

City of Memphis
Police Division, Inspectional Services Bureau
Case Summary I2013-024

Exhibit D

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I) Principal Officer:

Sergeant Barnabus Bradley, IBM #2305, Domestic Violence Bureau

II) Administrative Regulation:

DR-301 Excessive Force/Unnecessary Force

III) Allegation:

It is alleged that Sgt. Bradley used excessive force while working off duty.

IV) Background:

On March 29, 2013, Sgt. Bradley was working off-duty as a security guard at the Chickasaw Apartments. Sgt. Bradley saw several young male juveniles sitting on the steps by the apartment's mailboxes. Sgt. Bradley asked the young male juveniles to move at which time one of the juveniles threatened Sgt. Bradley.

V) Evidentiary Findings:

A) Statements:

Civilian Complainant Statement: Anya Harris stated on March 29, 2013, she was at home when she received a phone call regarding her son getting choked by an officer. Ms. Harris stated she immediately ran to the location where Sgt. Bradley was holding her son. Ms. Harris stated as she arrived, Sgt. Bradley stated to her that her son, Dantirus Harris, cursed him out. Ms. Harris stated her son stated Sgt. Bradley cursed him out first. Ms. Harris stated Sgt. Bradley then stated he called the police. Ms. Harris stated once the police made the scene a lieutenant advised Sgt. Bradley to write Dantirus Harris a juvenile summons. Ms. Harris stated she refused to sign a juvenile summons on her son because she did not know what happened. Ms. Harris stated she later went to the precinct to file a complaint on Sgt. Bradley, but was informed that Sgt. Bradley was working off duty. She was then told that she would have to file a complaint with his off-duty employment manager at the Chickasaw Apartments. Ms. Harris stated she went to the apartment manager and inquired on how to file a complaint on Sgt. Bradley. Ms. Harris stated she was later advised to come to the Internal Affairs Bureau. Ms. Harris stated she was told by her son that Sgt. Bradley choked him and threatened to shoot him. Ms. Harris stated she was evicted from her apartment because of what transpired between her son and Sgt. Bradley.

Civilian Witness Statement: Dantirus Harris stated on March 29, 2013, he and his friends were playing in the Chickasaw Apartments where they live. Dantirus Harris stated he and his friends sat on the steps by the complex mailboxes. Dantirus Harris stated Sgt. Bradley walked up to them and told them to get their "mother fuckin asses" off his steps. Dantirus Harris stated as he and his friends walked away, Sgt. Bradley walked up behind him and grabbed him by the collar and choked him for no reason.

Civilian Witness Statement: Cartravious Harris stated on March 29, 2013, he and his friends were sitting on the steps in the Chickasaw Apartments when Sgt. Bradley started cursing them for no reason. Cartravious Harris stated his cousin, Dantirus Harris, told Sgt. Bradley that he did not have to curse at them. Cartravious Harris stated Sgt. Bradley grabbed Dantirus Harris by the jacket and told them they are going to jail for disrespecting an officer. Cartravious Harris stated Sgt. Bradley threatened to shoot Dantirus Harris. Cartravious Harris stated he ran down the street and told Dantirus Harris' mother, Anya Harris, what was going on.

Civilian Witness Statement: Demarqueline Townsend stated on March 29, 2013, Sgt. Bradley told him and his friends to stop sitting on the steps of the management office. Demarqueline Townsend and his friends were sitting on the steps when Sgt. Bradley told them to get off the steps. Demarqueline Townsend said Sgt. Bradley grabbed Dantirus Harris by the collar and told him he was going to jail. Demarqueline Townsend got between Sgt. Bradley and his cousin, Dantirus Harris. Demarqueline Townsend said Dantirus Harris attempted to break loose from Sgt. Bradley.

Principal Officer Statement: Sergeant Barnabus Bradley stated he was working secondary employment as a security guard at the Chickasaw Apartments when he observed six to seven male black juveniles causing a disturbance in front of the leasing office. Dantirus Harris continued to be disruptive at which time Sgt. Bradley grabbed his arm to detain him. At that time, Dantirus' cousin approached and stated, "If you don't let my cousin go, I'm going to fyè on you." Sgt. Bradley stated the crowd became bigger and he asked Officer Jones (private security guard) to call for patrol cars. Dantirus struggled away and Sgt. Bradley caught him by the collar so he wouldn't get away. Dantirus became more irate and several other individuals gathered and threatened to do bodily harm to Sgt. Bradley. Officer Jones pushed Dantirus' cousin away and Dantirus broke away from Sgt. Bradley's grip and came out of his coat and eventually ran from the scene. Sgt. Bradley stated he never choked Dantirus or threatened to shoot him. Ms. Harris arrived on the scene and stated someone called her and said Sgt. Bradley was choking and cursing her son. Lt. Hulley made the scene and spoke with him and Ms. Harris, but Ms. Harris became more irate and would not listen; she even refused to sign a Juvenile Summons.

Witness Officer Statement: Lieutenant Gene Hulley stated he was in the area when the dispatcher put a call out saying a security guard at the

Chickasaw Apartments was having trouble detaining several juveniles. He made the scene and several juveniles ran off. He observed Sgt. Bradley and a female black (Anya Harris) arguing. He asked Ms. Harris if her child was one of the ones who ran off and she said yes. He inquired to both Ms. Harris and Sgt. Bradley as to what was going on. Ms. Harris advised she did not like the way Sgt. Bradley grabbed her son. Sgt. Bradley explained it was misdemeanor charges. Lt. Hulley then advised him to issue Ms. Harris a misdemeanor citation and she advised him that she was not signing anything. Lt. Hulley stated Ms. Harris never said anything to him about Sgt. Bradley choking her child. Lt. Hulley left the scene and spoke to Lt. Hawkins later that night about the incident. Lt. Hawkins advised him a woman had come in earlier and spoken to him about the incident. Due to the conflicting stories from Ms. Harris as to what occurred, they both decided to put their encounters with the woman in writing.

Witness Officer Statement: Lieutenant Clarence Hawkins stated Anya Harris came to the precinct to complain on Sgt. Bradley who she said had cursed her son, chased him, and choked him out during an incident at the Chickasaw Apartments. She was loud and would not listen. Officer Scott made the initial scene and Ms. Harris did not say anything to him about the allegations. Lt. Hawkins stated Lt. Hulley had later spoken to him and that he had also made the initial scene. Ms. Harris never informed him about her son being choked, but he did take a complaint from her. Lt. Hulley was going to write up a complaint regarding what Ms. Harris had told him and what she had told Lt. Hawkins. She advised Lt. Hawkins she had told Lt. Hulley on the scene that Sgt. Bradley had choked her son. Lt. Hawkins also spoke with Ms. Harris' son, Dantirus, and asked him specifically whether Sgt. Bradley had choked him and he said, "He tried to; he grabbed me by the collar."

Witness Officer Statement: Officer Gregory Scott stated he and his partner, Officer Edwards, were dispatched to the location regarding a "possible holding prisoner" call. Lt. Hulley and Sgt. Bradley were on the scene as well as another security guard. There were two female blacks yelling at them. Officer Scott and Lt. Hulley asked the females to leave. Lt. Hulley left the scene and he stayed for a few minutes. He later found out Ms. Harris had gone to the precinct and filed a complaint with Lt. Hawkins. Lt. Hawkins called him to the precinct about Ms. Harris' allegations. He told Lt. Hawkins while he was on the scene, Ms. Harris never mentioned anything about her son being choked. She did tell him, "Sgt. Bradley wasn't nothing and he was always messing with people over here."

B) Physical Evidence:

N/A

C) Forensic Evidence:

N/A