



PUBLIC INFORMATION

Davis Police Department Releases Video of Picnic Day Altercation Involving Police Officers

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As earlier reported by the Davis Police Department, on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at approximately 3:30 P.M., three Davis Police Officers working on Picnic Day were traveling on Russell Blvd in an unmarked police vehicle when the officers encountered a large group of people in the roadway who were blocking traffic. The officers stopped, an altercation ensued and three involved suspects were arrested, booked at the Yolo County Jail and released after posting bail.

The criminal investigation surrounding the arrests of the three individuals is continuing. Once it is completed, the Yolo County District Attorney's Office will review all pertinent reports and evidence and make an independent criminal filing decision.

As with any use of force, and pursuant to the Department's existing protocol, an internal review was immediately initiated to evaluate the situation and determine whether there was compliance with the law and departmental policies and procedures. Additionally, summary incident information was released to the public along with the request for anyone who had video of the incident to contact the Davis Police Department.

Following the release of information by the Davis Police Department, the media was contacted by involved parties/witnesses who reported new and differing accounts of the incident. The media reported general claims were that the police instigated the incident, that there was racial bias and that the force used in the arrests was excessive.

On Tuesday, April 25, 2017, a Davis resident turned over "dash cam" video that captured a broad visual field and depicted important details of the incident. Importantly, the "dash cam" video shows that other witnesses were present and there is likely other video evidence available that has not yet been provided to the Davis Police Department. Additional video evidence may be helpful, in conjunction with all other available evidence being gathered (e.g. witness statements, officer interviews, forensic analyses, and documentary evidence), to inform appropriate conclusions regarding the pending investigations.

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Therefore, to assist the Department's ongoing effort to investigate this incident, the "dash cam" video is being released. We are asking the public to view the "dash cam" video and to contact the Davis Police Department at (530) 747-5400 to provide any information regarding witnesses or to provide contact information for those who may have additional video.

For video viewing, the following three were arrested:

- Male wearing darker red shirt and shorts.
- Male wearing lighter red shirt and dark backpack.
- Male wearing tank top and shorts.

The "dash cam" video is now available to the public through the links below. The links will also be posted to the Department's website, Facebook page and Twitter account (@cityofdavispd).

<https://vimeo.com/216873077>

<https://vimeo.com/216874005>

In addition, the City Attorney's Office has retained former Sacramento County Sheriff John McGinness, who has extensive experience in conducting investigations and also in law enforcement management, to conduct an Internal Affairs Investigation into the conduct of the involved officers to determine whether there was any misconduct and whether any changes to departmental policy and/or training are warranted. McGinness began his investigation last week. He will have access to all evidence relating to this incident, along with full access to any members of the Davis Police Department that are needed to conduct the internal investigation. When the investigation has been completed, the Department will take appropriate action consistent with findings and recommendations resulting from the independent review.

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