

**Case:** #19042

**Investigator:** Jessalyn Goodman

**Complaint Received:** February 27, 2019

**Complainant:** Cordall Thompson

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**Complaint Summary:**

Date: February 26, 2019

Time: 5:51pm

Location: 826 Charlotte Street

Per CPD: Mr. Cordall Thompson, M/B/31, alleged that he was in the process of surrendering after a lengthy foot pursuit when Officer Carl Beebe “slammed” him on the ground and “mushed” his face into the gravel parking lot...Mr. Thompson admitted to fleeing and described being taken to the ground and having Officer Beebe place his hand on the back of his head, forcing it into the gravel.”

**Persons Involved:**

Officer Carl Beebe, #P0167, M/W/33 (CPD, Involved)

Officer Richard Sullivan, #P0214, M/W/35 (CPD, Witness)

Cordall Thompson, M/B/31 (Citizen, Complainant, Attempted)

- CCA attempted to reach Mr. Thompson by mail at multiple potential addresses without success. To date, Mr. Thompson has not contacted CCA.

**Significant Clarification:**

Officers Beebe and Sullivan were in plainclothes and wore external vests identifying them as CPD officers; they did not wear BWCs. At the time of the incident, CPD Procedure § 12.540 Body Worn Camera System did not require plainclothes officers wearing external vests to carry BWCs. As of April 2021, the procedure has been updated to require those officers to wear and activate BWCs.

**Evidence Reviewed:**

Hamilton County Clerk of Courts

- Mr. Thompson was initially charged with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) § 2925.03 A (2) Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, ORC § 2925.11 (A) Aggravated Possession of Drugs, ORC § 2925-03 (A-2) Trafficking in Cocaine, ORC § 292511 A Possession of Cocaine, and ORC § 2921.12 (A-1) Tampering with Evidence.

- Mr. Thompson was indicted on Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs and Tampering with Evidence; he was sentenced to two years for each conviction with sentences to run concurrently. The remaining charges were dismissed.

#### CPD Records

- CPD Records Management System (RMS)
- CPD Internal Investigation Section (IIS) Report
- CPD Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)
- Photographs of Mr. Thompson and surrounding environment
- CPD-obtained statement by Mr. Thompson
- Statements by officers

#### Authorities:

CPD Procedure § 12.540 Body Worn Camera System (Revised 11/29/2018)

CPD Procedure § 12.545 Use of Force (Revised 01/24/2019)

CPD Procedure § 12.554 Investigatory Stops (Revised 01/19/2017)

#### Analysis:

##### **Allegation: Excessive Force**

On February 26, 2019, Officers Beebe and Sullivan conducted plainclothes surveillance in an unmarked police vehicle; they wore external vests that identified them as CPD officers. Per their statements to CCA, Officers Beebe and Sullivan observed Mr. Thompson engage in an apparent hand-to-hand drug transaction. CPD Procedure § 12.554 Investigatory Stops states, with reasonable suspicion, an officer may forcibly stop and detain a citizen for a brief investigatory period. However, when Officers Sullivan and Beebe attempted to initiate a pedestrian stop of Mr. Thompson, Mr. Thompson fled on foot, ignoring commands to stop.

Per his statement, Officer Sullivan stated that Mr. Thompson would have been detained and arrested had he not fled. As Officer Beebe pursued Mr. Thompson, he issued several commands for Mr. Thompson to stop, which he alleged were ignored. CPD Procedure § 12.545 Use of Force states an individual displays active resistance when making physically evasive movements to defeat the officer's attempt at control, to include fleeing. Section 12.545 also provides that when officers have a right to make an arrest, they may use whatever force is reasonably necessary to apprehend the offender or effect the arrest and no more. The policy includes the TASER as a non-lethal force alternative designed to temporarily immobilize a subject who is actively resisting arrest.

According to Officer Beebe's statement, he warned Mr. Thompson of impending TASER use before he deployed his TASER, which only had a partial effect. After observing Mr. Thompson throw a firearm and discard bags of cocaine and methamphetamine pills, Officer Beebe caught Mr. Thompson and placed him into custody.

However, there was no BWC footage or similar relevant recordings of the incident. CCA was not able to directly obtain Mr. Thompson's statement to determine his memory of the encounter, and no individuals witnessed the event. Without evidence to substantiate or refute the version of events stated by Officers Beebe and Sullivan, CCA is unable to determine whether Officer Beebe was within CPD's policy, procedure, and training.

**Findings:**

Officer Carl Beebe

**Excessive Force** – There are insufficient facts to decide whether the alleged misconduct occurred. **NOT SUSTAINED**

  
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Jessalyn Goodman, Investigator

March 28, 2022  
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Gabriel Davis, Director

March 28, 2022  
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### **Previous Contacts and Commendations:**

#### **Officer Carl Beebe**

#### **Previous Contacts with CCA**

Officer Beebe had one previous contact with CCA in the past three years.

<b>Case Number</b>	<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Finding</b>
18060	Criminal	Referred (Unfounded)

#### **Previous Contact/s with IIS**

CCA is unaware of any additional previous contact by Officer Beebe with IIS.

#### **Commendations**

Officer Beebe received four commendations in the past three years.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Source of Commendation Received</b>
09/01/2016	CPD
04/16/2018	CPD
05/18/2018	CPD
06/14/2018	Civilian