Report # [redacted] - Agency Misconduct Report

REPORT DATE / TIME	DISTRICT / COUNTY / / /	EVENT START DATE / TIME - EVENT END DATE / TIME
Jun 19, 2023 17:06	Sonoma	[redacted]

PRIMARY REPORTER	INVESTIGATING AGENCY
Matthew North	Santa Rosa Police Department

REPORT TAKEN LOCATION

[redacted]

REPORTABLE EVENT TYPE

- ☐ 1029 Disqualifier
- ☐ Civil Settlement
- ■ Complaint, Charge, or Allegation
- ☐ Civil Judgment
- ☐ Civilian OIG Oversight/Review
- ☐ Court Finding

NARRATIVE

SUMMARY OF SERIOUS MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS:

City of Santa Rosa and Officer were sued stemming from the deployment of a less lethal round. No allegations of excessive use of force in Administrative Investigation. Sustained finding of failing to abide by reasonable safety precautions.

RELATED CASE(S)

N/A

RELEVANT LAWS/POLICIES:

Santa Rosa Police Department Policy 105 – Code of Conduct, 105.5.10(c), Unsafe firearm or other dangerous weapon handling to include loading or unloading firearms in an unsafe manner, either on or off duty.

PEACE OFFICER CURRENT STATUS:

Regular Duty

WITNESS INFORMATION:

N/A

IA INVESTIGATOR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Lt. Dan Hackett

707-543-3630

dhackett@srcity.org

BODY WORN CAMERA INFORMATION:

BWC Avail.

AGENCY INVESTIGATION DETAILS:

Santa Rosa experienced riots in 2020. This investigation revealed culpability at a department level as well as at an individual level. Prior to July 2018 Santa Rosa Police only used barricade rounds that had a distinct appearance (white plastic tall casing with blue tip). The less-lethal impact munition had a blue foam tip. Two independent transactions between 2018 and 2019 ended with Santa Rosa Police obtaining black tipped barricade rounds and black tipped less-lethal foam impact rounds. These two decisions came together, and Santa Rosa Police ended up with two rounds with black tips that have very different applications. This series of events set officers up for failure during a low light, stressful incident.

AGENCY INVESTIGATION STATUS/FINDINGS:

Sustained finding related to safety precautions not being adhered to 3-29-2021.

No sustained use of force.

Civil lawsuit settlement was ordered.

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PRINT NAME	PRINT NAME
Matthew North Jul 11, 2023 15:02	Alan Chang Jul 14, 2023 12:46

COMPLAINANT-1

COMPLAINANT-1 (ORGANIZATION)

R-1 Santa Rosa Police Department - 49050

ORGANIZATION TYPE

Law Enforcement

MAILING ADDRESS

SANTA ROSA POLICE DEPARTMENT, 965 SONOMA AVENUE, SANTA ROSA, CA 95402

AGENCY MISCONDUCT

INVESTIGATION STATUS	AGENCY IA #	DATE/TIME AGENCY AWARE OF ALLEGED MISCONDUCT
Exonerated	[redacted]	Jun 25, 2020 00:00

NUMBER OF AGENCIES INVOLVED IN INCIDENT

1

CITATION LOCATION

[redacted]

MISCONDUCT CODE - 1

1205(a)(3) Physical Abuse/Excessive or Unreasonable Use of Force

SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION: (ONLY ONE(1) OFFICER OR AGENCY)-1

SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION: (ONLY ONE(1) OFFICER OR AGENCY)-1 NAME (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE)	DOB / ESTIMATED AGE RANGE
[redacted]	[redacted]

SEX

Male

COURT CASE

COURT CASE TYPE	COURT DATE / TIME	CASE NAME	NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS
Civil	[redacted]	[redacted]	1

DETAINED/ARRESTED

No

INVOLVED ORGANIZATIONS

INVOLVED ORGANIZATION-1 NAME

O-1 Santa Rosa Police Department - 49050

ORGANIZATION TYPE

Law Enforcement

MAILING ADDRESS

SANTA ROSA POLICE DEPARTMENT, 965 SONOMA AVENUE, SANTA ROSA, CA 95402

INVOLVEMENT TYPE

Employer

ASSOCIATED RECORDS

REPORT #	REPORT TYPE	REPORT TITLE	REASON FOR ASSOCIATION
[redacted]	Agency Misconduct	[redacted]	Same Incident

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Report # [redacted] - Agency Supplemental - 1 Report

REPORT DATE / TIME	EVENT START DATE / TIME - EVENT END DATE / TIME	PRIMARY REPORTER
Jan 17, 2024 15:58	[redacted]	Matthew North

SUPPLEMENT TYPE

EVIDENCE/ATTACHMENT UPLOAD

NARRATIVE

See Attached Report

ATTACHMENTS ADDENDUM

FILE NAME	UPLOAD DATE/TIME	UPLOADED BY
[redacted] Lt Report.pdf	Jan 17, 2024 15:58	M. North

REPORTING OFFICER SIGNATURE / DATE	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE / DATE
PRINT NAME	PRINT NAME
Matthew North Jan 17, 2024 15:59	Tuyen Pham Jan 18, 2024 07:43

Report # [redacted] - Agency Misconduct Report (ASSOCIATED RECORD)

REPORT DATE / TIME	DISTRICT / COUNTY / / /	EVENT START DATE / TIME - EVENT END DATE / TIME
Jun 27, 2023 07:33	Sonoma	[redacted]

PRIMARY REPORTER	INVESTIGATING AGENCY
Matthew North	Santa Rosa Police Department

REPORT TAKEN LOCATION

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NARRATIVE

SUMMARY OF SERIOUS MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS:

The city of Santa Rosa and several officers were sued from a use of force incident during riots in 2020. The use of force was deemed lawful and within policy. The City settled the case civilly.

RELATED CASE(S)

N/A

RELEVANT LAWS/POLICIES:

Santa Rosa Police Department use of force policy # 300.

PEACE OFFICER CURRENT STATUS:

Regular Duty

WITNESS INFORMATION:

[redacted]

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BODY WORN CAMERA INFORMATION:

BWC footage on evidence.com

AGENCY INVESTIGATION DETAILS:

BWC reviewed, witness and officer statements taken.

AGENCY INVESTIGATION STATUS/FINDINGS:

Exonerated 12/4/2020

COMPLAINANT-3

COMPLAINANT-3 (ORGANIZATION)

R-3 Santa Rosa Police Department - 49050

REPORTING OFFICER SIGNATURE / DATE	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE / DATE
PRINT NAME	PRINT NAME
Matthew North Jul 19, 2023 15:36	Chelsea Wijaya Jul 20, 2023 09:59

ORGANIZATION TYPE
Law Enforcement

MAILING ADDRESS
SANTA ROSA POLICE DEPARTMENT, 965 SONOMA AVENUE, SANTA ROSA, CA 95402

AGENCY MISCONDUCT

INVESTIGATION STATUS	AGENCY IA #	DATE/TIME AGENCY AWARE OF ALLEGED MISCONDUCT
Exonerated	[redacted]	May 30, 2020 00:00

NUMBER OF PEACE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN INCIDENT	NUMBER OF AGENCIES INVOLVED IN INCIDENT
4	1

CITATION LOCATION
[redacted]

MISCONDUCT CODE - 1
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SEX
Male

COURT CASE

COURT CASE TYPE	CASE NAME
Civil	[redacted]

INVOLVED ORGANIZATIONS

INVOLVED ORGANIZATION-1 NAME
O-1 Santa Rosa Police Department - 49050

ORGANIZATION TYPE
Law Enforcement

MAILING ADDRESS
SANTA ROSA POLICE DEPARTMENT, 965 SONOMA AVENUE, SANTA ROSA, CA 95402

INVOLVEMENT TYPE
Employer

INVOLVED LOCATIONS

LOCATION
[redacted]

ASSOCIATED RECORDS

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