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Douglas County Sheriff Use Of Force Report

Incident Details

Date Received	Date of Occurrence	Time of Occurrence
02/25/2022	02/25/2022	
Record ID Number	Case / Incident #	IA #
7025		22UOF-015
Date/Time Entered	Entered By	
02/26/2022 15:37	Sergeant Christopher Nordby	
Douglas County Sheriffs Office Assigned Investigator	IAPro Assigned Investigator	
Sergeant Christopher Nordby	Sergeant Mike Joachim	

State of Colorado, County of Douglas
 Certified to be a full, true, and correct
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 Sheriff of Douglas County
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 EAguilar 1733
 Date: 2023.06.29 13:36:10
 By EAguilar 1733
 16 Pages

Incident Summary

IA# 21UOF-015

Specific Allegation: Use of Force

Involved members: Lt. [REDACTED] Corporal [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED]
 Deputy [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] Deputy Carley Jackson; Deputy [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED]

Justified: Yes

Synopsis:

On 02/25/2022 @ 15:45, Deputy [REDACTED] aired that an inmate had [REDACTED] The inmate was Michael Johnson (2021-5902). Johnson said that he [REDACTED] SORT was activated to remove Johnson from the cell so it could be searched. Johnson was physically resistive when SORT entered his cell. Johnson was restrained with handcuffs and an RIPP restraint. A pat down search was performed on Johnson. No [REDACTED] was found on his person. He was then moved into the restraint chair. Once in the chair, Johnson was evaluated by CRFD and given a shot by fire personnel to calm him down. Johnson was transported to CRAH. All X-rays came back negative for the [REDACTED] Johnson was returned back to the Jail and housed in medical.

Johnson's cell was searched numerous times by multiple Deputies, along with the dayroom of [redacted] pod . No [redacted] was found. After viewing camera footage, Johnson did not pass the [redacted] to any other inmates.

Incident Location

Addresses

4000 Justice Way, Castle Rock, CO, 80109

Detentions

- Location of Occurrence: Detentions

Use of Force Details

Reason For Using Force	Service Being Rendered	More Than 1 Citizen Involved
Restrain for Sub's safety	SORT Team Op	No
Weather Condition	Light Condition	Distance to Citizen
Inside	Ambient Light	Hands On
Citizen Injured	Citizen Taken to Hospital	Citizen Arrested
No	Yes	No
Citizen Build	Citizen Height	Citizen Influence Assessment
150-199 lbs	5'7" to 6'0"	[redacted]
Member(s) Injured	Member(s) Taken to Hospital	
Yes	No	

Reporting/Involved Citizen

Michael Johnson

Date of Birth: 01/22/1987 **Race:** Black **Ethnicity:** Non-Hispanic **Gender:** Male

Addresses

1051 14th Street, denver, CO, 80202

Phone Numbers

(720) 678-6102

Role: Inmate

Type of Resistance Citizen Used Against Member

- Physical Resistance
- Active Resistance
- Mentally Impaired
- Self Injury
- Failed to Comply
- Verbal Non-Compliance
- [REDACTED]
- History of Violence

Injuries Sustained By Citizen

No injury

Involved Members

Deputy [REDACTED]

Assignment at time of incident: Deputy Administrative/Detentions/Days B **Video Footage:** [None Entered]

Role: First Responder

Force used by this Member against Citizen

No force used

Injuries Sustained By Member

Injury	Pre-existing Injury	Region	Injury Location
No injuries noted or visible	Unk		

Sergeant [REDACTED]

Assignment at time of incident: Corporal Administrative/Detentions/Days B/SORT TEAM **Video Footage:** [None Entered]

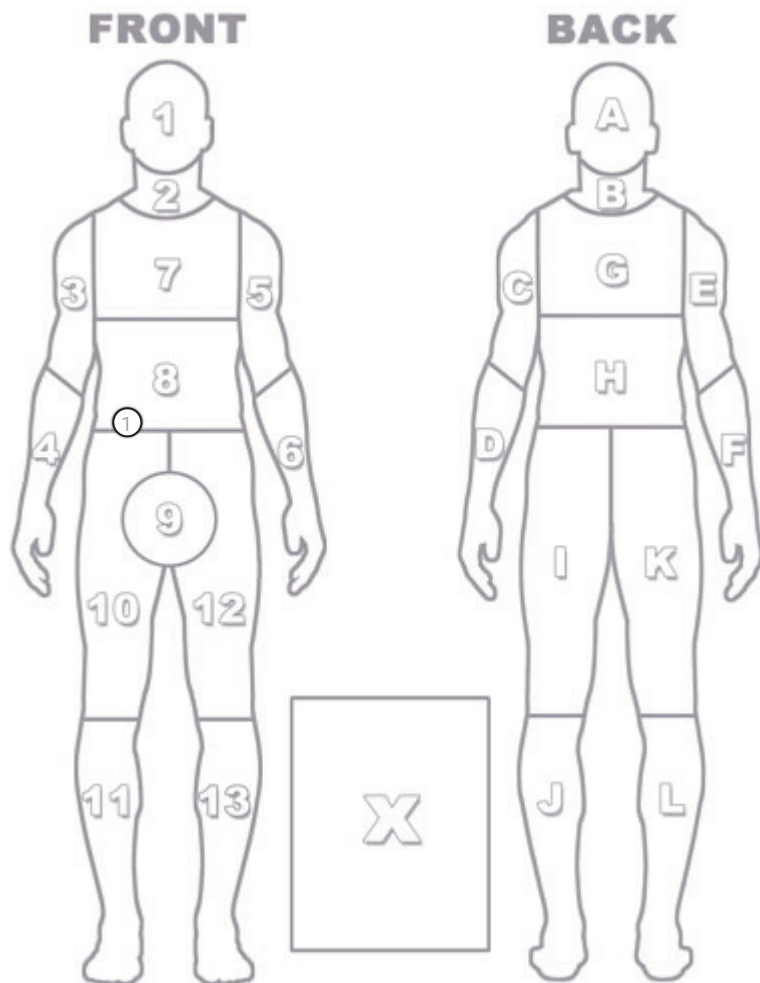
Role: First Responder

Force used by this Member against Citizen

No force used

Injuries Sustained By Member

Injury	Pre-existing Injury	Region	Injury Location
Bodily Injury	Unk	8	1



Deputy [REDACTED]

Assignment at time of incident: Deputy Administrative/Detentions/Swings B **Video Footage:** [None Entered]

Role: First Responder

Force used by this Member against Citizen

No force used

Injuries Sustained By Member

Injury	Pre-existing Injury	Region	Injury Location
No injuries noted or visible	Unk		

Sergeant Christopher Nordby

Assignment at time of incident: Sergeant Administrative/Detentions/Swings B **Video Footage:** [None Entered]

Role: Supervisor

Force used by this Member against Citizen

No force used

Injuries Sustained By Member

Injury	Pre-existing Injury	Region	Injury Location
No injuries noted or visible	Unk		

Lieutenant [REDACTED]

Assignment at time of incident: Lieutenant Administrative/Detentions/Swings B **Video Footage:** [None Entered]

Role: Supervisor

Force used by this Member against Citizen

No force used

Injuries Sustained By Member

Injury	Pre-existing Injury	Region	Injury Location
No injuries noted or visible	Unk		

Deputy Carley Jackson

Assignment at time of incident: Deputy Administrative/Detentions/Swings B **Video Footage:** [None Entered]

Role: First Responder

Force used by this Member against Citizen

No force used

Injuries Sustained By Member

Injury	Pre-existing Injury	Region	Injury Location
No injuries noted or visible	Unk		

Deputy [REDACTED]

Assignment at time of incident: Deputy Administrative/Detentions/Days B **Video Footage:** [None Entered]

Role: First Responder

Force used by this Member against Citizen

No force used

Injuries Sustained By Member

Injury	Pre-existing Injury	Region	Injury Location
No injuries noted or visible	Unk		

Deputy [REDACTED]

Assignment at time of incident: Deputy Administrative/Detentions/Swings B **Video Footage:** [None Entered]

Role: First Responder

Force used by this Member against Citizen

No force used

Injuries Sustained By Member

Injury	Pre-existing Injury	Region	Injury Location
No injuries noted or visible	Unk		

Member Witnesses

Deputy [REDACTED]

Assignment at time of incident: Deputy Administrative/Detentions

Video Footage: [None Entered]

Role: First Responder

Deputy [REDACTED]

Assignment at time of incident: Deputy Administrative/Detentions

Video Footage: [None Entered]

Role: First Responder

Deputy [REDACTED]

Assignment at time of incident: Deputy Administrative/Detentions

Video Footage: [None Entered]

Role: First Responder

Deputy [REDACTED]

Assignment at time of incident: Deputy Administrative/Detentions/Swings B

Video Footage: [None Entered]

Role: First Responder

Tasks

Task Description	Date Due	Date Completed	Summary
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Running Sheet Entries

No running sheet entries to show

Attachments

Date Attached	Attachment Description	Attachment Types
03/03/2022	[REDACTED] Progress Report	docx
02/26/2022	[REDACTED] BWC 2	
02/26/2022	[REDACTED] UOF Timeline	docx
02/26/2022	[REDACTED] BWC 1	
02/26/2022	[REDACTED] Supplement	docx
03/02/2022	[REDACTED] BWC	

02/26/2022	Nordby BWC 2	
02/26/2022	██████ BWC	
03/02/2022	██████ Supplement	docx
02/26/2022	██████ BWC 5	
02/26/2022	██████ BWC 2	
03/02/2022	Jail Footage	
02/26/2022	██████ BWC	
03/02/2022	██████ Supplement	docx
02/26/2022	██████ BWC 4	
02/26/2022	██████ BWC	
02/26/2022	Nordby BWC	
02/26/2022	██████ BWC 3	
02/26/2022	██████ Supplement	docx
02/26/2022	██████ BWC 5	
02/26/2022	██████ BWC	
02/26/2022	Jail Incident	pdf
02/26/2022	██████ Supplement	docx
02/26/2022	██████ BWC	
02/26/2022	Jackson BWC	
02/26/2022	██████ BWC	
02/26/2022	██████ BWC	
02/26/2022	██████ Supplement	docx
02/26/2022	██████ Supplement	docx
02/26/2022	██████ BWC 4	
02/26/2022	██████ Supplement	docx
03/02/2022	Stand alone video player	
02/26/2022	██████ Supplement	docx

03/02/2022	██████	Supplement	docx
02/26/2022		Jackson Supplement	docx
02/26/2022	██████	BWC 3	

Assignment History

Date/Time Sent	From	To	Activity
02/28/2022 08:56	Sergeant M Joachim		Field status changed in IAPro from Initial entry to Released
02/28/2022 08:59	Sergeant M Joachim		Released back to IAPro
02/28/2022 09:00	Sergeant M Joachim		Field status changed in IAPro from Released to Field assigned
02/28/2022 09:00	Sergeant M Joachim	Sergeant Christopher Nordby	IAPro assigned
06/22/2022 15:01	Captain ██████ ██████		Field status changed in IAPro from Completed - review pending to Released

Chain of Command History

Routing Number: 1

From [Snapshot Title Unavailable] Michael Joachim

To [Snapshot Title Unavailable] Christopher Nordby

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 02/28/2022 09:00

Instructions From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] Michael Joachim] **To** [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] Christopher Nordby]

Please complete and forward through your chain of command

Comments/Response From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] Christopher Nordby]

[Forwarded by Sergeant Christopher Nordby without completion notes]

Routing Number: 2

From [Snapshot Title Unavailable] Christopher Nordby

To Lieutenant [REDACTED]

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 03/02/2022 18:12

Instructions From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] Christopher Nordby] **To** [Lieutenant [REDACTED]]

Please review

Comments/Response From [Lieutenant [REDACTED]]

add info

Routing Number: 3

From [Snapshot Title Unavailable] [REDACTED]

To Sergeant Christopher Nordby

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 03/03/2022 14:07

Instructions From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] [REDACTED]] **To** [Sergeant Christopher Nordby]

add info injury

Comments/Response From [Sergeant Christopher Nordby]

[Forwarded by Sergeant Christopher Nordby]

Routing Number: 4

From [Snapshot Title Unavailable] Christopher Nordby

To Lieutenant [REDACTED]

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 03/03/2022 14:37

Instructions From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] Christopher Nordby] **To** [Lieutenant [REDACTED]]

Correction made. Previewed by Sgt. [REDACTED] as well.

Thanks you

Comments/Response From [Lieutenant [REDACTED]]

Rejected

Routing Number: 5

From [Snapshot Title Unavailable] [REDACTED]

To Sergeant Christopher Nordby

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 03/03/2022 17:47

Instructions From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] [REDACTED]] To [Sergeant Christopher Nordby]

A couple of things. 1st please have the summary detail on the first page in the blue team. Please have it in the correct format and give a brief synopsis of what happen. Also I couldn't get the pod camera to run please double check/.

Comments/Response From [Sergeant Christopher Nordby]

Ok, I think it's good now.

Routing Number: 6

From [Snapshot Title Unavailable] Christopher Nordby

To Lieutenant [REDACTED]

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 03/03/2022 18:03

Instructions From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] Christopher Nordby] To [Lieutenant [REDACTED]]

I think it's good now.

Comments/Response From [Lieutenant [REDACTED]]

Rejected

Routing Number: 7

From [Snapshot Title Unavailable] [REDACTED]

To Sergeant Christopher Nordby

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 03/03/2022 18:22

Instructions From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] ██████████] **To** [Sergeant Christopher Nordby]

Please make additions

Comments/Response From [Sergeant Christopher Nordby]

[Forwarded by Sergeant Christopher Nordby]

Routing Number: 8

From [Snapshot Title Unavailable] Christopher Nordby

To Lieutenant ██████████

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 03/03/2022 18:35

Instructions From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] Christopher Nordby] **To** [Lieutenant ██████████]

Done

Comments/Response From [Lieutenant ██████████]

Sir,

I have read the reports and reviewed video. Inmate Johnson has ██████████ and has been combative in the past. Inmate Johnson refused to return his ██████████ and waking ██████████ It was reported that he ██████████ Inmate Johnson was very agitated when de-escalation attempts were made/ Inmate Johnson said he ██████████ At least twice he stepped up on the wall divider and acted like he was ██████████ Due to exigency and the inmate making statement "I'm done talking" ██████████ and not sure how injured he was it was decided to send the SORT team in, There was still a possibility he had the ██████████ on his person. Inmate Johnson refused commands from the SORT team leader. The extraction occurred and inmate Johnson resisted attempting to kick and bite SORT members. Inmate Johnson was placed under control by team members using pressure points manipulation, holds and Ripp restraints.

Inmate Johnson was placed in the restraint chair as he continued to fight. EMS from Castle Rock Fire were present and treated him/ Inmate Johnson was placed on a gurney and taken by ambulance to Castel Rock Adventist. It was later learned that Cpl. ██████████ ██████████ which ██████████ believed happened during the scuffle. It was also learned that Inmate Johnson admitted he didn't have ██████████

I concur with Sergeant Nordby that this Use of force was in compliance with CRS, Douglas County Sheriff P&P and SOP as follows:

CRS 18-1-703 Use of Force (1)(b) –

“A Superintendent or other authorized official of a jail, prison, or correctional institution may, in order to

maintain order and discipline, use reasonable and appropriate physical force when and to the extent that he reasonably believes it necessary to maintain order and discipline”

Douglas County Sheriff’s Office Policy and Procedure PP-B-100 Physical Force / Deadly Physical Force IV. Use of Force -

“When de-escalation techniques are not effective or appropriate, deputies may consider the use of less-lethal force to control a non-compliant or actively resistant individual ..., members may use ‘reasonable and appropriate physical force’ to:

A. Maintain order and discipline in a detention or correctional institution. 18-1-703(l) (b) C.R.S.”

And...

D. To take a person into protective custody for mental health or intoxicated conditions. 27-65-101 C.R.S.”

Detentions SOP DET-B-312 Use of Force and Restraints. A. Restraints:

“The Safety Restraint chair or Humane Restraint Locking Bed will only be used for the following reasons (with approval from the watch commander or the on-duty Sergeant):

- To prevent an inmate from harming themselves or other persons and other methods have not worked.”

Detentions SOP DET-H-305 Suicide Prevention and Intervention B. Identification / Referral / Assessment:

“Treat all potentially suicidal inmates as if they were sincere, and do not automatically assume that the inmate is trying to be manipulative.”

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Routing Number: 9

From [Snapshot Title Unavailable] [REDACTED]

To Captain [REDACTED]

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 03/03/2022 22:15

Instructions From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] [REDACTED]] **To** [Captain [REDACTED]]

Sir,

Please review and forward up the chain of command.

Comments/Response From [Captain [REDACTED]

Lieutenant [REDACTED]

I went through all the videos and there are about 4-5 you did not denote that you have reviewed them.

Captain [REDACTED]

Routing Number: 10

From [Snapshot Title Unavailable] [REDACTED]

To Lieutenant [REDACTED]

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 03/08/2022 11:07

Instructions From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] [REDACTED]] **To** [Lieutenant [REDACTED]]

Lieutenant [REDACTED]

I went through all the videos and there are about 4-5 you did not denote that you have reviewed them.

Captain [REDACTED]

Comments/Response From [Lieutenant [REDACTED]]

Sir,

I signed all the video I missed in the correct box.

Routing Number: 11

From [Snapshot Title Unavailable] [REDACTED]

To Captain [REDACTED]

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 03/08/2022 11:26

Instructions From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] [REDACTED]] **To** [Captain [REDACTED]]

Please review comments and forward

Comments/Response From [Captain [REDACTED]]

After reviewing all the videos and reports I agree with Lt. [REDACTED] and Sgt. Nordby that appropriate force was used to restrain Inmate Johnson who claimed he had [REDACTED] and had [REDACTED] on his [REDACTED] that were [REDACTED] Inmate Johnson failed to follow verbal commands and resisted physical control

techniques. It was necessary to transport Inmate Johnson quickly to the hospital to remove the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SORT team entered his cell and restrained inmate Johnson and then carried Johnson from his cell and placed him on a gurney for transport to the hospital by Castle Rock Fire Department.

Captain [REDACTED]

Routing Number: 12

From [Snapshot Title Unavailable] [REDACTED]

To Chief Deputy Steven Johnson

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 03/11/2022 09:57

Instructions From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] [REDACTED]] To [Chief Deputy Steven Johnson]

After reviewing all the videos and reports I agree with Lt. [REDACTED] and Sgt. Nordby that appropriate force was used to restrain Inmate Johnson who claimed he had [REDACTED] and had [REDACTED] on his [REDACTED] that were [REDACTED] Inmate Johnson failed to follow verbal commands and resisted physical control techniques. It was necessary to transport Inmate Johnson quickly to the hospital to remove the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SORT team entered his cell and restrained inmate Johnson and then carried Johnson from his cell and placed him on a gurney for transport to the hospital by Castle Rock Fire Department.

Captain [REDACTED]

Comments/Response From [Chief Deputy Steven Johnson]

[Forwarded by Chief Deputy Steven Johnson]

Routing Number: 13

From [Snapshot Title Unavailable] Steven Johnson

To Undersheriff David Walcher

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 05/02/2022 14:49

Instructions From [[Snapshot Title Unavailable] Steven Johnson] To [Undersheriff David Walcher]

Undersheriff,

This is a use of force (UOF) investigation that involves numerous SORT Deputies that responded to a report of an inmate who it had been reported that he had [REDACTED] The SORT Team was activated to gain control of the inmate and get him immediate medical attention as he had made [REDACTED] in the past. I have reviewed information related to this to include videos from

bodyworn cameras. I find that the actions of the deputies involved were reasonable and appropriate based on the nature of the contact and the urgency. The involved deputies also acted within our policies and procedures and all applicable laws.

Steve Johnson, Chief Deputy
Detention Services Bureau

Comments/Response From [Undersheriff David Walcher]

[Open routing]
