for the remainder of the protest and did not make contact with any other individuals.

My body camera was activated at all times while I was in front of the building. A Use of Force form was completed.

Nothing further at this time.

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Occurred: 05/31/2020

Offense: NON-NIBRS OFFENSE

Investigator: KELLY, EVAN M (97)

Date / Time: 06/03/2020 20:55:11, Wednesday

Supervisor: ROBERTS, JOSEPH III (704)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 06/03/2020 22:38:25, Wednesday

Contact:

Reference: Supplement

On May 31, 2020, I was standing by at 1 Union Ave. as part of the Crowd Management Team ("CM Team"). The CM Team has received extra training and equipment to safely manage violent or potentially violent crowds.

During this incident, a large crowd of protesters was gathered in front of and all around the police headquarters. It was estimated at points the crowd was over 1,000 people. I was aware from intelligence and news reports that police departments across the country had recently been overrun, vandalized, or burned down in other riots stemming from protests regarding the same issue of police brutality. I also observed that many of the same protesters I recognized as present during this incident at 1 Union Ave had been participants in a protest the previous day at Bridgeport Police Department where they had illegally forced their way inside the police department.

Uniformed officers were posted in front of the headquarters entrance and at entry points around the building, which had been closed to the public for several weeks due to pandemic concerns. When the protesters demanded entry, they were blocked and refused by the uniformed officers. They had been directed to back away from the officers, but refused, advancing toward them insisting they were going to illegally enter the building.

When still refused entry, the crowd began to push into the officers and I saw bottles of unknown liquid varying in size from 0.5L to 1gal being thrown at the unprotected uniformed officers. I am aware that a 0.5L bottle of water weights approx. 1.1 pounds, or more than twice the weight of a baseball and could very well inflict serious injury if it were to strike a person. I saw officers had begun to deploy pepper spray in attempts to deter the advancing mob of people when I heard the radio command that the Crowd Management Team was to deploy.

As I exited the building, I saw more bottles being thrown and officers ducking to avoid being struck. Protesters were still present on the stairs, some having been deterred by the pepper spray, but some still advancing toward the line of officers. I observed some of the protesters to be wearing not only face masks but also eye protection and goggles, apparently in anticipation of pepper spray being deployed.

I moved forward to place myself between the crowd and the unprotected officers as my shield, helmet, and body armor offered me better protection from the assault. As I pulled officers behind me, my shield was struck by several thrown projectiles.

I began ordering people to "Move back" and "Get off the stairs" in a loud voice. Most obeyed my orders and lifted their hands and walked down the stairs. 3-4 people remained and were not complying with my direction, so I repeated my commands and pushed them away with my shield. These protesters then complied and moved away from me.

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Supervisor: *ROBERTS, JOSEPH III (704)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *06/03/2020 22:38:25, Wednesday*

Contact:

Reference: *Supplement*

As I took a defensive position at the corner of the stairs, I saw unprotected officers retreating toward me from outside the line. A protester was advancing toward me with a phone in one hand and what appeared to be a spray bottle of unknown liquid in the other. I ordered them back so I could begin protecting the retreating officers, but the protester did not comply, lifting their hands toward my shield which I took as non-compliance and a possible attempt to either grab my equipment or deploy some sort of spray toward me. In response, I jabbed my shield toward them, striking their hands, and then they backed away.

As more Crowd Management Team officers formed a line between the crowd and the entrance, the crowd stopped throwing projectiles. The CM Team was pulled back from the edge of the stairs and the crowd advanced toward us, pushing against our shields at times, poking the shields, trying to reach around the shields, verbally taunting the officers with vulgar insults and racial slurs. The CM Team, supplemented by patrol officers equipped with helmets and shields, remained in this defensive posture for the remainder of the incident until directed to retreat into the building.

I then adopted a position in the entry doors in the event the remaining protesters attempted to force entry but none of the remaining 30-40 people tried to enter.

Portions of this incident were captured on my BWC. As the BWC does not interface with the CM Team protective equipment, it was not always worn while deployed in compliance with policy.

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Occurred: *05/31/2020*

Offense: *NON-NIBRS OFFENSE*

Investigator: *VITALE, AMARO J (238)*

Date / Time: *06/04/2020 09:27:54, Thursday*

Supervisor: *ARMISTEAD, JOSHUA D (828)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *06/04/2020 12:46:43, Thursday*

Contact:

Reference: *Supplement*

On 05/31/2020 at approximately 1430 hours, I responded to 1 Union Ave for a protest. At this time I was on the front line of 1 Union Ave until about 2330 hours. At this time there were estimated to be over 1000 protestors in the front of NHPD.

It should be noted that the front entrance of NHPD is four glass doors, all the doors are covered with signs that civilians are not allowed in the building due to the Covid-19 Virus. Also due to the rioting and vandalism of Police Departments across this nation we were not allowing citizens into NHPD.

I observed multiple protestors wearing goggles and face masks as if they were prepared to get sprayed by OC Spray when they made an attempt to enter the NHPD.

During the demonstration the protestors were given a multitude of verbal commands that they would not be allowed in the building. Protestor Kerri Ellington gave instructions to enter the NHPD and the protestors attempted to enter despite knowing they could not. At this time I used a Police Shield to fend off protestors attempting to get past me. I was pushed back and then struck by a full water bottle in my left eye and the bridge of my nose causing cuts to these areas. NHPD then restored the front line closing down the front entrance.

Once pushed backwards the protestors once again set up in front of us and spewed off multitudes of epithets and condescending remarks at NHPD for the remainder of my time on scene.

Nothing further at this time.

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Occurred: *05/31/2020*

Offense: *NON-NIBRS OFFENSE*

Investigator: *ORTIZ, FRANCISCO D (140)*

Date / Time: *06/04/2020 12:06:10, Thursday*

Supervisor: *KING, KENNETH M (769)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *06/04/2020 14:47:27, Thursday*

Contact:

Reference: *Supplement*

On 5-31-2020, I was assigned a detail from 1100hrs to 0030hrs for the planned protest in the City of New Haven. During the demonstration, it was estimated approx. 1000 people gathered at Broadway and marched to City Hall. I was stationed at City Hall with about eight other officers in front of City Hall.

The large group of demonstrators marched down Elm St onto Church St and stopped for a rally in front of City Hall. After a short demonstration, the group moved up Church St toward the Oak St Connector and eventually onto the I95 interstate.

I, with the other officers, re set to the front of 1 Union Ave, New Haven Police Headquarters. After the demonstrators exited the I95 interstate they proceeded to the front of the police department.

The group of demonstrators walked up to the front of the police station taking up the entire front steps area and street area. The demonstrators began to shout and protest and hold signs. Some in the group began to verbally insult and threaten harm to the officers standing the front of the police department.

It should be noted that the top of the steps had caution tape and a yellow plastic chain blocking off entry to the front foyer area to the police department. These precautions were taken because police precincts and buildings across the country had been overrun by protesters and burned and/ or vandalized.

After several hours of demonstrating, the crowd pushed past the yellow caution tape and the yellow plastic chain. The demonstrators then stood within six inches of us officers.

One of the protest "organizers" utilized a bull horn to direct other demonstrators to push their way in to the police department. I gave verbal commands to the demonstrators in front of me to not push forward and to back up. Several officers and supervisors gave similar commands. It should be noted that several demonstrators wear wearing masks, plastic goggles and / or plastic face shields.

The crowd then began to rush, punch and kick their way forward in an attempt to gain access to the police department. I pushed at least three demonstrators two or more times back, but they continued to advance and actively resist my commands. I deployed my department issued OC spray to the demonstrators directly in front of me to stop their advance. I stopped the use of my OC spray once the demonstrators stopped pushing and kicking their way towards officers.

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The crowd of demonstrators then began to throw plastic and glass bottles of an unknown liquid at officers. At this point, I was relieved of my position by members of the crowd control team. I remained in the second rank and first rank until I was relieved by our supervisors at the conclusion of the demonstrations.

It should be noted that an ambulance was on scene and available for any demonstrator that seeked medical attention.

My BWC was activated throughout the demonstration.

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Occurred: *05/31/2020*

Offense: *NON-NIBRS OFFENSE*

Investigator: *MOORE, JOHN (421)*

Date / Time: *06/12/2020 06:30:59, Friday*

Supervisor: *GULIUZZA, DAVID F (791)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *06/12/2020 12:22:12, Friday*

Contact:

Reference: *Supplement*

On 5/31/2020, while standing in front of the New Haven police department with multiple members of the Crowd Management Team.

A organized protest for (police brutality) was scheduled to take place within the city of New Haven and was set to utilize 1 Union Avenue as the last rally point. While the protesters were gathering in front of the New Haven police department, the crowd management team set up a perimeter using protective police shields side-by-side to produce a barrier between the protesters and the police officers.

While the barrier was formed, Officer J. Cole was standing to the right of me holding his issued police shield. As we stood together holding our shields together, a black woman identified to us as "protest organizer" Kerry Ellington walking toward officer J. Cole. Ellington looked at directly at officer J. Cole and yelled out toward him "I know you from down-town". Ellington continued to yell at officer J. Cole saying she knows he doesn't like her. Ellington went on to say she knows where officer J. Cole lives.

Officer J. Cole ignored Ellington and turned away whenever she tried to yell and use profanity toward officer J. Cole.

I have nothing further to report at this time.

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Occurred: 05/31/2020

Offense: NON-NIBRS OFFENSE

Investigator: DILLON, TRENT (25453)

Date / Time: 06/14/2020 17:51:48, Sunday

Supervisor: DECRESCENZO, LOUIS T (827)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 06/14/2020 22:31:01, Sunday

Contact:

Reference: Supplement

On May 31, 2020 at approximately 1300 hours, I was ordered in by Lt. Colon to assist with the protests.

Upon arrival, I was informed by Lt. Gartner to report to Sgt. Jackson in the front of 1 Union Ave. Sgt. Jackson directed me to stand in formation, forming a large line preventing people from entering the police department.

While standing in formation I observed the crowd was which I estimated to be over one-thousand people. Protestors surrounded the PD. The crowd outnumbered the officers on scene. It should be noted across the country crowds have been overrunning police stations burning and vandalizing public property.

In formation the crowd became violent disregarded verbal warnings to get back and began to punch, kick and shoved at the officers on the front line, therefore showing active resistance. As a result I removed my baton from its holster. I extended my baton and used it to push the crowd back from attempting to enter the police station. See my Use of Force form for further details.

The crowd then began to disperse. I was unable to identify the individual I had used force on due to the crowd being so large. The individual left without further incident. I then reentered formation where I remained for the rest of the night.

BWC activated.

Nothing further.

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Offense: *NON-NIBRS OFFENSE*

Investigator: *COLON, MANMEET K (793)*

Date / Time: *06/19/2020 14:29:17, Friday*

Supervisor: *EVARTS, JAMES M (837)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *06/29/2020 10:52:14, Monday*

Contact:

Reference: *Supplement*

On Sunday May 31, 2020, I was assigned to the Black Lives Matter Protest Detail. The protest started at 1100 hours, in the area of Broadway and Elm. Initially there were 300 people but the crowd became larger as they walked down Elm St. The crowd briefly stopped in front of City Hall and continued down Church St. The crowd eventually went onto the highway. While they were on the highway, the crowd continued to grow in numbers. At this time, I was at the front steps of New Haven Police Department, 1 Union Ave. A contingent of officers secured the building in a response to the recent events across the country where police departments and precincts have been vandalized. It should be noted that the Lobby of 1 Union Ave is closed to the Public due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The protest ended up at the front steps of the Police Department. Several officers, supervisors, including myself, formed a line in order to prevent protesters from entering the Police Department.

The protestors shouted out to other protestors to enter the Police Department at which time the officers told them to step back. The crowd disregarded the officers' commands and pushed thier way in order to try and enter. They threw items at the officers and shoved the officers. They also threw bottles containing an unknown liquid at the officers.

I deployed my department issued OC Spray in order for the crowd to move back and disperse. The eventually moved back but continued to throw items at me and other officers until Crowd Control Team took over the front line.

A use of force form was completed and submitted to Patrol Commander O'Neill.

This was captured on my Body worn camera.

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Investigator: STRATTON, ROBERT (182)

Date / Time: 06/25/2020 14:46:41, Thursday

Supervisor: BORER, BRENDAN L (800)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 06/25/2020 18:49:42, Thursday

Contact:

Reference: Supplement

On 05/31/2020 at approximately 1400 hours, I was notified by Lt Colon via phone that all sworn personnel were mandated to report to 1 Union Ave for an organized protest that was approaching said location. At approximately 1500 hours, I arrived and responded to the front steps of 1 Union Ave and observed a protest crowd estimated to be over one-thousand people. The crowd outnumbered the officers on scene. It should be noted that Police precincts/buildings across the country have been recently overrun by protesters and burned/vandalized. Many members of the crowd were wearing goggles and face protection, which appeared to be defensive against pepper spray deployment.

My post consisted of standing on the front apron of 1 Union Ave, side by side with my brother and sister Officers to ensure a safe environment for a peaceful protest. I endured verbal taunts and explicit language/name calling through said experience.

During the protest, the crowd began to push forward, attempting to gain entry into the building and disregarded numerous verbal warnings by Officers to move back. The violent members of the crowd continued to push forward in an attempt to gain entry. I held my position on the front line and pushed several unidentified members of the crowd back. I observed one unknown individual jump towards my direction and attempt to punch my face. He was unable to make contact. The crowd began to throw objects at the Officers. I observed a large plastic jug filled with an unknown object approach me from above, and almost strike my lower body.

The crowd eventually backed up. I did not proceed forward, but instead was replaced on the front line, by members of the New Haven Police Riot Squad, who were equipped with helmets, face masks, protective body wear and shields.

For the remainder of the protest, I relieved members of the Riot Squad on the front line for a period of time and continued to endure verbal taunts.

A Use of Force form was completed, which will be submitted with this report.

This incident was recorded by my Axon Taser body camera.

Nothing further.

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Investigator: GOGLIETTINO, NICHOLAS A

Date / Time: 06/27/2020 01:33:06, Saturday

Supervisor: ROBERTS, JOSEPH III (704)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 06/27/2020 04:05:51, Saturday

Contact:

Reference: Supplement

On May 31, 2020 I was assigned to 1 Union Avenue New Haven Police Department for a planned protest by a group of approximately one thousand or more people.

On that day, the protestors assembled at 1 Union Avenue both in the street and on the sidewalk as well as the New Haven Police Department building steps.

From the moment I took my assigned position on the front stairway of the Police Department I along with other Officers were standing in the front two lines of formation and instructed by the commanding Officers on site that none of the protestors were to be allowed into the Police Department building.

It should be noted that the New Haven Police Department building was closed to the public at the time due to Covid-19.

In addition, just prior to that day several Police Departments across the country were vandalized by protestors, including the Bridgeport CT Police Department.

While on scene of the protest, the individual on the megaphone instructed all white protestors to move up to the front and push their way through Police Officers in order to gain access into the building.

In doing this the large crowd of people started to push forward and would not listen to Officers instructions to not do so. While standing my ground I was struck in the face with a water bottle filled with unknown fluids.

Once I cleared off my face and eyes I then started to push the crowd back. Including two males who attempted to gain access to the top of the stairway. I used my New Haven Police issued baton to push these two individuals back. Once they were off the stairway I was highly concerned for my safety as protestors were throwing bottles, batteries and cloth that contained what appeared to be and smelled like urine in our, Police Officers, direction so I retreated into the Police Department and put on a Department issued helmet.

AXON BODY WORN CAMERA ACTIVATED.
NOTHING FURTHER.

Investigator Signature

Supervisor Signature

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Case Mng Status: NA

Occurred: 05/31/2020

Offense: NON-NIBRS OFFENSE

Investigator: RIVELLINI, JEFFREY (430)

Date / Time: 06/27/2020 17:10:27, Saturday

Supervisor: KOENIG, JASON A (797)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 06/28/2020 12:04:41, Sunday

Contact:

Reference: Supplement

On May 25, 2020 I was assigned to patrol the East Shore District of our City from 0800 to 1600 hours. At approximately 1100 hours, our Dispatch requested I leave the East Shore District to assist Officers Downtown due to a protest of approximately 1000 people walking in the roadway towards City Hall. My self and other Officers were tasked with standing in front of the City Hall with orders to not let the protesters gain access inside. The protesters walked past City Hall towards our Police Headquarters. I was instructed by Command Staff to park my police cruiser in the secure basement garage of our Headquarters (to avoid it being parked outside and damaged by violent protesters) and meet in the front lobby. Once in the lobby, the Officers were instructed to stand in front of the Headquarters behind orange cones and yellow plastic chains.

The protesters gathered by the hundreds in the street completely blocking vehicular traffic. There were approximately five (5) feet of space between the barrier, the protesters and the Officers. As the protest continued multiple individuals were verbally insulting Officers and over time pushing the barrier closer to us. Eventually, the protesters pushed the barrier approximately six (6) inches from Officers and were screaming in our faces in an attempt to provoke us into physical altercation.

The Protesters demanded multiple times to enter the Headquarters and speak with the mayor. It was very apparent no one was allowed to enter and due to the COVID-19 pandemic our front lobby has been closed to the public.

Finally, the protesters attempted to push past Officers and gain entry into our Headquarters. Multiple protesters pushed me and other Officers aside to rush past. I pushed multiple protesters backwards so they could not advance and overtake our Headquarters. At this point, the Officers were severely outnumbered by protesters.

Once Officers were able to stop protesters from rushing they then started throwing multiple objects at Officers. I witnessed Officers being stuck by bottles; this is when the Crown Control Team, equipped with helmets and shields, replaced vulnerable front line Officers.

My body worn camera was activated during this incident.

A use of force was completed.

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Offense: NON-NIBRS OFFENSE

Investigator: MURCKO, JAMES G (381)

Date / Time: 06/29/2020 08:02:43, Monday

Supervisor: EVARTS, JAMES M (837)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 06/30/2020 10:13:16, Tuesday

Contact:

Reference: Supplement

On Sunday, May 31, 2020, at approximately 1100 hours I was clad in full police uniform assigned to the front of the New Haven Police Department at One Union Avenue for the anticipation of a large group of protestors exceeding over 1,000 people heading toward the police department. My post was directly in front of the front entrance behind a chain link barrier, under the direct supervision of Sgt. Guliuzza. The supervisors supervised from the rear.

The large group of protesters arrived in front of New Haven Police Department. Exceeding approximately over 1,000 people. The large group of people stood on the front steps and because there were so many people they were standing in the street blocking Union Avenue. NHPD had to shut down Union Avenue to protect the protesters while they blocked the street.

At approximately 1730 hours an unknown black female was shouting into a bull horn, trying to incite the crowd. She kept pacing back and forth in the direction of east and west between the chain link barrier and the crowd. This said person would at times reach over the chain link barrier and shout into an officer's face using the bull horn.

The same unknown black female using a bull horn, stated she loved all the support of all the white people here and ordered all the white people to the front of the crowd at the police department. The same unknown black female shouted for Mayor Elicker to come outside of the police department or they are coming inside and taking over the police department. This person also shouted we "police" can not keep them from entering a public building they pay taxes for. Let it be known the New Haven Police Department has been closed for all unauthorized personnel working inside the Police Department for months due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We (officers) were told by numerous supervisors from behind us, to hold the line. The protestors became unruly. The continued to scream into the faces of officers including myself verbally insulting and threatening us (officers). Unknown items and objects were thrown at us (officers) from the rear of the crowd. The front of the crowd started to move toward us (officers), knocking over the chain link barrier. The protesters became violent and was grabbing, pulling and striking officers. Items continued to be thrown in the air at us (officers) to include glass bottles and other unidentified items. I used me department issued O.C spray and sprayed the violent people in front of me. The O.C. spray was effective with most and most of the violent people stopped fighting and moving forward. Most of the violent people started to step backwards. I saw to the left corner of my eye and unknown Officer was being dragged by and unknown person toward the stairs and the violent crowd. I quickly moved to that direction and the unknown suspect was still locked on with the officer pulling him toward the stairs. I kicked the unknown suspect in their abdomen before he was able to drag the officer down the stairs. The unknown suspect moved backwards and lost grip of the Officer. Myself and fellow officers moved back. I was struck with a bottle. I went inside of the police department and grabbed a helmet as various items continued to be thrown at us. The crowd control team was on standby inside the police department came out and held the line.

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I then went back to the front of the line in front of the police department and stayed there until I was instructed to leave at approximately 2300 hours.

My rear bottom tooth was cracked during this altercation.

I completed a department use of force form.

This incident was recorded with my Axon body camera.

Nothing further.

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Occurred: *05/31/2020*

Offense: *NON-NIBRS OFFENSE*

Investigator: *LOZADA, MICHAEL R (465)*

Date / Time: *06/29/2020 11:09:54, Monday*

Supervisor: *EVARTS, JAMES M (837)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *06/29/2020 13:02:47, Monday*

Contact:

Reference: *Supplement*

On 5-31-2020, I was assigned a detail from approximately 1100hrs through 2300hrs, for a planned protest in the City of New Haven. Myself along with several other officers clad in full police uniform, were assigned to Sergeant M. Jackson for any issues and/or questions during this detail. This officer was assigned to stand guard at the top of the stairs at the main entrance, of NHPDHQ. It should noted, the top of the steps of NHPDHQ had caution tape and a yellow plastic chain blocking off entry to the front foyer area to the police department. These precautions were taken because police precincts and buildings across the country had recently been overrun by protesters and burned and/or vandalized.

During the demonstration, an estimated crowd of over 1000 people gathered around the front entrance of 1 Union Ave (NHPDHQ), which caused the street to be closed down around the area. At numerous times during the protest, individuals verbally insulted and threaten harm to the officers standing at the front of the police department, which included myself. The demonstrators stood within six inches of us officers. One of the protest "organizers" utilized a bullhorn and directed all "white" protestors to the front of the line, and demanded they push their way into the police department. Sergeant M. Jackson as well as other Sergeants and Lieutenants informed the front line Officers numerous times to "hold the line" and not to let anybody come past the marked off area.

At that time, this officer observed filled bottles of an unknown substance, being thrown by the protesters at the Officer's. As I looked to my left, I observed a protester wearing a black shirt, red and black face mask, and bright green back pack, holding a large wooden bat or stick in his left hand. At that same time, the group of protester's lifted up the chain and attempted to advance toward the police department, ignoring all commands by LEO's. I deployed my department issued O.C. spray to the demonstrators directly in front of me, including the individual holding the wooden bat/stick, to stop their advance. I stopped the use of my O.C. spray once the demonstrators backed up past the marked off area, and were no longer a threat. NHPD Use of Force Form was completed by this officer regarding this incident.

At this point, members of the crowd control team, who were on stand-by in the lobby of the PD took over the front line position, I initially held. I remained in the second rank, standing behind the crowd control team without any further incidents until I was relieved at approximately 2300hrs.

AXON BWC was worn by this officer.

Nothing further at this time

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Occurred: *05/31/2020*

Offense: *NON-NIBRS OFFENSE*

Investigator: *GULIUZZA, DAVID F (791)*

Date / Time: *07/09/2020 14:26:20, Thursday*

Supervisor: *KING, KENNETH M (769)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *07/09/2020 14:58:25, Thursday*

Contact:

Reference: *Supplement*

On May 31, 2020, at 1100hrs, This sergeant was assigned to the Protest Detail 1 Union Avenue. This Sergeant was one of several Sergeants assigned to guard the front of 1 Union Avenue Police Head Quarters with a detail under my command of 6 Officers.

A large group of demonstrators (approximately 1,000 plus individuals) gathered directly on the front steps of the building. This group became increasingly more hostile as time progressed thru the day. They became verbally aggressive as well as physically aggressive. Confrontations between demonstrators and Police became more and more physical as the crowd of protestors announced that they were going to enter the locked down Police Department and take possession of "the building that they own as taxpayers". It was at this time that NHPD police personel deployed OC Spray and physically denied the protestors access to the building. This was a successful deployment of reasonable use of force which stopped the advancing crowd of hostile protestors. NHPD Police Personnel returned to our original deployment positions on the front steps of the building without further incident.

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Offense: NON-NIBRS OFFENSE

Investigator: RUSZCZYK, KRZYSZTOF (980)

Date / Time: 07/10/2020 09:52:06, Friday

Supervisor: EVARTS, JAMES M (837)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 07/10/2020 10:28:14, Friday

Contact:

Reference: Supplement

On Sunday, May 31, 2020, I was on regular patrol in the Fair Haven area in my marked police cruiser for a shift of 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. At approximately 11:00 AM, I was called into 1 Union Ave, New Haven Police Department headquarters, to assist with crowd control due to a very large protest.

I was then instructed to take a position on the front steps of the building to help maintain some sort of order. While remaining in the front line position for a lengthy amount of time, myself and other police officers took a lot of verbal abuse from the protesters, some using bullhorns while others getting close up to yell and swear at officers. Some of the protesters using these bullhorns were wearing ear protection while this officer was not, as we were not provided with any. As the protesters with bullhorns continued to yell out at officers in close proximity, I perceived it as an attempt to possibly harm an officer's hearing. I myself had experienced a headache and a ringing sound in my ears from the bullhorn noise after I was relieved from the line several hours later.

At some point during the protest, a woman using the bullhorn instructed the crowd to break through the police line and enter the closed lobby. As the crowd began to move forward, people began to push officers and officers push backed. In front of me was a woman who would not clear the path on top of the stairs, I then used my hands and slightly pushed her to have her move out of the way, which she did. The unknown woman did not fall or get injured during my actions. I also took out my department issued OC spray from its pouch but I did not deploy the spray. The protesters then began throwing filled water bottles which hit several officers. I was able to deflect one of the bottles with my hand which was heading straight for my head area. At that time, the NHPD's crowd control team came out to assist the initial officers at the front line. Soon after, I remained in the second rank line, standing behind the crowd control team for assistance.

During the initial advance of the protesters at our front police line, my body worn camera (BWC) was knocked off from my vest. The camera was activated and recording, but at that time it was not recovered by me due to the melee, but it was later picked up by another officer. I was able to locate my BWC the next day as someone turned it in into patrol room desk.

At approximately 11:00 PM, I was relieved from my position.

BWC was worn and activated at certain time, but was later knocked off during the protest. Use of force form was completed. Nothing further.

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Offense: *NON-NIBRS OFFENSE*

Investigator: *MAGNANO, ANTHONY (322)*

Date / Time: *07/12/2020 08:59:04, Sunday*

Supervisor: *FERRANTE, RONALD K (719)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *07/12/2020 10:05:30, Sunday*

Contact:

Reference: *Supplement*

On May 31, 2020 I was assigned to patrol the East Shore District of our City from 0800 to 1600 hours. At approximately 1100 hours, our Dispatch requested I leave the East Shore District to assist Officers Downtown due to a protest of approximately 1000 people walking in the roadway towards City Hall. Myself and other Officers were tasked with standing in front of the City Hall with orders to not let the protesters gain access inside. The protesters walked past City Hall towards our Police Headquarters. I was instructed by Command Staff to park my police cruiser in the secure basement garage of our Headquarters (to avoid it being parked outside and damaged by violent protesters) and meet in the front lobby. Once in the lobby, the Officers were instructed to stand in front of the Headquarters behind orange cones and yellow plastic chains. The protesters gathered by the hundreds in the street completely blocking vehicular traffic. There were approximately five (5) feet of space between the barrier, the protesters and the Officers. As the protest continued multiple individuals were verbally insulting Officers and over time pushing the barrier closer to us. Eventually, the protesters pushed the barrier approximately six (6) inches from Officers and were screaming in our faces in an attempt to provoke us into physical altercation. The Protesters demanded multiple times to enter the Headquarters and speak with the mayor. It was very apparent no one was allowed to enter and due to the COVID-19 pandemic our front lobby has been closed to the public. Finally, the protesters attempted to push past Officers and gain entry into our Headquarters. As the protesters attempted to advance I did not push back but held my line and unholstered my OC spray and held in it my right hand. At this point, the Officers were severely outnumbered by protesters and due to the fact that the protesters were not responding to verbal commands to back up, I deployed (1) one (2) two second burst of my OC toward the defiant crowd. Once Officers were able to stop protesters from rushing forward, the crowd then started throwing multiple objects at Officers including a plastic water bottle which struck me in the left side of my face. At this point the Crown Control Team, equipped with helmets and shields, replaced vulnerable front line Officers including myself. My body worn camera was activated during this incident. A use of force was completed.

Investigator Signature

Supervisor Signature