

Pueblo, CO  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

**To:** IA File  
**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** IA 2023-0158  
**Date:** 01/09/2024

On 10/15/2023 at approximately 1910 hours, Internal Affairs received an email complaint. The complaint was from [REDACTED] Privacy who stated [REDACTED] Privacy was arrested and during the arrest he was "tazed over and over again he was knocked out from a blow to the back of his head he had his ear torn off!! and the officers I believe were trying to stop his heart tazing him again and again". The complaint continues that he has video of the incident and [REDACTED] was involved in the altercation.

Upon review this incident is documented under [REDACTED] where officers were in a vehicle pursuit of a homicide suspect. After the suspect crashed, a short foot chase ensued. Officers did use their Taser on the suspect and struck him with their fists. Ultimately, [REDACTED] was taken into custody and medical attention was called to the scene. I reviewed the BWC video of this incident and [REDACTED] is resisting officer's commands. [REDACTED] deploys his taser twice, both are dart deployments, but the taser does not appear to be effective in achieving NMI. The use of force has been reviewed by the chain of command and deemed justified and within policy. In my review of the incident I concur with that disposition.

I emailed [REDACTED] and he was able to provide me video from a bystander. He sent me the videos on 10/16/2023 and 11/02/2023. The videos are difficult to see and they are taken through a lattice from a front porch. The officer's BWC and dash cameras show more detail of the incident. The additional video does not change the case at all.



The complaint also states officer's injured [REDACTED] ear. In reviewing the case, [REDACTED] right ear was injured and bleeding on scene. It appears this is due to a closed hand strike delivered by one of the officers but there is no intentional tearing of the ear. Officers also promptly called for medical to the scene and [REDACTED] was seen by AMR before being transported to the hospital.

Finally, the complainant states [REDACTED] was involved in the altercation. [REDACTED] is actually a detective and was not on scene during the use of force. Furthermore, [REDACTED] has retired as of November 2023.

Upon review of the facts of this case, including the additional information provided by [REDACTED], I concur with the chain of command and find no policy violations associated with this use of force. This complaint is classified as exonerated.

