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A man was on the stoop of his home in the Bronx with a friend. Three narcotics detectives, driving by, believed that they saw a hand-to-hand transaction (one man had in fact paid the other back five dollars that had been borrowed). The narcotics officers approached the men and asked to see their IDs. The man who lived in the house declined, saying he was on his own property. He then asked the officers for their names and shield numbers.

At least one officer provided his name and shield number, and the man went into his house to get a pen and write the number down. When he returned with the pen, the officers tackled him and arrested him for making excessive noise. The officers stated that a crowd had gathered because the man had been shouting, and that he had been threatening them with the pen.

A neighbor had recorded the entire scene on video, and while the recording did show that one officer had provided his badge number, it demonstrated that no crowd had gathered and that the man was holding the pen by his waist when the officers tackled him. No narcotics were recovered.

The CCRB found that while the officers were justified in making the initial stop and inquiry, they had arrested the man without probable cause and lied in their CCRB interviews.

The NYPD provided each officer with formalized training.

# Interview Details

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April 20, 2016  
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4:02 p.m. – 5:38 p.m.

- [REDACTED] is a Hispanic male, who is 5'9" tall, weighs 200 pounds, with black hair and black eyes, and was [REDACTED] years old at the time of incident.
- He sustained physical injuries and was transported to [REDACTED] Hospital during the incident.

**CCRB statement:**

[REDACTED] was interviewed at the CCRB on April 20, 2016.

[REDACTED] filed this complaint so late because he was indecisive and hoped that the "system" would do something about the situation. However, he now realizes that only he could do something about it.

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[REDACTED] friend, [REDACTED] (he did not provide his last name), stood in front of the building directly across the street from [REDACTED] during the incident.

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the video aid in his recollection and if he wanted to amend his initial statement. [REDACTED] stated that it did jog some memories, but it was mostly things he already explained. He stated that he believed he maintained his composure. He then noted that the stereotypes were apparent in the way PO2 spoke to him as a "street thug" rather than a civil human being. The video resumed playing at the 2 minute and 10 second mark. The video was then paused at the 2 minute and 34 second mark was when the officers were dragging him. Additionally, [REDACTED] confirmed that PO3 was the officer who placed his knee against [REDACTED] back. The video resumed playing and was paused at the 2 minute and 48 second. [REDACTED] stated that this was when PO3 placed his foot on the top of [REDACTED] head while he had his knee holding him down. The video resumed playing and was paused at the 3 minute and 3 second mark. [REDACTED] stated that the license plate, GEK-1974, was captured in the video at the 2 minute and 55 second mark. At the 3 minute and 20 second mark, [REDACTED] stated that there was another witness shown on the screen that he did not see previously. He identified her to be his landlord, nicknamed "Peewee." She lived at the location. [REDACTED] affirmed that the gate on the screen was the gate he was referring to throughout the interview. The video resumed playing at the 3 minute and 18 second mark and the video was viewed without any interruptions.

[REDACTED] stated that his brother, [REDACTED] and mother witnessed the incident from the window on the third floor. [REDACTED] wanted to note that she had since passed away and the incident caused emotional stress for her. He stated that his mother went to the stationhouse to find out what occurred during the incident.

[REDACTED] was shown the photos that he provided to the investigator. Some of the files were labeled June 3, 2015, June 4, 2015, or September 2015. [REDACTED] stated that all of the photos were taken the day he was released on June 3. His attorney took the photos labeled June 4 and his mother took the photos labeled June 3. When asked whether the photos labeled June 4, 2015 were also taken on June 3, 2015, [REDACTED] seemed unclear.

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May 9, 2016

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12:00 p.m. – 12:26 p.m.

- [REDACTED] is a Hispanic male, who is 5'10" tall, weighs 205 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes, and was [REDACTED] years old at the time of incident.
- He is employed by [REDACTED].

**CCRB statement:**

[REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED], in Manhattan.

On June 2, 2016, at approximately 3:45 p.m., [REDACTED] watched his brother, [REDACTED] from inside his residence located on [REDACTED] in the Bronx. [REDACTED] looked out the window as [REDACTED] went to the front to meet up with their family friend, [REDACTED] ('[REDACTED]') (identified via the investigation as [REDACTED]). [REDACTED] believed that [REDACTED] was retrieving a Metro card from [REDACTED]. He did not hear any loud noises prior to the officers approaching.

[REDACTED] stated that the window he was looking through was positioned in front of the residence. The window was shut throughout the incident. He then stated that there are three steps that lead up to the door of the residence which was covered by a gate. The gate has a door that is unlocked and swings open.

From the window, [REDACTED] saw that [REDACTED] stood in front of this gate, with the door opened, as he spoke with [REDACTED] who was inside the gate. [REDACTED] stated that there is a shed above the gate which obstructed his view into the gated area. He affirmed that he was unable to see [REDACTED] until he stepped outside the gated area. [REDACTED] did not see a Metro card or anything being exchanged between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] did not recall how long [REDACTED] was outside before the officers arrived, but stated that at some point, an unmarked police vehicle approached. He could not provide a description of the vehicle. Three officers exited the vehicle while [REDACTED] was still inside the gated area. [REDACTED] did not hear what the officers said as they approached, but the officers and [REDACTED] were engaged in a "back-and-forth" conversation. [REDACTED] was able to see their mouths move and stated that their conversation was slightly loud with some instances of shouting, but he did not know what they said. He heard his brother say something to the effect of how there was no reason for them [officers] to stop him because he was in front of his property. At some point, [REDACTED] stepped out of the gated area and [REDACTED] was able to see him. [REDACTED] did not know how [REDACTED] ended up outside of the gated area. Additionally, he did not see any officers entered the gated area.

Subsequently, [REDACTED] saw an officer, who he could not recall, enter [REDACTED] pocket. He did not recall which pocket or how many pockets the officer entered. He did not see the officer remove anything from his pocket. [REDACTED] and the officers continued arguing for approximately a few minutes thereafter. At no point did [REDACTED] see any bystanders that crowded around. He saw a neighbor across the street who was recording the incident and additional neighbors who were standing across the street as well. [REDACTED] stated that only [REDACTED] stood on the same side of the street with [REDACTED]. He did not see anyone ever crowd around. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was only observing the incident. He did not know if the officers ever approached [REDACTED] or interacted with him. When the undersigned asked if the officers used any profanities during the incident, [REDACTED] initially affirmed that both [REDACTED] and the officers were cursing back and forth. He stated that he did not know which specific words were used, but recalled them cursing. When pressed on whether he heard both [REDACTED] and the officers use profanities, he then stated that he did not know and only heard cursing.

[REDACTED] stated that the officers appeared to be antagonizing [REDACTED] and getting him "riled up."

During the "back-and-forth" conversation, [REDACTED] stated that he possibly saw an officer grab [REDACTED] hand which prompted all three officers to get on top of him. [REDACTED] did not hear the substance of the conversation that

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was had prior to the officers using force against [REDACTED] [REDACTED] only recalled the three officers physically being on top of [REDACTED]. Initially, he stated that [REDACTED] ended up on the ground, but he later stated that he did not recall if he actually witnessed him on the ground. [REDACTED] stated that the officers were trying to place the handcuffs on [REDACTED]. He did not recall any specific force the officers used. He did not see the officers punch or kick [REDACTED] or make any contact with his head or the back of his neck. He could not see what the officers were doing from his perspective. During the interview, [REDACTED] physically motioned with his arms that the officers' bodies standing above [REDACTED] blocked his view of him.

[REDACTED] observed the force for approximately five or six seconds. Immediately after seeing the officers on top of [REDACTED] turned away from the window, got dressed, and the proceeded downstairs. It took him approximately a minute to arrive downstairs; he did not see what occurred within that time span.

[REDACTED] only saw [REDACTED] downstairs. [REDACTED] stated that he did not know why they took him and also stated, "These f-ing cops."

The whole incident lasted for approximately between 10-15 minutes. Throughout the entire incident, [REDACTED] did not see a crowd form. There were possible bystanders afar, but he did not see any within the immediate vicinity of the incident.

The undersigned told [REDACTED] that during his phone statement he stated that the officers stated, "Go upstairs," and "Get out of here." He affirmed that he did hear the officers say this to [REDACTED] a few times.

The undersigned then asked [REDACTED] whether [REDACTED] ever went upstairs after the officers arrived. Initially, he affirmed that [REDACTED] went upstairs to get an ID, but he later stated that he did not know what he was getting. He then stated that he did not recall whether [REDACTED] actually went upstairs, but stated that the officers might have asked [REDACTED] for his ID and he did not have it on him.

The undersigned also asked [REDACTED] if he heard [REDACTED] ask any of the officers for their name and shield numbers. He affirmed that [REDACTED] asked the officers for their information prior to the scuffle. [REDACTED] did not hear the officers' response and he did not hear the officers provide [REDACTED] with the information. [REDACTED] stated that he heard him ask for their names, but did not recall if he also asked for their shield numbers. He heard the request, but did not know who the request was directed towards. [REDACTED] also stated that the officers asked [REDACTED] for his name and he did not recall whether [REDACTED] provided his name to the officers.

All three officers were in plainclothes. [REDACTED] stated that there were possibly two Hispanic male officers and one white male officer or all three officers were possibly Hispanic males.

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May 18, 2016  
[REDACTED]

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1:36 p.m. – 2:12 p.m.

- [REDACTED] is a black male, who is 6'3" tall, weighs 195 pounds, bald, with brown eyes, and was [REDACTED] years old at the time of incident.
- [REDACTED] is possibly moving [REDACTED].

## **CCRB statement:**

[REDACTED] was interviewed at the CCRB on May 18, 2016.

On June 2, 2015, at approximately 3:45 p.m., [REDACTED] looked out of his window on the first floor of his residence located on [REDACTED] in the Bronx. [REDACTED] heard muffled noises and peered out of his window out of curiosity. [REDACTED] window faced [REDACTED] and was across the street from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] saw [REDACTED] inside a gated area of his house speaking with a Hispanic male (identified as [REDACTED] via the investigation) who stood outside the gated area. The gate was closed at the time. [REDACTED] did not see [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] do anything besides speaking to each other. [REDACTED] was not loud at this time. [REDACTED] was unable to hear the conversation from inside his home. [REDACTED] turned away from the window and at some point later, he returned to the window to look outside again out of curiosity. [REDACTED] saw three males speaking with [REDACTED] as they stood in front of [REDACTED] gated area. [REDACTED] initially did not know that the three males were police officers until after the incident. [REDACTED] could not hear their conversation, but was able to hear that their voices were raised. [REDACTED] stated that from their mannerism and their movements it appeared as if they were interrogating [REDACTED]. After approximately 1 to 1 ½ minutes, [REDACTED] exited his residence.

[REDACTED] stood on the porch of his residence to watch the incident. [REDACTED] was still inside the gated area at this point. [REDACTED] began recording the incident with his phone once he realized that there might be a problem by the way the officers were pointing and standing in front of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] still could not hear the conversation between [REDACTED] and the officers. [REDACTED] began to walk closer to towards the street which allowed him to hear the conversation. [REDACTED] described the officers' tone to be aggressive. Moreover, he heard [REDACTED] ask the officers why did they need to see his ID if he was on his property. Moreover, the officers repeatedly told [REDACTED] to come out. [REDACTED] hands were down to his side at this point.

[REDACTED] stated that PO1 opened the gate, but he did not see any officers enter through the gated area. At some point, [REDACTED] walked out of the gated area of his own accord and asked the officers for their badge numbers. When asked whether he heard [REDACTED] as the officers for their names, [REDACTED] affirmed that [REDACTED] did. In response, the officers said something to the effect of, "We are the police," or "We are the law." He did not pay attention to anything else the officers said to [REDACTED] and did not see whether the officers' badges were displayed. As [REDACTED] spoke to the officers, his hands were moving back and forth in front of him.

[REDACTED] did not see any officers frisk [REDACTED] or go inside his pockets. He saw that the officers walked closer to [REDACTED] once he exited the gated area.

During the conversation, after [REDACTED] told the officers, "All I asked was for your badge numbers," PO1 immediately grabbed his left wrist. [REDACTED] was just standing there at the time. Subsequently, PO2 and PO3 grabbed [REDACTED] arms. [REDACTED] asked the officer what he was doing and told him to get off. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] appeared to be startled and might have moved his arms in response. All three officers then forcibly pulled [REDACTED] down to the ground. [REDACTED] was facing the ground as he was brought down. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was not moving when he was on the ground. Moreover, he did not see [REDACTED] trying to get up. The incident lasted for approximately 30-45 seconds before [REDACTED] was placed in handcuffs. [REDACTED] did not struggle with the officers. [REDACTED] did not see any of the officers punch or kick [REDACTED] or step on his head. Moreover, [REDACTED] did not see any officers strike [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] recalled PO1 placing his knee in the area between [REDACTED] neck and the back of his head. Mr. [REDACTED]

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Wingate later clarified that it was PO3 who placed his knee on [REDACTED]. After he was placed in handcuffs, PO1 went inside [REDACTED] front right pocket. [REDACTED] was then brought in a blue vehicle.

[REDACTED] stated that as the officers brought [REDACTED] down to the ground a vehicle might have obstructed his view of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was able to see the officers' arms, but could not see [REDACTED] body at the time. He stated that he was able to see the incident after he walked around.

[REDACTED] did not recall if there were bystanders on the scene, but did not see a crowd form. He stated that he only recalled seeing [REDACTED] friend on the scene. Moreover, he did not see people avoid the scene by crossing the street and stated that there was nobody walking down the street during the incident. [REDACTED] was not screaming during the incident. The whole incident lasted for approximately 5 minutes.

During the incident, [REDACTED] heard both [REDACTED] and PO1 use profanities. He heard [REDACTED] say something to the effect of, "Woah what the fuck," where they took him down to the ground. Moreover, at some point, he heard PO1 say something to the effect of, "Fucking ID," or, "Put him in the fucking car." He did not hear any additional profanities used.

The interview was paused at 1:58 p.m. for the setup of video. The interview was resumed at 1:59 p.m. with all parties still present. The 3 minute and 23 second video was presented to [REDACTED] and he affirmed that he recorded the video during the incident.

The video was paused at the 14 second mark and [REDACTED] identified the male in white clothing on the screen was [REDACTED]. Additionally, [REDACTED] was wearing a black hat and was standing to the left of [REDACTED]. PO1 was the officer furthest to the right on the screen, and the male with the black hoodie on the screen was PO2. The video resumed playing at the 14 second mark. [REDACTED] stated that he was on the porch as he recorded this. The video was subsequently paused at the 1 minute and 45 second mark upon [REDACTED] stating that a third officer who was wearing a blue shirt and black hat had just appeared on the screen. The video resumed playing at the 1 minute and 45 second mark and was paused at the 2 minute mark. [REDACTED] stated that this was the point where the officers walked towards [REDACTED] while he asked how they knew his name.

[REDACTED] did not recall if the officers asked for [REDACTED] ID, but stated that he did not think that he gave it to them. The video was paused at the 2 minute and 10 second mark. [REDACTED] stated that PO1 grabbed [REDACTED] for no reason and the other officers subsequently grabbed him as well. The video resumed playing at the 2 minute and 10 second mark. At the 2 minute and 16 second mark, [REDACTED] stated that at this point his phone was held in front of his face and temporarily obstructed his view of the incident. The video was paused at the 2 minute and 27 mark and [REDACTED] stated that PO3 had his knee or shin on the [REDACTED] neck or the back of his head. The video was then played back multiple times at the 2 minute and 23 second mark and [REDACTED] was asked if he knew who said the word, "Fucking," in the recording. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] stated this. The video was then played until the end. [REDACTED] stated that he heard the officers instruct [REDACTED] to go inside during the incident and [REDACTED] had refused to do so because he was telling the officers that he lived there and that he was behind the gate. Moreover, [REDACTED] stated that the officers did not have their badges displayed as seen in the video. After viewing the full video, [REDACTED] stated that he did not wish to add or amend his initial testimony.

PO1 was described as Hispanic male, in plainclothes (wore a blue jacket or loose shirt), approximately 5'8" or shorter, average build, approximately 35-40 years old.

PO2 was a White male, 1 or 2 inches taller than PO1, heavyset, 35-40 years old, did not recall if he had facial hair, and did not wear glasses.

PO3 was a White male, average build, 5'8" tall, no glasses, possibly had light stubble facial hair.

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May 19, 2016

Det. Alvarez

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11:15 a.m. - 12:08 p.m.

- *Det. Alvarez is a Hispanic male, who is 5'8" tall, weighs 200 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes, and was [redacted] years old at the time of incident.*
- *Det. Alvarez worked from 10:00 a.m. – 6:33 p.m., on June 2, 2015. Det. Alvarez was working with Det. Hawreluk and Det. Russell. They were assigned to the Bronx Gang Squad I-Team. They were working in plainclothes and assigned to RMP# [redacted] (a minivan)*

**Memo book:**

1545, assist with one under in front of [redacted] Transporting perp to hospital and lodging at CB. 2315, Return to command.

**CCRB statement:**

Det. Alvarez was interviewed at the CCRB on May 19, 2016.

Det. Alvarez has been assigned to the Bronx Gang Command for approximately over three years. He was previously assigned to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Precinct. He has performed approximately at least 100 narcotics-related arrests.

On June 2, 2015, at approximately 3:45 p.m., Det. Alvarez, Det. Russell, and Det. Hawreluk were driving down [redacted] in the Bronx, when Det. Alvarez observed [redacted] and another male individual (identified as [redacted] via the investigation) in front of [redacted]. Det. Alvarez sat in the rear passenger seat of the vehicle, Det. Russell was the driver, and Det. Hawreluk sat in the front passenger seat. The vehicle was moving at patrol speed which Det. Alvarez estimated to be 20 miles per hour. As the car was nearing [redacted], Det. Alvarez saw [redacted] handing a small object to [redacted] and [redacted] moving his hand towards [redacted] which he believed to appear to be a narcotics transaction. At this point, Det. Alvarez stated that it appeared to be a narcotics transaction. Det. Alvarez did not have any discussion with Det. Russell or Det. Hawreluk in regards to his observation. He stated that he announced, "He's selling to him," at which point the vehicle stopped before driving past the location. Det. Alvarez stated that Det. Russell and Det. Hawreluk also observed this after he made the announcement, if they were not already looking. However, Det. Alvarez did not know if Det. Russell or Det. Hawreluk confirmed that they observed what he saw. Det. Alvarez affirmed that he did not see anything else exchanged.

Det. Alvarez stated that there are a few steps leading to the entrance in front of [redacted]. Subsequent to the steps there is a door which led to a foyer where there were mailboxes and then another door. He initially stated that there was no gated area in front of the residence, but he later amended this and stated that there was a gated area with a door which was wide opened after viewing the video footage. He also stated that [redacted] and [redacted] were both on the steps inside the gated area when he first observed them. Det. Alvarez stated that he was able to see through the gate from the side and that the door was opened which also allowed him to see inside.

Det. Alvarez stated that he believed the small object to be a small glassine of heroine which he described as a small square envelope. During the interview, Det. Alvarez gestured that the object was apparently 1 to 2 inches in size. Moreover, he stated that the object was white. Det. Alvarez did not see [redacted] receive the object. He only saw [redacted] reaching over with the object and [redacted] reaching his hand out. Det. Alvarez stated that the vehicle stopped once he made the observation and he did not see where the object was after they stopped the vehicle.

Det. Alvarez, Det. Russell, and Det. Hawreluk exited the vehicle based on Det. Alvarez's observation. At the time, Det. Alvarez intent was to make an inquiry in regards to what they were doing. He did not have intent to issue a summons or make an arrest at this point. When Det. Alvarez was asked whether [redacted] was free to leave, Representative Joe Montori stated that they were making an inquiry and that they were not free to leave. When asked again if they were not free to leave, Det. Alvarez stated that [redacted] stuck both of his hands in his pocket which raised his suspicion. Det. Alvarez and Det. Hawreluk walked up the steps towards [redacted]. At this point, [redacted] immediately stuck both of his hands inside his two front pant pockets and moved back towards the door frame. After seeing this, Det. Alvarez stated that his suspicion raised and he did not know if he

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had a weapon in his pocket. Det. Alvarez stated that he suspected that [REDACTED] was either discarding or attempting to hide something or reaching for a weapon. Det. Alvarez did not see any bulges in [REDACTED] pockets aside from his hands balled up inside the pockets. He did not notice any additional bulges. [REDACTED] refused to comply with Det. Alvarez's orders to remove his hands from his pockets. Det. Alvarez asked [REDACTED] to do so at least four or five times. [REDACTED] was combative and cursing at the officers. Det. Alvarez stated that he and the other officers continued to ask [REDACTED] to take his hands out of his pockets. Det. Alvarez did raise his voice since [REDACTED] was yelling and Det. Alvarez wanted to ensure that he heard his commands. [REDACTED] stated, "Fuck you I'm not taking my hands out," and, "You are fucking harassing me. I'm not taking my hands out. I don't have to listen to you." Subsequently, Det. Hawreluk grabbed [REDACTED] by both of his forearms and pulled his hands out of his pockets. Nothing came out as a result of [REDACTED] hands being removed from his pockets.

Det. Alvarez denied asking [REDACTED] what was inside his pockets and [REDACTED] did not tell the officers what was inside. Moreover, Det. Alvarez did not recall [REDACTED] informing him of what he was doing prior to the officers approaching.

During the incident, [REDACTED] had moved to the side and Det. Alvarez did not have any interactions with him.

Det. Hawreluk, and [REDACTED] subsequently walked down towards the sidewalk. None of the officers had any physical contact with [REDACTED] at this time and [REDACTED] hands were out of his pockets. Det. Alvarez looked behind the door frame to ensure that [REDACTED] did not discard anything and then walked down towards the sidewalk. After Det. Alvarez looked behind the door and ensured that there were no weapons or anything discarded, they did not have further dealings with [REDACTED] and he was free to leave.

Throughout the incident, [REDACTED] cursed and the officers told them to "go fuck themselves." The officers explained to [REDACTED] why they stopped him and why they exited the vehicle. [REDACTED] stated, "Fuck you, you are just harassing me." Moreover, [REDACTED] stated, "You want to harass me because I'm Spanish." In response, Det. Alvarez told [REDACTED] that he was also Hispanic. At some point while [REDACTED] was yelling and cursing, the officers told [REDACTED] to go inside to avoid any further problems.

During their conversation, [REDACTED] asked the officers' for their name and shield numbers. Det. Alvarez stated that their shields were visible during the incident and that they all gave their name and shield numbers to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] asked for a pen to record their information, but Det. Alvarez denied his request because he did not want to provide [REDACTED] with a weapon. Moreover, Det. Alvarez stated that they are not required to give a civilian a pen when the request for their information. [REDACTED] subsequently went upstairs to get a pen.

Det. Alvarez, Det. Russell, and Det. Hawreluk waited downstairs so that [REDACTED] could return with a pen to record their information. As they waited, [REDACTED] came out the window and stated, "Oh, I thought y'all would have left by now." After approximately two or three minutes, [REDACTED] came downstairs. Det. Alvarez stated that they were going to let [REDACTED] record their information and then be on their way. Det. Alvarez did not have any intentions to make an arrest or issue him a summons at this time.

[REDACTED] asked the officers for their name and shield numbers and all three officers provided. At some point, [REDACTED] had gone close to Det. Hawreluk and had his pen in his face almost poking Det. Hawreluk's eye. In response, Det. Hawreluk hit [REDACTED] hand, which was holding the pen, away. [REDACTED] then swung his arm and threw a punch in the direction of Det. Hawreluk's face. [REDACTED] did not make physical contact with Det. Hawreluk. At this point, [REDACTED] was going to be placed under arrest for throwing a punch at Det. Hawreluk. [REDACTED] was not going to be arrested for anything else. Det. Alvarez subsequently grabbed [REDACTED] arm and then Det. Russell and Det. Hawreluk assisted by grabbing onto [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] continued to fight with the officers by throwing punches and trying to pull away. [REDACTED] did not make physical contact with Det. Alvarez. Det. Alvarez did not know whether [REDACTED] struck Det. Russell or Det. Hawreluk. During the struggle, Det. Alvarez punched [REDACTED] once to the side of his body. Det. Alvarez continued to tell [REDACTED] to stop resisting. [REDACTED] subsequently dropped down to a knee and ceased fighting. The officers were then able to place [REDACTED] hands behind his back and placed him in handcuffs. Det. Alvarez did not recall which officer placed the handcuffs on [REDACTED]. Det. Alvarez denied kicking [REDACTED], placing a knee against the back of his head/neck area, or placing his foot on top of his head. Det. Alvarez denied using any additional force other than what he described.

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Det. Alvarez did not see any other officers punch or kick [REDACTED]. However, during the struggle, he saw Det. Hawreluk bring his knee up in an attempt to strike [REDACTED] on the side. Det. Alvarez did not see where Det. Hawreluk made physical contact with [REDACTED] and whether it was to his lower or upper body. Det. Alvarez did not see Det. Russell or Det. Hawreluk place a knee against the back of [REDACTED] head/neck area, or place their foot on his head. Moreover, Det. Alvarez denied seeing the officers use any additional force against [REDACTED]. Det. Alvarez denied restricting [REDACTED] breathing and did not see any other officers do so.

Det. Alvarez did not see any visible injuries on [REDACTED] but he complained of body pain and that was why he was transported to the hospital. Det. Alvarez did not recall if he was transported directly to the hospital or the precinct.

Det. Alvarez did not hear Det. Russell or Det. Hawreluk say the word “fuck” or use any profanities during the incident. Det. Alvarez denied saying the word “fuck” or using any discourtesies. However, after reviewing the video footage, Det. Alvarez later affirmed that he told [REDACTED] “Put your fucking hand behind your back.” He used the courtesy because [REDACTED] was still fighting and resisting at the time.

[REDACTED] arrest report was presented to Det. Alvarez. After reviewing the arrest report, Det. Alvarez stated it did not aid in his recollection of any additional occurrences.

When Det. Alvarez was asked whether there were any bystanders or pedestrians around, he stated that the other male [REDACTED] was present and that he “guess whatever civilians were on the street.” Furthermore, he stated that there were possibly two or three people across the street. When asked whether a crowd formed, Det. Alvarez stated that he was not paying attention. Det. Alvarez was then directed to the arrest report where there was a notation that stated the defendant made unreasonable noise in a public space. Det. Alvarez did know what that meant. Moreover, in the arrest report, it stated that defendant refused to be handcuffed by flailing arms and legs and placed arms underneath his body. Det. Alvarez stated that he “guessed” this occurred as they attempted to place him under arrest. However, he did not recall whether [REDACTED] placed his hands underneath his body.

The Criminal Court Complaint was presented to Det. Alvarez and he stated that this did not aid in his recollection of any additional occurrences. Det. Alvarez stated that he did not recall seeing anyone that had to walk around or walk the other way because of this incident. Moreover, Det. Alvarez was asked to explain the notation of Det. Hawreluk witnessing [REDACTED] lunge towards him [Det. Alvarez]. Det. Alvarez stated that this was in reference to [REDACTED] fighting after he initially grabbed [REDACTED] by the arm.

Det. Alvarez denied searching [REDACTED] on the scene. When asked whether Det. Hawreluk or Det. Russell searched him, Representative Joe Montori advised Det. Alvarez that if he did not remember then he did not remember. Representative Joe Montori then asked, “Subsequent to the arrest?” Det. Alvarez then stated that it would have been procedural to search him subsequent to the arrest prior to placing him into the vehicle, but he did not recall who searched him. Det. Alvarez affirmed that nothing was recovered on [REDACTED]. Additionally, Det. Alvarez never found out what the small object he initially observed in [REDACTED] hand actually was.

Det. Alvarez denied entering [REDACTED] pockets prior to placing him in handcuffs and did not see Det. Russell or Det. Hawreluk do so.

Det. Alvarez stated that they were not required to prepare a UF250 report since an arrest report was generated. Det. Alvarez denied preparing any additional reports and was not aware of any additional reports prepared in regards to this incident.

The interview was paused at 11:47 a.m. pending the setup of video footage. The interview was resumed at 11:48 a.m. with all parties present. The 3 minute and 23 second long video was presented to Det. Alvarez.

The video was paused at the 8 second mark and Det. Alvarez identified himself as the officer who stood furthest to right of the screen. Det. Hawreluk stood directly on his left, [REDACTED] stood to the left of Det. Hawreluk and was wearing a white hoodie, and to the left of [REDACTED] was the male who was with him ([REDACTED]). The video resumed playing at the 8 second mark. The video was paused at the 18 second mark and Det. Alvarez affirmed that this was the point where [REDACTED] requested for

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the officers' name and shield numbers. He also affirmed that the number "2506" (heard on the recording) was his shield number. Det. Alvarez was then informed that [REDACTED] was shown on the screen with a gated door in front. Det. Alvarez did not recall a gate being present, but recalled the steps in front of the location. Det. Alvarez denied opening any door or gates and did not see Det. Russell or Det. Hawreluk do so. The video resumed playing at the 18 second mark and paused at the 38 second mark. Det. Alvarez stated that the conversation recorded in the video was when [REDACTED] was asking for his shield number which he provided and [REDACTED] continued to ramble, scream, and curse. Det. Alvarez was engaged in some conversation with [REDACTED] but he did not recall the conversation and stated that he was just "entertaining" him by providing his shield number when [REDACTED] asked. The video resumed playing at the 38 second mark. The video was paused at the 1 minute and 8 second mark and Det. Alvarez affirmed that he recalled the gate in front of [REDACTED] at this point. Det. Alvarez stated that he entered through the gate in order to get on to the steps. The gate door was wide open during the incident. It was only closed when [REDACTED] returned downstairs after getting a pen and paper. The video resumed playing at the 1 minute and 8 second mark and was paused at the 2 minute and 10 second mark. When asked whether Det. Alvarez's observation of [REDACTED] point his pen was depicted in the video, Det. Alvarez requested to replay the segment. The video was played back from the 1 minute and 50 second mark. Det. Alvarez stated that at the 1 minute and 58 second mark, [REDACTED] was waving the pen on the screen and started to get close to Det. Hawreluk. As the video continued to play, Det. Alvarez stated that [REDACTED] continued to wave the pen. Det. Alvarez then stated that prior to grabbing [REDACTED] waved the pen in Det. Hawreluk's face. As he grabbed [REDACTED] held the pen in front of his chest area. Det. Alvarez stated that the video was taken across the street, but [REDACTED] was standing approximately two feet away and Det. Alvarez stood to the side. Det. Alvarez stated that the officer in the blue shirt was Det. Russell.

The video continued playing at the 2 minute and 10 second mark and was paused at the 2 minute and 24 second mark. Det. Alvarez stated that [REDACTED] action of swinging his arms was not depicted in the video because the camera was "all over the place." At this point in the video, the screen was shaking and was unclear. The video was then played back from the 2 minute and 6 second mark and Det. Alvarez was asked if he recognized any discourtesies. The video was played at a slow rate of speed at the 2 minute and 16 second mark. Det. Alvarez affirmed that he heard the word, "fucking," but did not know who said this. The video resumed playing at the 2 minute and 23 second mark and was paused at the 2 minute and 34 second mark. Det. Alvarez again affirmed that he heard the word "fucking" used. He affirmed that he told [REDACTED] "Put your fucking hand behind your back." He used the courtesy because [REDACTED] was still fighting and resisting at the time. [REDACTED] refused to place his hands behind his back. Det. Alvarez stated that the officers told him to stop resisting multiple times throughout the video. Additionally, Det. Alvarez stated that at this point in the video, it appeared as if Det. Russell had his knee against [REDACTED] body, possibly the back of his shoulder. Det. Alvarez stated that Det. Russell's foot was not on the back of [REDACTED] head/neck. The video resumed playing at the 2 minute and 36 minute mark and Det. Alvarez noted that both of Det. Russell's feet were on the ground. The video was then played until the end without any interruptions. Det. Alvarez did not have anything he wished to add or amend to his statement.

After viewing the video, Det. Alvarez was again asked whether a crowd had formed. Det. Alvarez denied that a crowd formed during the incident, but stated that "obviously" there were people outside. He stated that the people were out of the view of the camera. However, he did not recall seeing the person that was filming the incident or any additional civilians. Moreover, he did not recall seeing [REDACTED] obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Det. Alvarez did not realize that anyone recorded the incident.

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May 31, 2016  
Det. Russell  
201603275  
10:09 a.m. – 10:54 a.m.

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**Memo book:**

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Det. Russell denied using any discourtesies against [REDACTED] and did not recall any officers using any discourtesies. He stated that [REDACTED] used the word "fuck" numerous times during the incident.

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At this point, it was determined that [REDACTED] was causing a nuisance because he was being very loud and caused people to stop and impede them from moving. Det. Russell stated that [REDACTED] was going to be arrested for disorderly conduct at this point. He stated that if [REDACTED] had provided his ID, he would have been just issued a summons. However, since he refused to provide his ID they were unable to issue him a summons. Aside from arresting [REDACTED] for the disorderly conduct charge, he was not going to be arrested for any additional charges at this point. However, he later also resisted arrest. [REDACTED] was instructed to place his hands behind his back, but he refused to do so. Det. Alvarez subsequently attempted to grab his arm and [REDACTED] pulled away. Det. Alvarez and Det. Hawreluk then took [REDACTED] down to the ground by holding onto him and grappling him to the ground. Det. Russell denied assisting in taking him down to ground and stated that he was on the sidewalk or in the van looking through his handheld device when [REDACTED] was taken down to the ground. [REDACTED] whole body made contact with the ground. On the ground, [REDACTED] placed his arms underneath his body and was flailing his arms to avoid being handcuffed. Det. Russell assisted by positioning his body to restrict [REDACTED] movements. Det. Russell was kneeling down on the ground at this point. He felt [REDACTED] actively trying to lift himself off the ground. Det. Russell did not recall which part of his body made contact with which part of [REDACTED] body. Det. Russell denied punching, kicking, or kneeing [REDACTED]. Additionally, he denied stepping on [REDACTED] head or making any contact with the back of his head or neck area. He did not recall seeing Det. Alvarez or Det. Hawreluk punch, kick, or knee [REDACTED] and did not see them make any contact with [REDACTED] back of neck or head area.

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201603275  
11:24 a.m. 11:44 a.m.

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**Memo book:**

1545, assist with one under in front of [REDACTED] Transporting perp to hospital and lodging at CB. 2315, Return to command.

**CCRB statement:**

Det. Alvarez was interviewed at the CCRB on June 7, 2016.

Det. Alvarez was given an opportunity to listen to his prior CCRB complaint. However, Det. Alvarez and DEA Silverman both did not wish to re-listen to the entire interview recording.

Det. Alvarez stated that he was positioned in the rear passenger seat of the vehicle. Det. Alvarez stated that they were approximately 1 ½ to 2 car lengths or approximately 15 feet away when he first observed [REDACTED]. He stated that they were driving and were positioned diagonally in relations to where [REDACTED] was.

Det. Alvarez stated that he observed something small and white when he gestured his hand back and forth. He did not recall how [REDACTED] was holding the object in his hand. When asked to describe the length of the object, Det. Alvarez stated that he thought it was a small glassine of heroine which is rectangular in shape. He did not know the measurements of the object he observed. When pressed to describe whether the object he observed was bigger or smaller than a pinky finger, DEA Silverman asked Det. Alvarez whether he was able to tell the exact size of the object he observed in his hands. Det. Alvarez stated that he could not tell the size of the object during the incident. He stated that it was small and white.

Det. Alvarez explained that a glassine is a small wax envelope used in packaging and sale of heroin. Generally, a glassine is 2/3 the length of a pinky finger with a width of approximately 1/3 of an inch. Moreover, generally, a glassine is somewhat opaque and a tan/beige powdery substance could be seen inside. He did not know the general thickness of a glassine, but stated that the powder substance could be felt through the glassine.

Det. Alvarez stated that none of the civilians approached him at any point to complain about the loud noises during the incident. When asked whether he saw any civilians approach the other officers, he stated that his attention was focused on [REDACTED] at the time.

The recording was paused at 11:32 a.m. pending the setup of video footage and resumed at 11:34 a.m. The 3 minute and 23 second long video was played once in its entirety without any interruptions.

When Det. Alvarez was asked where was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] positioned when he first observed them, he stated that they stood on the top steps by the door. Additionally, he observed them as they were driving by, through the side of the gate. He stated that he was able to see the individuals standing there and when the vehicle stopped he had an unobstructed view of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] since the gate was wide open. He did not know whether there was something holding the door opened.

When asked whether the action of [REDACTED] swinging his arm was depicted in the video, Det. Alvarez stated "He fought." The video was then played at the 2 minute mark and the undersigned instructed Det. Alvarez to indicate at which point [REDACTED] [REDACTED] swung his arm. The video was paused at the 2 minute and 11 second mark and Det. Alvarez stated that once he reached out to grab [REDACTED] started fighting and resisting and that was the point where he threw a punch. Det. Alvarez

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was then asked if [REDACTED] threw a punch prior to him being grabbing. Det. Alvarez stated that [REDACTED] was swinging the pen in his partner's face and being disorderly. He stated that they grabbed him once [REDACTED] lowered the pen.

Det. Alvarez then affirmed that [REDACTED] did not throw a punch prior to him grabbing [REDACTED] and that it was just the incident with the pen. When pressed further on the discrepancy between his initial statement and his answer during the interview, [REDACTED] only threw the punch after he grabbed him and he did not throw a punch prior to him being grabbed and that his prior actions was with a pen.

Det. Alvarez stated that when he grabbed [REDACTED] was going to be arrested for disorderly conduct. When asked further as to explain, he stated that his partner was the arresting officer. When asked whether [REDACTED] was going to be charged with anything else at this point, Det. Alvarez stated that he was not thinking of any charges during the moment and that [REDACTED] was "coming aggressive, loud, violent, and waving pen in partner's face."

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June 10, 2016  
[REDACTED]

201603275

2:10 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

- [REDACTED] is a Hispanic female, who is 4'10" tall, weighs 204 pounds, with grey hair and brown eyes, and was [REDACTED] years old at the time of incident.

## CCRB Statement:

[REDACTED] was interviewed in the field at her residence, [REDACTED] in the Bronx.

[REDACTED] stated that her dogs go crazy whenever people enter or leave [REDACTED] in the Bronx. On June 2, 2015, [REDACTED] looked outside her window and observed [REDACTED] speaking with his friend, [REDACTED] who lived down the street. She did not recall if the window was open or shut during the incident. Moreover, her window was approximately four feet away from where [REDACTED] stood and faced directly towards the gate. She affirmed that nothing obstructed her view of [REDACTED]. She stated that he was wearing a t-shirt and white basketball shorts. [REDACTED] stood inside the gate and stood outside the gate as they spoke with each other. She did not see [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] any physical contact with [REDACTED]. She did not see anything in [REDACTED] hands and did not see [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] exchanging anything.

[REDACTED] stated that the gates' door was slightly ajar just as it was during the interview. The undersigned observed that the door was not completely closed, but the undersigned was not able to see through the crack between the door and the door frame.

At some point while [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were talking, two officers exited a vehicle which was parked directly in front of the residence. [REDACTED] was not able to see the vehicle because of her air conditioner unit which obstructed her view of the vehicle. The officers approached [REDACTED] and asked him questions and possibly requested for his ID. [REDACTED] asked the officers why he was being arrested and told them that he did not have anything in his pockets and that he lived upstairs. [REDACTED] also pulled his pockets inside out and told the officers that he did not have anything. The officers stood in front of the closed gate as they spoke with [REDACTED]. She did not see any officers open the gate door or enter through gate.

[REDACTED] walked away from the incident once the officers approached.

At some point, [REDACTED] went upstairs to the residence and when he returned he was holding papers. [REDACTED] assumed that they told him to get his ID, but was not certain. When [REDACTED] returned downstairs, he stepped out of the gated area on his own. [REDACTED] stood directly in front of the gate with his back towards the gate and the officers stood in front of him. He was approximately a couple of feet away from the officers. The officers and [REDACTED] continued speaking, but she could not hear the conversation because she was primarily focused on taking care of her grandson at the time. However, she heard the conversation grow louder and heard [REDACTED] ask the officers why was he being harassed. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] "probably" used profanities, but did not recall. She did not recall hearing any officers say "fuck" and did not hear any of the officers using any profanities. [REDACTED] was moving his hands in front of his body when he was speaking with the officers. [REDACTED] saw [REDACTED] holding a piece of paper and nothing else. Moreover, she did not see [REDACTED] hand gesture towards any of the officers' face.

When [REDACTED] was asked if she heard [REDACTED] ask the officers for their name and shield numbers, she affirmed that she heard the request for their information and that he asked directly prior to the "pushing and shoving." She did not hear any of the officers provide their name or shield numbers.

At some point as the officers and [REDACTED] were talking, a third officer exited the vehicle and all of the officers suddenly pushed [REDACTED] against the gate, causing a loud bang. [REDACTED] seemed to be confused as to what she saw during the incident and what she assumed [REDACTED] was doing during the incident. [REDACTED] stated that she "guessed" the officers wrestled him down to the ground because [REDACTED] was defending himself. When pressed on whether she saw this, she stated that it might have occurred, but was not certain. Moreover, she stated that [REDACTED] "probably" moved his hands, but she could not provide any specific details. She also mentioned that [REDACTED] attempted to fight the officers off by moving his arm outwards when the officers initially pushed him against the gate. She did not see [REDACTED] push any of the officers. The

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officers then took [REDACTED] to the ground by pulling him down towards the ground. [REDACTED] did not see any officers hit [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] could not see what occurred after [REDACTED] was on the ground. She stated that the next time he saw him again as when he was handcuffed and placed inside the police car.

[REDACTED] denied seeing any officers making any physical contact against the back of [REDACTED] neck or head area. She did not see any visible injuries on [REDACTED].

The whole incident lasted approximately 20 – 30 minutes. The handcuffing process took more than a minute. [REDACTED] did not see any officers place their hands inside of [REDACTED] pockets or tell him to him to remove his hands from his pockets.

[REDACTED] saw a neighbor across the street filming the incident. She did not see any civilians standing or walking by the incident. Moreover, she did not see any civilians cross the street during the incident. She stated that there are not many people on that street during the day.

[REDACTED] went outside after the incident; at no point did she go outside during the incident.

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June 10, 2016  
Det. Hawreluk  
201603275  
12:01 p.m. – 12:44 p.m.

- *Det. Hawreluk is a white male, who is 5'11" tall, weighs 235 pounds, with brown hair and green eyes, and was [REDACTED] years old at the time of incident.*
- *Det. Hawreluk worked from 9:27 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on June 2, 2015. Det. Hawreluk was working with Det. Alvarez and Det. Russell. They were assigned to Gang Enforcement and assigned to an unmarked minivan (RMP # [REDACTED])*

**Memo book:**

1542, 2 males stopped front of [REDACTED] 1545, 1 under in regards discon and resisting. Defendant [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] male Hispanic. 1600, 84 at 44 PCT. 1650, 98 to [REDACTED] Hospital. 2230, 84 at Bronx Central Booking.

**CCRB statement:**

Det. Hawreluk was interviewed at the CCRB on June 10, 2016.

On June 2, 2015, at approximately 3:42 p.m., Det. Hawreluk, Det. Alvarez, and Det. Russell were traveling southbound on [REDACTED] as they were performing routine patrol within the 44<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. They were not targeting any specific crimes on the date of incident. Det. Hawreluk was the driver. He did not recall where the other officers were positioned in the vehicle. Det. Hawreluk was driving at approximately 15 miles an hour when he observed two males exchanging money in front of the doorway of [REDACTED] in the Bronx. Det. Hawreluk stated that there was a gate in front of the location, but it did not obstruct his view and he was able to see their entire bodies. Det. Hawreluk did not recall which of the individuals ended up with the money and did not know how much money was exchanged. Moreover, he did not know recall whether the bills were folded or rolled up. When asked whether he saw one of the individuals receive the money, Det. Hawreluk stated that he just saw money in their hands and did not know where it went. Moreover, he did not recall the positioning of their hands and just saw their hands reach out towards each other.

Det. Hawreluk stated that they were approximately 15 -20 feet away when he made the initial observation. Moreover, he stated that the exchange of money was what drew his attention. When asked whether Det. Hawreluk had any discussions with the other officers in regards to his observation, he stated that they all might have said the two individuals were engaged in a drug transaction. He believed Det. Alvarez also made a similar observation to his. When asked what drug Det. Hawreluk thought was being exchanged, he stated that there was no specific drug that he suspected at the time.

At this point, Det. Hawreluk's intent was to inquire what they were doing based on their observation. He stated that they were not suspected of any crimes at this point and were also free to leave.

Det. Hawreluk and Det. Alvarez exited the vehicle and approached [REDACTED] and the second male, identified via the investigation as [REDACTED]. As they approached, Det. Hawreluk observed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] tensing up and looking at them. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were both inside the gate and the gate door was left opened. Det. Hawreluk had his shield affixed to his pocket and announced, "New York City Police." He did not recall what [REDACTED] was doing with his hand, but stated that his hands were out of his pockets. He did not recall if [REDACTED] was holding anything. Det. Hawreluk was also able to see [REDACTED] hands, but did not recall if he was holding anything.

Det. Hawreluk stated that he did not speak with [REDACTED]. He stated that Det. Alvarez spoke with [REDACTED] and that he did not know the crux of their conversation.

As Det. Hawreluk was speaking to [REDACTED] he was standing at the bottom of the steps. Det. Hawreluk did not recall ever entering through that gated area. However, he saw Det. Alvarez enter the gate shortly after exiting the van to speak with [REDACTED]

Det. Hawreluk recalled that during their inquiry, either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] made a statement that one of them owed the other person money. They were still considered to be free to leave at this point.

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[REDACTED] was screaming and yelling when the officers approached, which caused people to congregate and caused public alarm and annoyance. Det. Hawreluk asked [REDACTED] what was happening, what were they doing, and where lived. [REDACTED] replied, "Right here." [REDACTED] was irate and was cursing throughout the incident. [REDACTED] screamed, "Fuck you" and "This is bullshit." Det. Hawreluk observed four to five people congregating and walking down the sidewalk. He also observed a female and a little child that crossed the street after seeing what was going on. The four to five people were standing approximately 20-30 feet away and did not say much. Det. Hawreluk stated that one of the bystanders stated, "Relax, it is not that serious." Det. Hawreluk stated that he was guilty of disorderly conduct at this point, but used his discretion. He then stated that there was no reason as to why he was not arrested for disorderly conduct.

At some point, [REDACTED] made a furtive movement by placing his hands inside of his shorts' pockets as he was screaming and yelling. Det. Hawreluk instructed him to remove his hands twice. [REDACTED] refused to do so and stated, "Fuck You." Det. Hawreluk did not recall if his response was different when he asked him the second time. Det. Hawreluk stated that for his own safety, he grabbed both of [REDACTED] wrists and pulled his hands out of his pockets and turned his hands. Det. Hawreluk saw the [REDACTED] did not hold anything at this point. Det. Hawreluk stated that [REDACTED] aggressive demeanor combined with his action of placing his hands inside his pockets led him to believe that he might have had a weapon. He did not recall seeing any bulges on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] subsequently stated, "Fuck you," and "You can't touch me." Det. Hawreluk stated [REDACTED] was still free to leave at this point. Det. Hawreluk did not recall placing his hands inside [REDACTED] pockets. Additionally, he denied seeing any officers place their hands inside [REDACTED] pockets. Moreover, Det. Hawreluk did not recall if [REDACTED] was still on the steps or if he had stepped out onto the sidewalk at this point.

[REDACTED] stated, "Give me your name and shield." Det. Hawreluk believed that [REDACTED] was asking all of the officers for their name and shield numbers. Det. Hawreluk and Det. Alvarez both provided their name and shield number. He did not recall if Det. Russell also provided his name and shield number to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] subsequently asked for a pen and Det. Hawreluk told him that they would not provide him with a pen. Det. Hawreluk told [REDACTED] that they would wait for him to obtain a pen if needed. [REDACTED] subsequently went inside his residence and was still screaming while he was upstairs. Shortly after, he returned downstairs and was still irate and cursing. When asked whether it was a concern to allow [REDACTED] to go inside and retrieve a pen, Det. Hawreluk stated that there was a slight concern that he could have went inside to retrieve a weapon.

Det. Hawreluk stated that outside the gated area, [REDACTED] got in Det. Hawreluk and Det. Alvarez's face and waved his pen approximately a foot away from Det. Hawreluk's face in a threatening manner. Det. Hawreluk gave verbal commands to back up, stop, and put the pen down. [REDACTED] was still screaming and yelling at this point. [REDACTED] again swung the pen in front of Det. Hawreluk's face and then lowered it. Det. Hawreluk subsequently made a facial gesture to Det. Alvarez indicating that he was going to place [REDACTED] under arrest for disorderly conduct. Det. Hawreluk stated that besides disorderly conduct, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was not going to be given any additional charges at this point. Subsequently, Det. Hawreluk and Det. Alvarez grabbed [REDACTED] and he flailed his arms. Det. Hawreluk stated that [REDACTED] was flailing his arms when he waved the pen in his face. Det. Hawreluk denied punching [REDACTED]. He stated that he saw Det. Alvarez punch [REDACTED] after [REDACTED] was waving his pen which appeared as if he was going to hit one of them. Det. Hawreluk did not know where Det. Alvarez's punch made contact with [REDACTED] body. Subsequently, Det. Hawreluk grabbed [REDACTED] by the back and pulled him towards the ground. He denied placing his knee or foot against his back or head. Moreover, he did not see Det. Alvarez doing so. Det. Hawreluk denied kicking [REDACTED] and did not recall if Det. Alvarez or Det. Russell kicked [REDACTED]. He did not recall making any physical contact with the back of his neck or head. However, he denied hitting him in the back of his neck or head. Moreover, he did not recall Det. Alvarez or Det. Russell making any contact with the back of his neck or head.

While on the ground, [REDACTED] concealed his arms underneath his body. Det. Hawreluk was able to grab one arm and somehow eventually got his other arm. He did not recall if another officer assisted. Det. Hawreluk then placed him in handcuffs. [REDACTED] was face down for an unknown amount of time while he was being handcuffed. Det. Hawreluk stated that it took 30

[REDACTED] was then brought into the van and taken to the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct stationhouse. They took his pedigree information and searched him for inventory purposes based on protocol. As they were processing his arrest, [REDACTED] complained of pain. [REDACTED] was printed and then transported to the hospital. Det. Hawreluk stated that they brought him to [REDACTED] Hospital. At the

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hospital, [REDACTED] was still cursing saying, "Fuck you" and, "This is bullshit." [REDACTED] was treated, released, and then brought to Central Booking.

Det. Hawreluk affirmed that he prepared arrest report in regards to this incident. He stated that a UF250 was not completed because [REDACTED] was arrested and that there was no other reason as to why a UF250 was not prepared.

Det. Hawreluk did not observe any injuries on [REDACTED] after he was arrested.

[REDACTED] arrest report was presented to Det. Hawreluk and he confirmed of its accuracy. The undersigned pointed out that in the narrative of the arrest report it stated that [REDACTED] was arrested for unreasonable noise. When asked if any civilians informed him or reported of any unreasonable noise, Det. Hawreluk stated that no one did so. Moreover, he stated that [REDACTED] was screaming and yelling causing a woman to come outside and other people to watch. No civilians ever interfered during the incident. Det. Hawreluk was then directed to the arrest report where there was a notation of force was used. Det. Hawreluk stated that [REDACTED] was punched and kneeled. He affirmed that he kneeled [REDACTED] in the chest as they brought him down to the ground to gain compliance. He did not recall if [REDACTED] ever stated that his breathing was restricted.

Det. Hawreluk stated that he was aware of video footage for this incident. DEA representative Joe Montori stated that he informed Det. Hawreluk the existence of video footage. DEA representative Joe Montori stated that he was aware of video footage from previous interviews for this case. Det. Hawreluk and DEA representative Joe Montori denied that the content of the video was relayed to Det. Hawreluk.

The recording was paused at 12:30 p.m. for the setup of video footage. The recording resumed at 12:31 p.m. with all parties present and the 3 minute and 23 second long video was played once in its entirety. The video was then paused at the 3 minute mark and Det. Hawreluk was informed that there were no additional significant occurrences after the 3 minute mark. Det. Hawreluk stated that he did not have anything to add or amend to his initial statement.

The video was paused at the 8 second mark and Det. Hawreluk was asked to identify the individuals depicted on the screen. Det. Hawreluk stated that he was the third person to the left wearing the black hoodie and Det. Alvarez was to the right of him on the screen. Det. Hawreluk stated that Det. Russell was in the car at this point. Moreover, he did not recall who the individual was in the black shirt and blue jeans and he stated that it was possibly the other individual who was stopped, but was not certain.

Det. Hawreluk affirmed that the crowd he mentioned in his initial statement was not depicted in this video. He stated that they were to the right off-screen walking down the street. He also stated that the person who he saw crossing the street was not depicted in the video as well. He stated that the person crossing the street occurred towards the end of the video recording when [REDACTED] began flailing his arms.

Det. Hawreluk denied using the word fuck and did not recall hearing Det. Alvarez or Det. Russell doing so. He denied stating any discourtesies and did not hear Det. Russell or Det. Alvarez do so.

Det. Hawreluk stated that the action of [REDACTED] swinging his pen was depicted in the video recording. The video was played at the 1 minute and 49 second mark and paused at the 2 minute and 10 second mark. Det. Hawreluk stated that after viewing the video footage, the pen appeared to be lower than his face. He stated that [REDACTED] held the pen down to his side in a threatening manner and at this point he felt threatened which prompted him to arrest him. Det. Hawreluk stated that Det. Russell was the officer wearing the cadet blue shirt and camouflage shorts depicted on the screen.

The video resumed at the 2 minute and 10 second mark and paused at the 2 minute and 15 second mark. Det. Hawreluk stated that the loud noise captured in the video recording was when [REDACTED] was pushed against the gate to gain compliance because he was being arrested for disorderly conduct. He did not recall which part of [REDACTED] body made contact with the gate. Moreover, [REDACTED] was resisting when they went to grab him by flailing his arms, getting aggressive, and looked as if [REDACTED] was going to hit them. [REDACTED] was then brought down to ground and he refused orders to give his hands.

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The video resumed at the 2 minute and 15 second mark and paused at the 2 minute and 24 second mark. Det. Hawreluk stated that at this point it appeared Det. Russell's knee was against [REDACTED] back. However, he did not have an independent recollection of this since it happened so quickly.

The video was then played from the 2 minute and 19 second mark to the 2 minute 24 second mark. Det. Hawreluk stated he did not know if the word "fucking" was used at this point. The video was then played from the 2 minute and 30 second mark to the 2 minute 35 second mark. He affirmed that he heard the word "fucking" used, but did not know who stated it.