



**CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CAMBRIDGE, MA**

INCIDENT # / REPORT #
16007534 / 1

OFFICER
MURPHY, JOSEPH

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REVIEW STATUS
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INCIDENT #16007534 DATA

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BASIC INFORMATION

<u>CASE TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APT/UNIT #</u>
SHOULDER BUMP V. NORA 2	1900 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	
<u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u>	<u>DATE/TIME OCCURRED</u>	
10/13/2016 19:20:32	On or about 10/13/2016 19:20	

INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)
 (272/53/F)DISORDERLY CONDUCT c272 S53
 (COMLAW4)POLICE OFFICER, INTERFERE WITH (Common Law)
 (265/13A/B)A&B c265 S13A
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PERSONS

<u>ROLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
VICTIM	AHERN, THOMAS	MALE	WHITE	50		(HOME)
	ADDRESS: 125 SIXTH ST CAMBRIDGE, MA					(CELL)

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DEFENDANT	[REDACTED]	FEMALE	WHITE	25		(HOME)
	ADDRESS: [REDACTED] SOMERVILLE, MA					(CELL) [REDACTED]

[NO VEHICLES]

[NO PROPERTY]

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INCIDENT

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NARRATIVE

A resident of Boston walking on the sidewalk in Porter Square dips one shoulder down and slaps his shoulder into the shoulder of another individual walking on the sidewalk in the opposite direction. The recipient of the shoulder slap is a plain clothes Cambridge Police Officer. After the contact, the two turn toward each other and both question each other as to the unwanted contact. The Boston resident demanded an apology immediately from the plain clothes officer. The plain clothes officer identifies himself as a police officer to which the resident of Boston escalates the interaction into a commotion. The commotion causes bystanders to gather on the sidewalk and off the sidewalk into the street. Pedestrians walking by had to enter the street where traffic was flowing heavily. The traffic had to then avoid a lane of travel in an effort to avoid striking the pedestrians. This report is intended as a synopsis only. Today, October 13, 2014 between the hours of 13:30 and 21:30 hours I was assigned to uniformed patrol as a street supervisor designated as Car 19. The sector of operation I was assigned to supervise included the area of Porter Square. Emergency Communications Dispatch (ECD) alerted units that a disturbance was ensuing in the 1900 block of Massachusetts Avenue involving a plain clothes individual who identified himself as a police officer. I responded and upon arriving I saw a male later identified as Cleon Ali Hodge yelling at Detective Sergeant Ahern and other officers. Hodge was screaming comments non-stop, including, "Fuck you! I'm not afraid of you!" Hodge's actions were actively causing a commotion, several persons had gathered

to watch the disturbance. Other pedestrians were forced to step into the street to move past the disturbance. The pedestrians moving into the street was causing vehicular traffic to stop in the travel lanes. The 1900 block of Massachusetts Avenue is the center of Porter Square. There is a Transit Redline Stop across the street from this incident and a Commuter Rail Station entrance/exit right next to this disturbance. The weather was clear, the temperature was above normal in the 60's the amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic was heavy and congested. This disturbance was viewed and inconveniencing many people in various disturbing ways. I entered the epicenter of the disturbance and saw a large male standing directly behind Detective Sergeant Ahern. I asked this male if he was involved in the disturbance, to which he stated he was not. I asked this unknown/unnamed male if he saw what had occurred from the outset. The male stated that he did not see what started the commotion, he stated that he just was walking by now and was watching. I asked this unknown/unnamed male to move further down the sidewalk in an effort to clear a walkway through for uninvolved pedestrians. The unknown/unnamed individual complied with my request. Next to this male was a woman utilizing her smart phone in a manner that I believed that she was video recording the incident. I asked this woman (later identified as [REDACTED]) if she had witnessed the disturbance from the outset. The woman ([REDACTED]) responded, "Yes, that man right there threw my cell phone to the ground." I asked [REDACTED], "Which man?" [REDACTED] responded, "That white male right there." [REDACTED] used her free arm to point at Sergeant Detective Ahern. I asked her if she would tell me what happened. This initial inquiry was conducted while I was to the side of [REDACTED] was facing forward video recording. [REDACTED] responded that she wanted

to continue to record the incident, another unknown/unnamed white female beside [REDACTED] stated that she would takeover video recording the incident while [REDACTED] gave me a statement. [REDACTED] gave her smart phone over to this female who continued to record the incident. [REDACTED] turned toward me and faced me, she was about 12 to 18 inches from me. [REDACTED] stated her name to me and in offering to shake my hand she poked her fingers into my torso area. While [REDACTED] stated her name, I was bluntly engulfed with the odor of alcohol on her breath, it was not a minor odor of alcohol. [REDACTED] eyes were glassy, bloodshot and droopy. [REDACTED] speech was slurred and her body movements were unsteady and at times exaggerated. It was immediately apparent that [REDACTED] was extremely intoxicated. I looked at the woman who had taken over video recording the incident for [REDACTED] and asked her if she was with [REDACTED] this evening. That unknown / unnamed person turned to me and responded that she did not know [REDACTED] nor was she with her, she was just taking over the recording while she gave me a statement. this unknown/unnamed woman appeared to be sober and alert. I turned my attention back to [REDACTED] and asked her to start from the beginning, what she was doing immediately before the incident and how she happened upon the scene and what did she witness. Throughout the interaction with [REDACTED], there was numerous and repeated instances of [REDACTED] being slow to answer or respond to questions. There were numerous and repeated instances of [REDACTED] providing incorrect and/or implausible answers as well as changing her answers to questions. [REDACTED] final answers relayed to me included; [REDACTED] had walked from an unknown point in Arlington along Massachusetts Avenue by herself. [REDACTED] drank alcohol along her walking route from a bottle she kept in her handbag. [REDACTED] did not visit any restaurants or license

establishments previous to coming upon the scene, the only alcohol she ingested was from her purse/handbag. [REDACTED] stated that she was not in the company of any other individuals during her walk. [REDACTED] stated that she saw the interaction between Detective Sergeant Ahern and Hodge after it was under way, but early. ([REDACTED] did not describe the shoulder slap) [REDACTED] stated that she started video recording the incident with her smart phone. [REDACTED] stated that she heard Detective Sergeant Ahern identify himself as a police officer. [REDACTED] stated that Detective Sergeant Ahern grabbed her cell phone and threw it to the sidewalk while he was interacting with Hodge. [REDACTED] stated that she picked up her smart phone and resumed video recording the interaction between the two individuals, but not as close as before. I listened to [REDACTED] answers and asked her a few more follow up questions. I asked [REDACTED] if Detective Sergeant Ahern left his interaction with Hodge to come over to her to grab her smart phone from her hand then toss it to the ground. [REDACTED] stated that Detective Sergeant Ahern did not leave his interaction with Hodge to knock her phone to the ground. I asked [REDACTED] how was it possible for her phone to be grabbed and tossed to the ground by Detective Sergeant Ahern when he was focused and interacting with Hodge directly. [REDACTED] stated that she was trying to get frontal footage of Detective Sergeant Ahern's face for her recording when he knocked her smart phone to the ground. I said to [REDACTED] "Did you get into the personal space of the Officer while he was interacting with the other man? Did you stick your phone in his face while he was interacting with the other man?" [REDACTED] took a few deep breaths in a row, slapped her left hand on her left thigh and started to sob and cry. [REDACTED] did not stop crying and I did not ask her any further questions relative to her actions at this time because it then

became evident that [REDACTED] had just interfered with a police officer. [REDACTED] continued to cry and breath heavily, I asked if she would like me to call her an ambulance. [REDACTED] refused any medical attention. I asked [REDACTED] if I could take possession of her phone in order to download her video of the incident. [REDACTED] refused to consent with me taking possession of the phone. I told [REDACTED] not to delete the video footage as it may be evidence. A decision was made to deescalate the scene by withdrawing police personnel.



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SUPPLEMENT

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NARRATIVE

On the above date and time I, Sergeant Thomas Ahern of the Night CIS Unit, was walking on the sidewalk of the 1900 block of Mass. Ave. I was working in a plain clothes capacity. I parked my unmarked police vehicle in the rear lot of the restaurant Passage to India. I was walking from the rear lot and turning onto the sidewalk I saw a young black male in his early twenties. The young man and I made eye contact as we approached one another and he walked directly towards me in a squared fashion. Seeing that we may collide I dropped my left side back to avoid bumping into him but his left shoulder still made contact with my chest. I initially thought nothing of it and continued to walk when I heard him call out, "You owe me an apology". I was a bit confused, I stopped turned around and replied "excuse me", to which he replied, "You heard me, you owe me an apology". In my opinion I believe this male intentionally walked into me and struck me with his shoulder since he saw me and had time to move to avoid me. I walked up to him in an attempt to de-escalate the situation and identified myself as a police officer by displaying the badge which I carry on my belt. He replied the he "didn't give a fuck who you are" and I still owed him an apology. I said "I tried to avoid the contact". He told me to go "Fuck myself". His tone, tenor and hostility continued to increase. I then asked him for his identification which he continued with expletives. A couple of people were now watching the encounter. As this was occurring I could see that his both hands were clenched into fists which I interpreted as a pre-assault cue. I grabbed him by his shirt and told him to settle down

and give me his ID. I did not have my police radio with me and was too afraid to attempt a phone call for assistance. The young male was subsequently identified as Ali Cleon Hodge, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Dorchester, MA. My purpose for asking for ID was to identify him for a possible charge of Disorderly Conduct and a warrant check. As I was holding on to his shirt I saw a blonde white woman holding up a cell phone filming the encounter. This woman was telling me to let the young man go. I told her I was a Cambridge Police officer and stay back. She continued to persist with calls to let him go and completely interfered with the encounter with her hand and phone coming within inches of my face. After about the third time of almost slapping me in the face with her phone I pushed her phone away knocking the phone out of her hand. I saw that a crowd of about ten people had now formed around us. I called out to the crowd that I was a Cambridge Police officer and it had no effect. No one came to assist me and the crowd was becoming verbally aggressive towards me. The woman with the phone was later identified as [REDACTED] Cambridge MA. Seeing the crowd was becoming hostile I decided to back myself into an entrance to the residential building along the row of stores to stop anyone from jumping on me from behind. I tried to drag the young male with my left arm, who was still yelling and trying to get away into the vestibule with me but he resisted. The crowd was yelling at me "Let him go" and "Your drunk." As I stood there trying to pull him into the vestibule I noticed a heavy set white female, black hair and a white sweater approach me and told me to let him go. The female was later identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Somerville. As she yelled at me I told her I was a Police officer and she began grabbing a hold of my

right arm and pulling it. I told her several times to stop and back away but she continued to interfere and tried to get me to let the young man go. At this I would estimate the crowd at about twenty people, most of who were outwardly hostile towards me. There was one person who I observed saying that "he was a police officer and let him do his job". [REDACTED] grabbed and tugged my right arm at least three times. [REDACTED] stated she was going to call 911. Hodge passed her his cell phone as she was that close. I told her to tell 911 that I, Sgt. Ahern was there and he wanted sector car 5 dispatched. She replied that she wouldn't do that for me. She said to show her my badge to prove I was a police officer. I removed my badge from my belt and showed it to her and she stated that wasn't good enough. She continued to grab my arm after I had showed [REDACTED] my badge. During this exchange another black male entered my touching, grabbing area, who obviously knew Hodge. He told Hodge to settle down and stop yelling. This male was not interfering but actually helping. I thanked this man who up to this point is unknown. From the exchange he was either a co-worker or a counselor. Ms. Hodge made it through to the Cambridge Emergency Communications Center (ECC) but I do not know what the extent of the conversation was. After a few minutes I could hear sirens in the distance and Detective Donofrio was the first police officer to arrive than several other units arrived. Det. Donofrio took hold of Hodge's and I took a step back and waited for other units to arrive. As units arrived I directed them to identify the two woman that deliberately interfered and hindered my ability to handle the situation. Sgt Joseph Murphy identified the blonde woman with the cell phone and Officer Frank Lange identified [REDACTED]. I had to call out to Officer Lange to identify the woman because she

entered the Passage to India restaurant now trying to avoid police contact. I later learned that she had left her table in the restaurant to become involved in my investigation. I observed that there was a group of people standing in front of Christopher's restaurant chanting "Let him go, Let him Go". Other than making three arrests I decided to complaint Mr. Hodge, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] so as to de-escalate the situation since they were all identified. All units and people cleared the scene. Shortly thereafter the mother of Mr. Hodge called the Cambridge Police and spoke to Lt. Jack Normile. She told Lt. Normile that her son said I was drunk. Lt. Normile got in contact with me and notified me what the mother had alleged. I immediately responded to the Shift Commanders officer and was met with Lt's Normile, Lang and Timmins, my supervisor. I explained to the three Lt's what had occurred and volunteered to take a breathalyzer to prove I was not drunk or had anything to drink. I went to the breathalyzer room with Lt. Lang and took a breathalyzer on video which showed I had no alcohol in my system. From initially speaking to Lt. Normile about the allegation to the breath test it was no more than 1/2 hour. I responded to my office to begin my report. I am charging [REDACTED] with 1 count of the Common Law Crime of Interfering with a Police Officer and 1 count of Assault and Battery on a Police officer. I am charging Ali Cleon Hodge with 1 count of Disorderly Conduct and 1 count of Assault and Battery. I am charging [REDACTED] with 1 count of the Common Law Crime of Interfering with a Police Officer.