

BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF MADISON

COMPLAINT

filed against a commissioned officer of the
City of Madison Police or Fire Department by an aggrieved person, pursuant to
62.13(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and Rule 6 of the Board

Name of Complainant:

Koss M. Graham

Street Address:

123 Main Street

City/ZIP:

Milton, WI 53563

COMPLAINT AGAINST:

Officer Matthew Olson

STATEMENT OF CHARGES, made under oath or affirmation and subject to penalties for false swearing (Refer to Wisconsin Statute 62.13 and Board Procedural Rules):

On August 2, 2019, at approximately 12:30 am, I was involved in a brief physical altercation with Eric Deets in the parking lot of Five Night club. Mr. Deets and I had gone on a couple of dates. I decided things weren't going well and decided to leave. Mr. Deets became visibly agitated by this and left the bar. I left at the same time and noticed Mr. Deets was slightly staggering to his vehicle. I approached Eric and told him he should not be driving and that he clearly had too much to drink. My vehicle was parked next to his, so I offered to give him a ride home when he refused I tried to grab his keys and get in the way of him entering his vehicle.

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STATEMENT OF CHARGES, continued. Copy and attach additional sheets as necessary.

Mr. Deets then began to Shove and Kick me at which time I began to Shove and kick him to defend myself. Mr. Deets finally got in his vehicle and closed the door. I got in my vehicle and drove away. I could have called the police since Mr. Deets was the primary aggressor, but I chose not to. I drove back to Janesville as I was fine to drive. Mr. Deets called the police and they were dispatched to the bar. Officer Matthew Olson responded to the call and took the report from Mr. Deets. I was contacted by Dave Erick, the owner of the bar, asking if I assaulted someone in the parking lot. He said the police were there and were freaking out on him. I told him that I had not, what happened and that I defended myself. I contacted Dane County dispatch to have them have the responding officer contact me. I was most of the way home when Officer Olson called me. He took my statement over the phone, but wanted me to return to Madison to explain to him in person what happened. I refused, as I had a few to drink throughout the night and I was quite tired. He sounded aggravated and said that if I did not come back, he would likely be taking Mr. Deets at his word, and charging me criminally. I told him I did not appreciate him threatening me, but to do what he thought he needed to. I told him that I also had injuries to my body from Mr. Deets attacking me. He gave me his email address to send pictures of this and I did.

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Since I would not come to Madison to speak to the officer, he contacted the Janesville Police Department to do an assist and bring me to Madison. I also refused to go with those two officers as well. When I called Officer Olson back to ask why he sent two officers to my home in the middle of the night to take me to Madison he said he would be charging me with assault and battery and disorderly conduct. I kept asking why and told him he had no evidence of this. I clearly was acting in self defense. He didn't care what I had to say and was very rude to me. He was quite surprised that I was not on my way to Madison with the Janesville officers. This also seemed to upset Officer Olson. I had no legal obligation to comply with any of the officers and return to Madison. I deal with PTSD from dealing with police officers in the past and I try to avoid them if at all possible. I was not about to go to Madison made it clear to be placed under arrest and go to jail. I decided to deal with the legal ramifications when and if I needed to. I believe Officer Matthew Olson acted out of vindictiveness and bias when he charged me, and not based on the facts and little evidence there was.

*Officer Olson was
made it clear
this is what
would likely
happen based
on the information
obtained
from Mr. Beck*

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This was a clear 'he said, he said' case, but it was not treated as such. It should be noted that Mr. Deets has admitted to pushing, kicking and shoving me. I did file an internal complaint with the Madison Police Department, it was reviewed and eventually dismissed. I forgot the name of the lieutenant who handled the complaint, but I did speak to her over the phone about the incident. She told me that several officers and staff looked over the report before I was charged. This is irrelevant as they all were going based on the incomplete and false report of the officer. This lieutenant also stated that, perhaps if I had cooperated with Officer Olson and returned to Madison, this all may have been avoided and went a different way. I shouldn't have had to return to Madison to avoid criminal charges. This is a tragic situation that likely could have been avoided, however, I should not have been charged. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Kindly,
Ross Graham
Ross Graham

STATEMENT OF SOURCES OF INFORMATION Those matters stated in the foregoing Statement of Charges which are not based on my personal knowledge are based on information which I obtained from the following sources (show names and addresses of individuals, or otherwise identify sources of such information):

- RE: Case #: 19 Cr 2181
- Police report
 - Criminal Complaint

SPECIFICATION OF VIOLATION I believe that the conduct described in the above Statement of Charges is a violation of the following departmental rule or rules, ordinances, laws, or other standards of conduct:

I was treated with prejudice and bias by Officer Olson. I believe he charged me based on my arrest and conviction record and out of vindictiveness because I would not return to Madison. He used the false statement of Mr. Deets to file his report. He acted unprofessionally while speaking to me on the phone.

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VERIFICATION UNDER OATH

State of Wisconsin)
Dane County) ss

I, Ko SS Graham, the above-named Complainant, being duly sworn, on oath depose and state that I have read the foregoing complaint, and that I know that it is true and complete to my own knowledge, except as to those matters based upon information belief, and as to those matter I believe them to be true.

Complainant's signature: Ko SS Graham

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 5th day of August, 2021:

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Notary Public, Dane Co., Wisconsin
My commission: exp. 3.27.2022



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