

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

FINDINGS OF FACT IN USE OF FORCE INCIDENT

Force Type (s):	Electronic Control Device
Incident Date:	June 12, 2024
Publication Date:	October 7, 2024
Involved MPD Member(s): Rank, Division Assigned, Race/Gender:	Sergeant 1 Seventh District White/Male
Subject of the Force's Race/Gender and Age at time of the use of force incident:	Black/Male 37 years old
Use of Force Review Board Date:	October 3, 2024

SYNOPSIS OF USE OF FORCE

Sergeant 1 (SGT1) deployed his Electronic Control Device (ECD), commonly known as a taser, on the subject of the force. Consistent with MPD policy, this use of force incident was referred to MPD's Internal Affairs Division (IAD) for investigation. The 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 the police and civilian witnesses and the subject of force were reviewed, the IAD final investigative report was completed on September 25, 2024. The material facts regarding this use of force incident are outlined below.

EVENTS THAT LED TO POLICE CONTACT

1. On June 12, 2024, Seventh District members responded to the 2600 block of Sheridan Road, Southeast, to canvass for the recent occupants of a vehicle that was connected to a shooting and recovered nearby. The occupants had reportedly run from the vehicle to the area.
2. Additionally, an individual under court ordered supervision and wearing an ankle monitor was in the area. A description of the individual was provided to the members.

EVENTS THAT LED TO THE USE OF FORCE

3. Seventh District members stopped an individual in the area who matched the description and was wearing an ankle monitor.
4. The subject of force approached and identified himself as the father of the stopped individual.
5. The subject of force interfered with the stop, pushed an officer, and did not comply with verbal commands to stop.
6. The subject of force grabbed and pushed the officer.
7. SGT1 gave a warning and then deployed his ECD at the subject of force.

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8. The ECD appeared to briefly cause Neuromuscular Incapacitation until another individual pushed SGT1's ECD and pulled an ECD probe from the subject of force.

ACTIONS AFTER THE USES OF FORCE

9. The subject of force was placed under arrest for Assault on a Police Officer.
10. The subject of force was taken to an area hospital where the second ECD probe was removed and subsequently discharged.

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

The incident involving the use of an ECD by SGT1 was not referred to the USAO for review. Consistent with MPD policy, [GO-RAR-901.07 \(Use of Force\)](#), only the following incidents are referred to the USAO for review: (1) serious uses of force, (2) deadly force, (3) uses of force indicating potential criminal conduct, (4) vehicle pursuits involving a fatality, and (5) in-custody deaths involving an MPD member.

**FINDINGS OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION (IAD) ADMINISTRATIVE
INVESTIGATION**

On September 25, 2024, 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 Use of Force - ECD Deployment - by SGT1 was **JUSTIFIED**.

FINDINGS OF THE USE OF FORCE REVIEW BOARD (UFRB)

On October 3, 2024, 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 Use of Force - ECD Deployment - by SGT1 was **JUSTIFIED**.