



Waukesha Police Department

Incident Report

Incident: Riot - Engaging In			
Incident Report Number: 20-037655	Between: Date - Time	And/At: Date-Time 8/24/20	15:56
Incident Location: 1000 55th St, Kenosha, WI, 53140			
CFS Code-1: 5303	CFS Code-2: 9997	CFS Code-3:	Offense Code-4:
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SUMMARY

On Monday, 08/24/20, at approximately 1556 hours, I, Specialist Jirikowic (Squad 351), responded to 1000 55th Street to assist the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office for mutual aid in the form of a Civil Disturbance Unit activation request. I was one of many who responded as part of the Waukesha County Civil Disturbance Unit. During this activation I was assigned with the role of Grenadier, equipped with a 40mm single launcher. I deployed a total of 2 less lethal munitions, on 2 different suspects, during this incident. Lieutenant Nyren from Delafield Police Department was my squad leader during this incident.

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NARRATIVE

On Monday, 08/24/20, at approximately 1556 hours, I, Specialist Jirkowic (Squad 351), responded to 1000 55th Street to assist the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office for a mutual aid request in the form of a Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) activation.

I was one of the many members of the Civil Disturbance Unit who responded to Kenosha for this mutual aid request. During this Civil Disturbance Unit activation, I was assigned the role of Grenadier and was equipped with a single 40mm launcher and several CTS Model 4557 foam baton rounds.

Over the course of the CDU deployment we had been stationed at the Kenosha Courthouse. We received information that the protests had turned violent and that the protesters were starting to throw objects at the Police Officers who were holding a shield line in front of the Courthouse. My unit responded outside to assist the other Officers. Upon exiting the Courthouse, I observed the protesters were engaging in riotous behavior and there were, by rough estimation, approximately five hundred people outside of the Courthouse who were yelling, screaming and protesting the police presence. There was a very large amount of objects being thrown at the Police Officers. These objects ranged from water bottles, both frozen and liquid, rocks, bricks, a toaster, a cordless power drill and other miscellaneous objects. The protesters were also utilizing loud speakers, to yell and scream, playing loud music, and launching various types of fireworks such as bottle rockets, roman candles, fire crackers and mortar-like fireworks that create an incredibly loud boom noise when they explode and have the potential to cause great bodily harm when used in this manner.

Throughout the course of this event, I personally observed several Officers being struck in the shield by the above listed objects. Several Officers and National Guardsmen were also struck in different body locations by the objects being thrown. The objects being thrown presented a very high level of danger to the Officers on scene. Earlier in the day I had been shown a video of what is believed to be a Kenosha Police Officer being hit in the head by an object and appeared to have been knocked out from that incident. During this protest, information was sent out over the radio that a very large contingency of protesters were responding to the Courthouse location to merge forces with the protesters already there. A short time after this information was aired, I observed a group of protesters, numbering approximately six hundred or more people, joining with the already very large group there. Upon the protesters merging forces we were immediately met with a substantially increased amount of fireworks being launched at the police line. Several of these mortar type fireworks were exploding in different locations along the police line. I observed one mortar like firework explode directly under the Marathon County contingency of Officers. When this mortar exploded, I observed five very large male Officers being thrown back by the

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force of the explosion. One of the officers did not get up when then others did, and immediately surrounding officers started calling for a medic. The officer was immediately escorted off of the police line and sent to the hospital, where it was later learned that he suffered a concussion and perforated ear drum. The use of the large fireworks in this assaultive manner increased my threat assessment of the crowd.

This incident was proving to be not lawful. The dispersal order was given prior to any police force was used. After the crowd did not disperse within the time given, several gas munitions were deployed by various tactical teams assisting Kenosha. There was an extremely high level of danger present to all Officers involved in this incident. Several other agencies were attempting to quell this riotous behavior by deploying less lethal munitions in the form of bean bag shotguns and 40mm impact munitions. Being equipped with a 40mm single launcher myself, I, on two separate occasions, did deploy my 40mm single launcher on two separate suspects. The first deployment was of an unknown gendered individual who was wearing all black clothing with their face concealed. This individual had made a sudden motion toward a flaming object that was in the courtyard area. The individual had gone right up to the flaming object while wearing gloves and knelt down and reached an arm out appeared to be attempting to pick up the flaming object. Based off of objects being thrown at Officers throughout the entirety of this incident, I believed that this individual was attempting to pick up this flaming object to throw it at the police line. I deployed my 40mm single launcher at the target area of the upper thigh of the individual. The impact munition did strike the individual in the top right thigh portion of their body. The deployment did appear to be successful as the person recoiled from the impact and retreated back into the crowd, leaving the flaming object alone.

The second deployment was of an individual who was repeatedly throwing frozen water bottles and other miscellaneous objects at the police line. This person was being handed various items from various individuals who had a stockpile with them. This person was also of an unknown gender, wearing all black clothing. After I observed the person throw the first object, I acquired them as a target for a less lethal munition deployment. I observed the person throw what appeared to be a frozen water bottle at the police line which did strike an Officer in the shield. I immediately deployed one foam baton impact munition at the individual. The foam baton round did strike the individual in the top left thigh portion of their body. The impact did appear to be successful as the person recoiled from the impact and immediately ran off into the distance.

The purpose of impact munitions is to impede; which is meant to overcome resistive, assaultive, or otherwise dangerous behavior. Both suspects I deployed my rounds on were engaged in behavior which was dangerous and assaultive. One was attempting to arm themselves with an incendiary device, while the other was actively assaulting officers by throwing hard objects at officers. Their actions forced me to deploy less lethal munitions against them to impede their assaultive and dangerous behavior. Both of the people struck by impact munitions were unable

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to be identified and arrested over the course of this incident due to the riotous nature of the incident. At no point in time in this incident did anybody come forward and request medical attention for the police force used against them. After the deployment of each 40mm munition, I did immediately notify Lieutenant Nyren of the Delafield Police Department of my actions. Lieutenant Nyren was assigned as the squad leader for my specific squad.

This concludes my level of involvement with reportable police activity. I did report by actions to Lieutenant Becker who was the night shift supervisor of my department, after the completion of my involvement with the mutual aid request.

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