



Littleton Police Department
Investigative Report

Case #: 15-5-IA

Date/Time Reported: 07/13/2015 @ 1300
Report Date/Time: 07/13/2015 @ 1500

Complaint Type: ATTITUDE COMPLAINT
Disposition: NOT SUSTAINED

Reporting Officer: Deputy Chief Jeffrey Patterson

Signature: _____

#	PERSON(S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1		REPORTING PARTY	F	W	44		
	LITTLETON MA 01460 DOB: CONTACT INFORMATION: Home Phone (Primary)						

#	OFFICER(S)	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	O'SULLAVAN, MATTHEW	M	W	23		
	500 GREAT RD LITTLETON MA 01460 CONTACT INFORMATION: Home Phone (Primary)					
	HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	HAIR: NOT AVAIL.	EYES:		
	BODY:		COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL.			
	DOB:		PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL.			
	LICENSE NUMBER: NOT AVAIL.		ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC			

NARRATIVE FOR DEPUTY CHIEF JEFFREY M PATTERSON

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On July 13, 2013 I, Deputy Chief Jeffrey Patterson, was working a 0700-1500 shift. I was advised by dispatch that resident, [redacted] was in the lobby requesting to speak with me. I escorted [redacted] to my office and she advised she wish to file a complaint in regards to one of the officers. She stated she did not know his name, but he is the small one working the detail...I stated Matthew O'Sullivan.

[redacted] stated she saw a tree trimming crew working in front of her house. She stated they were cutting trees much further in on her property than she believed they should be. She exited her car and went over to speak with the crew. She stated during her conversation with the crew the detail officer came over and interrupted. She stated he addressed her as Ms. [redacted] and told her he was having another patrol car come to the location to speak with her. She stated she advised him that was not necessary as she was having a conversation with the crew. [redacted] then advised, the detail officer told her to return to her car and wait for the other officer. [redacted] stated she told him there was no reason for her to return to her car and advised him to remove himself from the situation. She said at this time he placed his hand on his firearm and stated he was "just there to keep the peace". [redacted] felt this was threatening and inappropriate behavior. She also made a comment to me to the effect "like he needs a firearm on a detail". [redacted] advised me the two tree workers witnessed the encounter. She addressed them and asked if they were threatened by her in anyway.

I advised [redacted] would look into the incident and contact her upon completion of the investigation.

A short time later I overheard a radio call from Reserve Officer O'Sullivan requesting the sector car to his location again. He advised the resident had returned and was impeding the tree work again. I radioed Sgt. Raffaello and requested he respond to the scene to mitigate the situation. Sgt. Raffaello advised he had the tree crew move to a new location until the Littleton Light and Electric Department could resolve the dispute. I advised Sgt. Raffaello to request a report from Reserve Officer O'Sullivan in regards to the days events.

July 14, 2015

I went to Harvard Rd. at Bruce St. and met with the tree crew, [redacted] and [redacted]. I explained I was looking into a complaint in regards to the detail officer they worked with yesterday. [redacted] stated the resident ([redacted]) was upset and questioning what right they had to be cutting trees on her property. [redacted] stated he attempted to explain, but within seconds she started saying she was a lawyer and didn't want to hear it. [redacted] stated at this time "it became kind of heated". They explained they would contact LELD. [redacted] said the detail officer came over to assist. When he walked over and told [redacted] to go back and have a seat in her car, [redacted] said "she went up one side of him and down the other". [redacted] stated [redacted] said "don't come over here like a tough guy with your hand on your gun and tell me what to do" and then refused to go to her car. She continued to make comments about his hand on his firearm. I asked them if they felt the detail officer was acting inappropriate. They stated no they felt he was just standing there normal. They did not believe he was threatening in anyway. [redacted] advised me he spoke with [redacted] a little later away from everyone and she was still making comments about the detail officer having a "Napoleon Complex". Both [redacted] and [redacted] advised me that [redacted] was the aggressor in the situation.

I returned and reviewed Reserve Officer O'Sullivan's report on the situation. Reserve Officer O'Sullivan believed the situation was becoming a safety issue as he was no longer able to observe traffic and keep the peace. He requested the assistance of a patrol car and attempted to speak with [redacted]. When he asked her

to return to her vehicle she refused to be ordered around by "a tough guy with his hand on his gun". He stated she eventually left a business card with the tree crew with the understanding they would not cut anymore trees until she spoke with LELD.

When they returned to the area after lunch they were met by a representative from LELD and advised they attempted to contact _____, but were unsuccessful. The workers were told to continue to work in the area and if _____ returned to have her contact LELD. The representative left the area. As they were setting up _____ returned rolled down her window and advised Reserve Officer O'Sullivan that she had been to the station and filed a formal complaint against him with Deputy Chief Patterson. He informed her that was her right and requested she continue on. _____ began complaining that he was violating the law by idling his truck while parked, again Reserve Officer O'Sullivan requested she continue on. She became increasingly agitated again and stated "Don't think that I don't still have sway in this town".

At that point _____ parked her vehicle and approached the tree workers again. Reserve Officer O'Sullivan requested a patrol car to his location for the second time. _____ returned to her car to await the other patrol car. Sgt. Raffaello arrived on scene and was able to speak with _____ while Reserve Officer O'Sullivan continued monitoring traffic. When _____ was pulling away she stopped next to him and said "told you I always get my way". before driving off. Sgt. Raffaello then advised the crew to work at another location for the remainder of the day to allow LELD time to resolve the dispute.

I find _____ complaint in regards to Reserve Officer O'Sullivan behaviour to be unsubstantiated. Witness reports from _____ and _____ do not support _____ version of the incident and in fact directly counter her version. Reserve Officer O'Sullivan attempted to maintain order and continue to monitor traffic while requesting assistance on the detail to mitigate the dispute between _____ and the tree crew. No action will be taken in regards to this complaint.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey M. Patterson
Deputy Chief