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Memorandum

To: Commander JD Cordova and Commander Thede
From: Sergeant T. Junglaus
Date: 09/14/2020
RE: CC2020-0018

On 07/23/2020, Citizen [REDACTED] was arrested at [REDACTED] in unincorporated Adams County CO, 80221 and charged with a felony menacing associated with a dispute with another citizen.

On 07/27/2020 the [REDACTED], made an electronic complaint via the Community Connections Team link on the Adams County Sheriff's Office website.

I made a phone call to [REDACTED] and spoke with her regarding the incident. According to [REDACTED], her son should not have been arrested. She maintains that her Deputies that responded to [REDACTED] house did not wear face masks, nor did they put them on when [REDACTED] requested that they do so. [REDACTED] also told me that the Deputies were negligent in doing their jobs because there was a witness statement that was not collected on scene because the witness did not want deputies to enter the home without a mask (which they refused to put on). According to [REDACTED], this statement would have exonerated her son.

I explained to [REDACTED] that the Statewide mask requirement does have an exception for law enforcement personnel. [REDACTED] told me that she felt it was rude not to put a mask on when asked, especially when deputies are asked to and very close to other people. She also told me that the deputies in the Jail threw her son's food at her that that her son reported there being semen on his mattress in the Jail. [REDACTED] advised me that she would be speaking with Governor Polis to have the mask order amended.

I called [REDACTED] regarding the incident because he was the actual person involved in the incident. [REDACTED] advised me that he had only ten minutes to talk. After advising me of the initial incident, he told me that he felt his accounting of the incident was not adequately represented in the reports written by the deputies. According to [REDACTED] there were neighbors next door as well as across the street

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who were willing to give statements, but deputies refused to wear masks to make entry, so their statements were not collected.

██████████ also told me that he asked Deputy ██████████ to put a mask on, and asked ██████████ to retrieve ██████████ mask from the house. According to ██████████ Tran refused do these things. ██████████ advised the that the deputies on scene told him that they were not legally required to wear masks, and ██████████ said that it was just “mindfulness”. ██████████ says that he was denied a mask at the substation and that when he requested that deputies not speak closely to his face that they ignored his concerns. ██████████ also complained about the amount of time that he was in the holding cell at the substation. ██████████ said that he was there until after 0445 hours. He was also very upset that he was set next to a person during transport who by ██████████ estimation appeared to be “homeless”.

██████████ told me that when he got to the Adams County Detention Center, apparently had a misunderstanding about whether he’s been around anyone with COVID-19. ██████████ told me that he was taken to the hospital, where a doctor said he could go into general population. ██████████ was very upset that he was placed into COVID-19 isolation and maintained that the only reason he was put in there was because the Booking Deputy (an older Hispanic male matching the description of Deputy ██████████ said that he had been lying about having COVID-19. ██████████ felt that he was being held in the “A-Block” against the nurse’s recommendation.

██████████ felt that he had his food “thrown” at him. He felt that the food was thrown at him as hard as the Deputy could throw it, and that it was thrown at his testicles. ██████████ said that the experience was, “Pretty scary.”

Because ██████████ was temporarily an inmate in the Adams County Detention Facility, I contacted the Jail Detectives who collected the video footage of the time when ██████████ entered the Jail until he left the jail. The Jail video footage does show ██████████ being delivered to the Jail at 0452 hour which is not consistent with the information provided by ██████████

Under all the detail provided by ██████████ a Deputy in the Jail that matches the description of Senior Deputy ██████████ and a Deputy who appears to be Deputy Pacheco in the video were involved in the booking process. On the 23rd, both Deputies were working according to the recap. Because ██████████ made complaints against the Deputies in A-Module that worked during his stay, that would have had access to feed him, I have included the deputies listed on the recaps for the night of the 7/23/2020 and the say shift for 07/24/2020.

██████████ made a number of complaints about a number of deputies. At worst, the complaints rise to the level a violation of the policy against unsatisfactory performance, but mostly comprise complaints about courtesy. None of the complaints made about deputies by ██████████ rise to the level of a category 1 policy violation. For that reason, I am referring this to Commanders at the Jail and Patrol Divisions for assignment to Sergeants for investigation as these alleged violations are best handled by first-line supervisory staff.

