



Metropolitan Police Department
HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU
SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief of Police
Executive Office of Chief of Police

THRU: Executive Assistance Chief of Police
Executive Office of Chief of Police

THRU: Assistant Chief of Police
Homeland Security Bureau

FROM: Commander [Signature]
Special Operations Division

DATE: January 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Authorization and Utilization of Civil Disturbance Unit Protective Equipment on Saturday, January 13, 2024

On Saturday, January 13, 2024, a First Amendment demonstration (March on Washington for Gaza) began at Freedom Plaza and marched to the White House in the closed portion of the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Prior to the group's arrival, the United States Secret Service had secured an anti-scale fence that was placed down the middle of the Avenue to create a distinct police line. Further, members of the Metropolitan Police Department were formally requested to assist the United States Secret Service in securing the fence. Members of the Metropolitan Police Department assisted the United States Secret Service and stood behind the fence line.

When the march reached the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, participants began to throw items over the fence at the officers. These items included plastic baby dolls covered in red liquid, unopened water bottles, unopened energy drinks, and rock-size pieces of concrete. Further, some of the participants began to attempt to shake and knock down the anti-scale fence. Ultimately, this group caused property damage to the anti-scale fence and members had to approach the fence to repair it and place themselves closer to the objects being thrown.

At approximately 1834 hours, in the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Commander Jason Bagshaw authorized members of the Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) to don their helmets as protective equipment. Fortunately, no member reported any injuries during this event.