

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

FINDINGS OF FACT IN USE OF FORCE INCIDENT

Force Type (s):	Hand Controls with Injury Takedown with Injury Knee and Elbow Strikes
Incident Date:	October 11, 2024
Publication Date:	October 14, 2025
Involved MPD Member(s): Rank, Division Assigned, Race/Gender:	<u>Officer 1 (OFC1)</u> Seventh District Asian Male <u>Officer 2 (OFC2)</u> Seventh District Black Male <u>Sergeant 1 (SGT1)</u> Seventh District White Male <u>Sergeant 2 (SGT2)</u> Seventh District Black Female
Subject of the Force's Race/Gender and Age at time of the use of force incident:	Black Male 17 years old
Use of Force Review Board Date:	March 10, 2025

SYNOPSIS OF USE OF FORCE

On October 11, 2024, members of the Third District responded to a report of an armed carjacking. Shortly after, the vehicle that had been carjacked was located in the Seventh District. MPD's helicopter located the vehicle and observed the occupants flee from the vehicle in the area of the 2700 block of Jasper Street, Southeast. OFC1, OFC2, SGT1, and SGT2 responded to the area to attempt to locate the suspects.

The SoF, one of the occupants of the carjacked vehicle, was located inside a nearby building. As OFC2 ordered him to stop, the SoF attempted to jump out of a window. The SoF was stopped by OFC2 during the attempt, using hand controls. OFC1 and SGT2 arrived to assist and also used hand controls to attempt to detain the SoF. SGT1 arrived, and the four conducted a takedown. The SoF physically resisted the officers' efforts to place him in handcuffs, holding his arms under his body and kicking his legs, striking SGT1 in the head. OFC1 delivered three (3) knee strikes and four (4) elbow strikes to the SoF's thigh in an effort to gain compliance from the SoF. OFC1 also attempted to use his ASP baton to extract the SoF's hands from underneath him.

Eventually, the SoF was handcuffed but continued kicking his legs, striking OFC1 in the chest. OFC1 used hand controls to bend and apply pressure to the SoF's leg in an effort to gain compliance and stop him from kicking the officers. The officers then released the SoF, who lay on the ground on his side and appeared to lose consciousness. He was medically treated before being arrested and charged with numerous offenses.

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Consistent with MPD policy, this use of force incident was referred to MPD's Internal Affairs Division (IAD) for investigation. MPD's use of force investigative procedures are outlined in [GO-RAR-901.07 \(Use of Force\)](#). After all available evidence was collected and analyzed, and statements from police and civilian witnesses were reviewed, the IAD final investigative report was completed on March 3, 2025. The material facts regarding this use of force incident are outlined below.

EVENTS THAT LED TO POLICE CONTACT

1. On October 11, 2024, members of the Third District began investigating the report of an armed carjacking.
2. The vehicle that had been carjacked was located a short time later in the Seventh District. The MPD helicopter located the vehicle and observed the occupants flee from the vehicle into the area of the 2700 block of Jasper Street, Southeast.
3. OFC1, OFC2, SGT1, and SGT2 responded to the area to attempt to locate and apprehend the suspects.
4. OFC2 located the SoF inside a nearby building. The SoF was determined to be one of the occupants of the carjacked vehicle.
5. Upon being located by OFC2, the SoF attempted to flee out of a window.

EVENTS THAT LED TO THE USE OF FORCE

6. OFC2 used hand controls to prevent the SoF from fleeing out of the window.
7. OFC1 and SGT2 arrived and also used hand controls in an effort to prevent the SoF from fleeing.
8. SGT1 arrived, and all four officers conducted a takedown of the SoF onto the floor of the building.
9. The SoF physically resisted, holding his arms underneath his body and kicking his legs, striking SGT1 in the head.
10. OFC1 delivered three (3) knee strikes and four (4) elbow strikes to the SoF's thigh in an effort to gain compliance and compel him to submit to handcuffing.
11. The SoF was eventually placed in handcuffs and detained.
12. The SoF continued kicking his legs, striking OFC1 in the chest.
13. OFC1 used hand controls by bending and applying pressure to the SoF's leg in an effort to stop him from kicking.

ACTIONS AFTER THE USE OF FORCE

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1. The SoF was released by the officers and lay on the ground, where he appeared to lose consciousness for a short time.
2. The SoF was treated by members of the District of Columbia Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DCFEMS) and was transported to a local hospital.
3. The SoF was arrested and charged with Armed Carjacking, Carrying a Rifle or Pistol Outside a Home or Business, Leaving After Colliding, and Resisting Arrest.
4. OFC1 and OFC 2 sustained minor injuries during the incident and received medical treatment.

PROSECUTORIAL REVIEW BY THE US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (USAO)

As outlined in MPD policy, [GO-RAR-901.07 \(Use of Force\)](#), a use of force resulting in a protracted loss on consciousness is considered a Serious Use of Force, and the incident was referred to the USAO to make an independent determination whether the use of force involved any criminal wrongdoing that should be prosecuted. On November 14, 2024, the USAO notified the MPD that they would not pursue criminal charges regarding the use of force incident.

FINDINGS OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION (IAD) ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION

On March 3, 2025, the IAD final investigation made the following findings based on a preponderance of the evidence regarding the use of force by the involved member:

- The Uses of Force – Takedown with Injury, Hand Controls with Injury, Knee Strikes, Elbow Strikes – by OFC1 were classified as **JUSTIFIED**.
- The Uses of Force – Takedown with Injury, Hand Controls with Injury – by OFC2 were classified as **JUSTIFIED**.
- The Uses of Force – Takedown with Injury, Hand Controls with Injury – by SGT1 were classified as **JUSTIFIED**.
- The Uses of Force – Takedown with Injury, Hand Controls with Injury – by SGT2 were classified as **JUSTIFIED**.

FINDINGS OF THE USE OF FORCE REVIEW BOARD (UFRB)

On March 10, 2025, the UFRB convened to review the final investigative report prepared by the IAD and the evidence regarding the use of force by the involved member. The UFRB ruled:

- The Uses of Force – Takedown with Injury, Hand Controls with Injury, Knee Strikes, Elbow Strikes – by OFC1 were classified as **JUSTIFIED**.

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- The Uses of Force – Takedown with Injury, Hand Controls with Injury – by OFC2 were classified as **JUSTIFIED**.
- The Uses of Force – Takedown with Injury, Hand Controls with Injury – by SGT1 were classified as **JUSTIFIED**.
- The Uses of Force – Takedown with Injury, Hand Controls with Injury – by SGT2 were classified as **JUSTIFIED**.