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LARIMER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION

Supervisory Inquiry 2022-00105

Date/Time of Incident: October 29, 2022, at 0311 hours

Date/Time Reported: November 28, 2022, at 1745 hours

Reported to: Corporal Toby Williamson

Associated Case Report #: SO22-0009585

Location of Incident: North Ida Housing area at the Larimer County Jail

Involved Employee(s): Deputy Gannon Brown Off# 20101

Case Origin

Deputy Gannon Brown used a defensive tactic restraint that is not agency approved. Deputy Brown restrained inmate MARC MUELLER that was actively attempting to assault another inmate by placing his arm around his neck. This is the second incident in 4 months that involve Deputy Brown using a defensive tactic that is not agency approved.

Complaint(s)/Allegation(s)

That Deputy Brown violated Rules of Conduct 10000.2.5 Standards of Conduct, by applying a non-approved method of control involving placing his arm around the inmate's neck to gain physical control of the inmate. When the incident was reviewed with the Lead Defensive Tactics Instructor, Corporal Ian Doty, the control hold was deemed to be outside of policy.

Complainant Information

Name: Lieutenant Deana Hinton
Jail Operation, Larimer County Jail
Larimer County Sheriff's Office

Documentation Review

Case Reports SO22-0009585

Body Worn Camera footage for Case SO22-0009585

Policy 67242- Use of Force

Rules of Conduct 10000.2.5 Standards of Conduct

Case Law for Graham v Conner

Case Law for Hendrickson v Kingsley

Colorado Senate Bill 20-217

Essay Completed by Deputy Brown

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Interviews

Deputy Gannon Brown

Deputy Brown was spoken to about the incident following the discovery of the use of the non-approved defensive tactic. During this conversation he was shown the video and asked to explain his actions. Deputy Brown explained it as a control tactic that he had learned in martial arts training and that it was not a choke hold but rather a method to control the head and movement of a subject. When Deputy Brown was confronted about using a control method that was not taught by Larimer County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), Deputy Brown agreed that upon watching the video and reviewing his actions he stated that he should have used a different method of control. Deputy Brown was advised of the LCSO policy that restricts the use of neck restraints unless the use of deadly force is justified and the statutory restriction on law enforcement using choke holds.

Summary

The control hold used by Deputy Brown was reviewed by Corporal Ian Doty who is the Lead Defensive Tactics Instructor for the Jail. The review deemed the control hold used was not an agency approved control hold. This incident could bring discredit upon the Sheriff's Office.

Following the finding Deputy Brown was instructed to review the LCSO Use of Force Policy 67242, Colorado Senate Bill 20-217, Statutory Language of 18-1-707 amended by Senate Bill 20-217, Case Law for Graham v Conner and Case Law for Kingsley v Hendrickson. Following this review Deputy Brown was instructed to write an essay detailing how these relate to his work as a Deputy for the Larimer County Jail.

Deputy Brown was instructed to have a meeting with Corporal Ian Doty to review the video of the incident and to be shown what approved tactics he could have used in this circumstance and then demonstrate proficiency in the tactics.

For the next six months, any use of force that is conducted by Deputy Brown will be reviewed by his supervisors and he will be provided with feedback on his performance.

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Findings Pertaining to the Investigation for Internal Affairs Case #2022-00105

Complaint: That Deputy Gannon Brown violated Rules of Conduct – Standards of Conduct 10000.2.5 by using a control hold that placed his arm around the inmate's neck.

10000.2.5 Standards of Conduct

Employees will conduct their private and professional lives in such a manner as to avoid bringing discredit upon the Office or impairing its effective operation.

Deputy Brown applied a defensive tactic control hold that is not agency approved. The use of this control hold could bring discredit upon the Sheriff's Office. Therefore, I recommend this violation be found as ***Improper Conduct.***

Respectfully submitted,

Toby Williamson, Corporal _____
Date

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