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MEMORANDUM

TO: Division Chief Terrence O'Neill

FROM: Sergeant Jeremy Whytock

DATE: 05/24/2018

SUBJECT:

On May 23, 2018 at 1530 hours I received a complaint on a patrol officer punching a male subject who was handcuffed and in the back seat of the patrol car.

I called the complainant, [REDACTED] who witnesses the altercation. [REDACTED] said around 0800 hours she happened to look out her bedroom window and saw a marked Adams County Sheriff's patrol vehicle in the cul-de-sac in front of her home. She lives at [REDACTED] in unincorporated Adams County. She saw through her bedroom window and a deputy escorting a male party in handcuffs to the patrol car. She watched the deputy put the male party into the rear seat of the patrol car. She then heard the male party "screaming bloody murder". She saw the deputy run around the vehicle to her view of the patrol car and say "You don't spit on me" and started "waling on the suspect and throwing blows on him." She yelled out her window "I can see you hitting him" and the deputies looked up at her. She said the male party looked up at her and started yelling "Help me, help me, they are beating me." She saw the deputy punch the suspect four to five times. [REDACTED] said the deputy had wiped his face off and she believed the male suspect provoked him and spit on him. She said a few minutes later the deputy got into the patrol car and left. [REDACTED] said her corner neighbors also witnesses the altercation.

I responded to [REDACTED] home and asked her what the deputy looked like. She said the deputy was tall with light blond hair. She said the other deputy she saw was bald. The window [REDACTED] looked out when she saw the altercation was an upstairs bedroom window. The window faced to the north directly into the cul-de-sac. I had her show me where the neighbors lived who also witnessed the altercation.

I went to [REDACTED], and contacted [REDACTED]. She told me around 0800 hours she heard a male party screaming. The dumpster was blocking her view but she could see an Adams County Sheriff's patrol car parked by the dumpster in the cul-de-sac. She said the male party was being escorted to the patrol car and he was screaming really loud. She said the deputies put the male party in the patrol car and the screaming stopped.

██████████ said she heard her neighbor yelling "I see you hitting him". She then heard the male party yelling, "Help me." She said she could not see the male party or any physical disturbance. She did see a bald deputy wiping his face off and heard someone say "He spit in my face." She heard a deputy say "we're going to get you for assaulting a police officer." I asked her if she had seen any other neighbors out when the altercation happened. She said she saw an older kid sitting on an electrical box in the grass with his cell phone, but she did not know him. ██████████ had no other information.

On May 24, 2018 at 1140 hours, I went to the jail and interviewed ██████████ in the B Module contact visitation room. ██████████ said when he was stopped and contacted by the deputies he was compliant. He said two or three deputies had him handcuffed and escorted him to a patrol car. He said there were about ten police officers on scene. He said he was transferred to another patrol car. He said he was compliant while he was escorted. He said Deputy Mesch grabbed him really hard and was pushing him to the other patrol car. He said he wasn't resisting at all. He said he got into the rear seat of the patrol car without any problems.

He said there were a couple of deputies at the car door. He did not know if they were asking him a question or if they were trying to seat belt him in. He said he closed his eyes and sneezed. He said when he sneezed he turned his head and Deputy Mesch's face happened to be there and his face got sprayed by the mist. Deputy Mesch told him he spit in his face and the deputies put a spit mask on him. He said he resisted the deputies trying to put the spit mask on. The deputies got the spit mask on and he said deputy Mesch had gone around to the other side and got in the rear seat with him. He said a deputy in a hat was trying to pull his shirt over his head but he resisted. ██████████ said he was angry when the deputy was trying to put the shirt over his head. He said Deputy Mesch grabbed his hair and pulled his head down to the plastic rear seat. He then punched him three times in the back of his head with closed fists. ██████████ demonstrated Deputy Mesch alternating his punches with both hands for a total of three punches. He said Deputy Mesch then slammed his head twice on the plastic seat.

██████████ said he heard a lady yelling that she saw Deputy Mesch hitting him. He started yelling "Help me, they're hurting me". He said the deputies looked up at the house and closed the doors to the patrol car. He saw Deputy Mesch wiping his face off. He then was transported to the substation.

██████████ said when he was getting ready to be transported to the jail, the deputies put the spit mask on him in the back of the patrol car. He said he is a flexible person and was able to pull the mask off. He said Deputy Mesch took his fingers and put them under his nose and pushed and said "How's that feel mother fucker." ██████████ said he talked back to the deputies as they put the spit mask back on. The deputies then put his shirt over him again.

██████████ said on the way to the jail Deputy Mesch was making statements to him like "You're a little bitch", "Chomo" and "fresh meat". He said he was talking back making statements as well. He said when he got to jail, Deputy Mesch told him I.C.E. was coming to take him to Mexico. He said he had no other physical encounters with Deputy Mesch.

██████████ said all the other deputies were respectful. I observed no injuries to ██████████. I asked him if he had any injuries. He said, "No". He said if he was resisting he would have injuries. He said his face was not hurt. I asked him who deputy Mesch's partner looked like. He said the deputy wore a hat with sunglasses and was a little bigger than Deputy Mesch.

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