

**Case Number:** 2003100079  
**Date of Violation:** 09/13/2003  
**Date Received:** 10/27/2003  
**Date To Station:**

**How Received:** Not Specified  
**Type of Complaint:** Station  
**Date Back from D/C:** 11/28/2003

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**Complainant(s):**

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	<u>BADGE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>RR</u>	<u>OMS</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
1	99076	Improper Procedure - Preventable Accident Oral Reprimand	809		Sustained	District 6

**DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT  
INTER-DEPARTMENT  
CORRESPONDENCE**

**TO:** Commander Deborah Dilley, District Six

**FROM:** Michael Battista, Deputy Chief of Operations

**DATE:** November 28, 2003

**SUBJECT: ORAL REPRIMAND            CASE NUMBER: 2003 10 0079**  
**RE: Officer Kachina McAlexander, 99076**

By authority of the Chief of Police, I am issuing the following Oral Reprimand:

This letter is to serve as an ORAL REPRIMAND for the violation(s) of Rules and Regulations Section 809, which reads as follows:

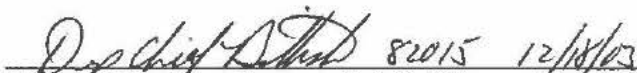
**RR-809            ROUGH OR CARELESS HANDLING OF CITY OR DEPARTMENTAL  
PROPERTY**

"Members shall use care in handling departmental equipment and property, and shall report immediately any that is lost, damaged, or in bad order. Any members who willfully or negligently loses, damages, or destroys department property shall be subject to a departmental hearing to determine disposition of such cases."

The recommendation that the officer receive an Oral Reprimand for this violation has been reviewed and approved.

This Oral Reprimand is a result of a preventable police vehicle accident on September 13, 2003.

Please enter this disciplinary action in the Supervisor's Situation Record, DPD Form #127, then forward a copy of this entry to the Internal Affairs Bureau.

  
Michael Battista, Deputy Chief of Operations

cc: Officer Kachina McAlexander  
Division Chief Steve Cooper  
Human Resource Management Bureau  
Internal Affairs Bureau

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**TO:** Deborah K. Dilley, Commander, District 6  
**FROM:** Catherine L. Davis, Lieutenant, District 6  
**DATE:** November 6, 2003  
**SUBJECT:** Accident Report #200318927 Involving Officer K. McAlexander, 99076

**Incident**

On September 13, 2003 Officer McAlexander was conducting directed patrol in the vicinity of East 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Pearl Street, a known high drug trafficking area, when she observed a male party, later identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) in the 1300 Block alley of Pennsylvania/Pearl. The party saw Officer McAlexander's marked police unit and hid from her. A description of the party was aired.

Officer Chafin covered in the area and attempted to contact a party at East 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Pearl who matched the description Officer McAlexander had aired. The party and another male, later identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) ran from Officer Chafin as he attempted to contact them and refused his commands to stop.

Officer McAlexander observed Officer Chafin engage in a foot chase with the parties and activated her emergency equipment and began to parallel the foot chase in her marked police unit. At the corner of East 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Pennsylvania, Mr. [REDACTED] was caught by Officer Chafin, while Mr. [REDACTED] continued southbound on Pennsylvania.

Officer McAlexander continued to follow [REDACTED] in her vehicle. Officer McAlexander drove up on the side walk as the suspect ran southbound. Officer McAlexander was driving to the right of the party, as he looked over his left shoulder to where Officer Chafin had caught his partner. Officer McAlexander continued to drive alongside the party, who did not observe her. The party abruptly changed course and ran into the left front quarter panel of Officer McAlexander's vehicle. The party was knocked to the ground and dragged for about five feet. He sustained cuts and abrasions to his ankle and was transported to Denver Health for treatment.

Further investigation showed that Officer Chafin had observed the parties toss some packets of suspected crack cocaine to the ground as he attempted to contact them. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance.

### Investigation

A review of the Police Vehicle Accident Data Sheet and associated documents show that a complete and thorough on-scene investigation was conducted by Detective Covert, 92029, and Sergeant Benita Packard, 82058.

### Conclusion

Officer McAlexander was covering an active foot pursuit and was justified in remaining in her vehicle and paralleling the path of the foot pursuit in hopes of catching the suspect. However, utmost caution should be exercised during these type of situations and regardless of the fact that Mr. [REDACTED] was trying to elude capture, it is the driver's responsibility to exercise due caution in order to avoid colliding with a pedestrian. Therefore, I find that this accident to have been preventable and recommend that it be carried as such.