

Hamilton County Sheriffs Office

Response To Resistance Report

Incident Details

Date Received	Date of Occurrence	Time of Occurrence
09/20/2022	09/20/2022	10:40
Record ID Number	Case No	Tracking No
8629	22-028265	
Date/Time Entered	Entered By	
09/20/2022 19:35	Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae - 2917HS	

Incident Summary

22-028265 (East Ridge High SRD)

Entered by Deputy T. McRae (2917)

On 9/20/2022 at around 1000 hours while working East Ridge High school as the assigned School Resource Deputy I was contacted over the school radio by the gym coach, Mr. Murley, along with the coach contacting administration to come to the gym to assist with an issue that he was

having with a student later identified as Tauris Sledge. Once arrived in the gym Mr. Murley stated he went to Mr. Sledge and asked why he was now playing basketball instead of still sitting down if he did not feel well. Mr. Murley stated he attempted to call Tauris into the hallway to speak to him and also took the basketball from him at that time. Mr. Murley stated that is when Tauris got in his face and stated "You're a racist motherfucker and I'll kick your fucking ass!" At that time I had established enough probable cause for an arrest against Tauris for assault but Mr. Murley asked the assistant principal, Mr. Perry, the dean of students, Mr. Graham, and me to stand by while he spoke with Mr. Sledge about why he cannot participate in free time if he does not want to participate in the lesson. During their conversation they were both getting angry but Mr. Sledge kept raising his voice louder and louder causing the attention of all students and staff to turn towards him again and that is when I told Mr. Sledge to chill out and to lower his voice because he was being too loud. Once I advised Mr. Sledge to lower his voice the first time he continued to get loud a second time and I noticed the gym was starting to get quieter and I realized that the entire focus of everyone was on us at that time. Mr. Sledge started walking away and was still being disruptive by still using a loud voice towards the coach and administration after being told twice not to. When Mr. Sledge was still being loud as he was walking away I placed my left hand on the side of his shoulder so I could pull him to the side and explain to him why his tone of voice can get him in trouble and I was going to attempt to talk to him to get him calmed down so an arrest would not have to happen for disorderly conduct. If Mr. Sledge had calmed down at that time I was going to detain him for further investigation into the possible assault against the coach and speak with him on disorderly conduct. Once I placed my hand on Mr. Sledge's shoulder he took an aggressive stance by balling up his fist and stated "you have 5 seconds to get your hand off of me". I then became defensive towards him due to him saying that because I felt as if he was

going to attempt to assault me considering he was already angry, clinching his fists, and yelling at Mr. Murley. Once Mr. Sledge said that to me I told him to back up because he then stepped up to get closer to me which also made me feel as if he was ready to assault me. Once on the bleachers I gave Mr. Sledge several lawful orders to stand up and place his hands behind his back but he refused to do so. I then attempted to grab his arm to stand him up and place him into custody but that is when Mr. Sledge started fighting with me to resist arrest. I tried several times to gain control of Mr. Sledge with the least amount of force necessary and without us both falling down the bleachers causing any injuries to us but Mr. Sledge continued to resist. I then grabbed Mr. Sledge by his dreadlocks and pulled him to the ground where he continued to still resist the lawful order of stop resisting and putting his hands behind his back. I then grabbed Mr. Sledge by the backpack and placed him onto the second level of the gym floor where it was a more flat surface to attempt the arrest. I then tried to remove the backpack of Mr. Sledge multiple times so his hands could properly be placed behind his back for proper handcuffing but he refused to remove it. Mr. Sledge stated if I would let him go he would take it off. I let Mr. Sledge go a total of three times giving him the chance to comply but he still refused to do comply with my commands. I had exhausted all efforts at that time to get Mr. Sledge to comply and I had been in a physical struggle with him for what felt like hours so I attempted to use my department issue pepper spray on Mr. Sledge for pain compliance after the final warning to take the backpack off. Due to the backpack being in the way I was not able to get Mr. Sledge's hands off of the straps to get them behind him for the proper handcuffing and I was also concerned that there may have been a weapon in the bag with how protective Mr. Sledge was of the backpack. Mr. Sledge then fell to the ground putting his arms underneath his body stating "I can't breathe the pepper spray is hurting me". I then advised Mr. Perry to notify the school nurse to come to the

scene for evaluation while I still attempted to get his hands behind his back. Mr. Sledge still refused to put his hands behind his back and I attempted to remove them from underneath him with my hands but he kept them underneath his body while holding onto the straps and would not let me remove them. I then attempted to use my department issued PR-24 to pry his hands out from underneath him but it was not working due to his hands being gripped to the straps of the backpack. Once the nurse arrived on scene I advised Mr. Sledge to sit up so the nurse could speak with him. I tried to sit Mr. Sledge up so he could face the nurse but he still refused for a short time by using all of his body weight to prevent me from sitting him up. Mr. Sledge eventually did sit up after several attempts to raise him off of his stomach. I asked Mr. Sledge to take off the backpack and to stand up so we could go and decontaminate him from the pepper spray but he refused to do so even when the nurse was advising him to. I notified dispatch to send East Ridge Police to the school because Mr. Sledge was on the phone with family at different times during the incident. Once Mr. Sledge's father arrived on scene I explained to him the situation and he helped get Mr. Sledge onto his feet and take him to the locker room in the gym with an East Ridge Officer to get decontaminated while I spoke with Mr. Perry outside of the room about another incident that took place during that. Once Mr. Sledge was decontaminated he was placed into handcuffs without any more incidents and transported to 7609 Standifer Gap Road to the Hamilton County Jail due to him being 18 years old. I then took Mr. Sledge into the intake area of the jail and started asking him the questions on the paperwork about medical status and when asked if he needed emergency medical attention he stated "yes when you were using the stick on me prying my arm I think you broke it". I then had the jail staff call the nurse assigned to the jail to the intake area to evaluate Mr. Sledge. Once the nurse was finished evaluating him she advised me that nothing was broken that it was probably sore and hurting from me attempting to use the

PR-24 to unlock his hands underneath his body and place them behind his back. The jail nurse advised that he did not need immediate medical attention and that she would give him something for pain once she spoke to him after he was booked. Nothing further to report.

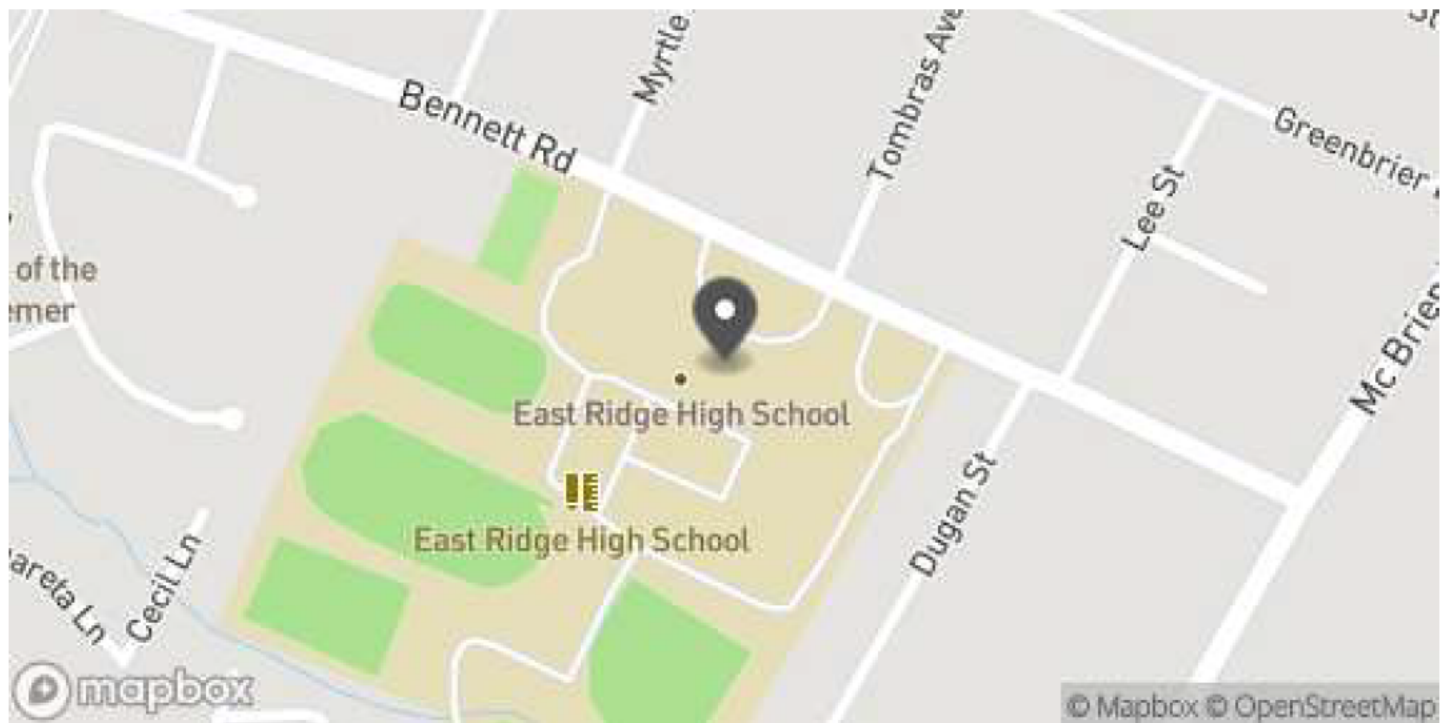
Incident Location

Addresses

Latitude, Longitude = [34.98807, -85.24535]

4320 Bennett Road, East Ridge, TN, 37412

Chattanooga



- Location of Occurrence: Hamilton

Use of Force Details

**Reason For Using
Force**

Service Being Rendered

**More Than 1 Citizen
Involved**

Resisting Arrest	Arrest	No
Weather Condition	Light Condition	Distance to Citizen
Indoors	Interior Lighting	1 feet to 3 feet
Citizen Injured	Citizen Taken to Hospital	Citizen Arrested
No	No	Yes
Citizen Build	Citizen Height	Citizen Influence Assessment
Medium	5'10" to 6'0"	Non-compliant
Employee(s) Injured	Employee(s) Taken to Hospital	
No	No	

Crisis Details

Crisis Behaviors

- Disorderly / disruptive behavior
- Belligerent / uncooperative behavior

Force/Violence

- Citizen threatened violence towards another person

Techniques

- Verbalization
- Reportable force
- Handcuffs

Reporting/Involved Citizen

Tauris Sledge

Date of Birth: 07/█/2004 Race: Black Ethnicity: Non Hispanic
Gender: Male

Addresses

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Phone Numbers

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Role: Suspect

Additional Snapshot Data

Homeless at time of involvement	Perceived Limited English	Primary Language
No	No	English
Sexual Orientation	Gender Expression	Experiencing Mental Crisis (Officer Assessment)
Male	Male	No
Experiencing Mental Crisis (Self Reported)	Armed at Time of Incident	
No	No	

Type of Resistance Citizen Used Against Employee

- Resisting Arrest
- Non-Compliance
- Operational interruption

Injuries Sustained By Citizen

Injury	Pre-existing Injury	Region	Injury Location
No injuries noted or visible		4	1

Charges Against Citizen

- Misdemeanor

Involved Employees

Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae - 2917HS

Assignment at time of incident: Sheriff's Deputy Law Enforcement/SRO/Youth and Community/School Resource/East/1

Sheriff's Deputy **Video Footage:** Body Camera Used

Role: Primary Officer

Force used by this Employee against Citizen

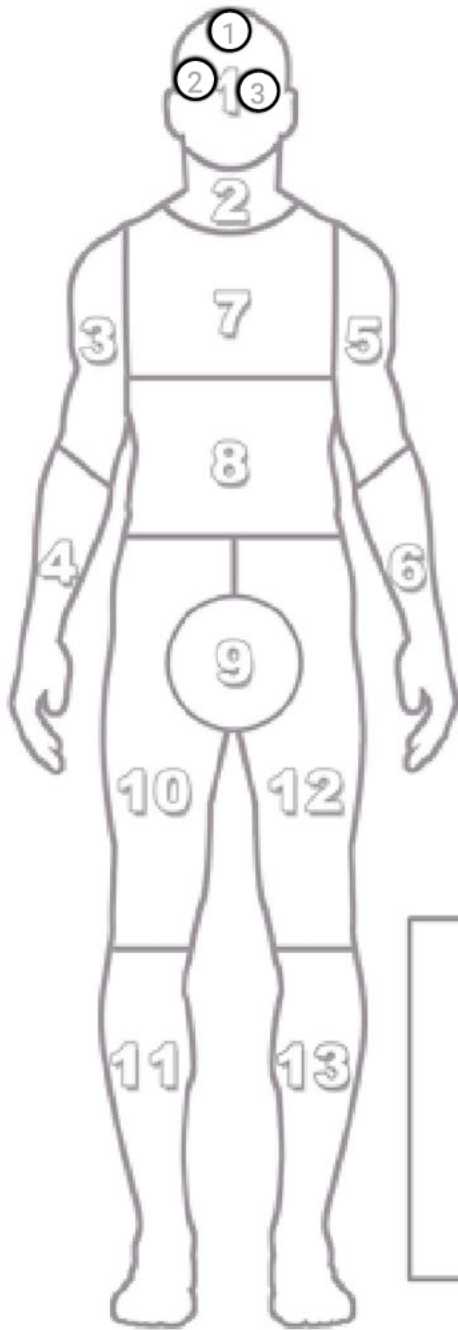
- Hands/Feet/Elbow/Knee - Force Effective: No
- OC Spray - Force Effective: No

Less lethal force used by this Employee against Citizen

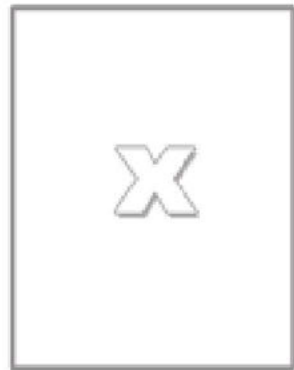
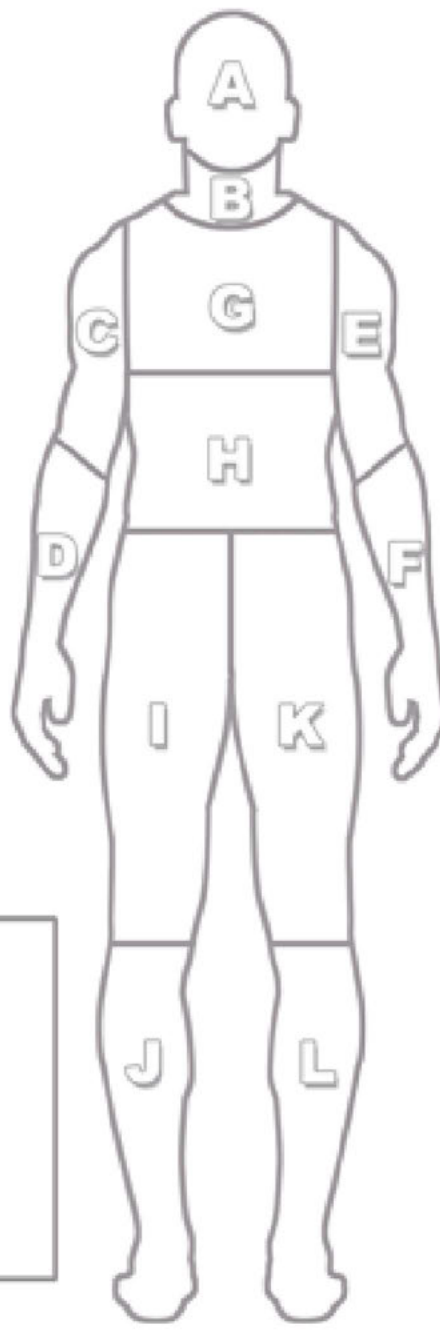
Force Used	Force Effective	Region	Point of Contact
Hands/Feet/Elbow/Knee	No	1	1
OC Spray	No	1, 1	2, 3

Missed

FRONT



BACK



Injuries Sustained By Employee

Injury	Pre-existing Injury	Region	Injury Location
No injuries noted or visible			

Citizen Witnesses

Craig Murley

Date of Birth: 08/█/1972 **Race:** White **Ethnicity:** Non Hispanic

Gender: Male

Role: Victim

Addresses

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Phone Numbers

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Keunta Graham

Date of Birth: 10/█/1988 **Race:** Black **Ethnicity:** Non Hispanic

Gender: Male

Role: School Employee

Addresses

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Phone Numbers

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Glenn Perry

Date of Birth: 12/1977 **Race:** White **Ethnicity:** Non Hispanic

Gender: Male

Role: School Employee

Addresses

[Redacted Address]

Phone Numbers

[Redacted Phone Number]

Tasks

No tasks to show

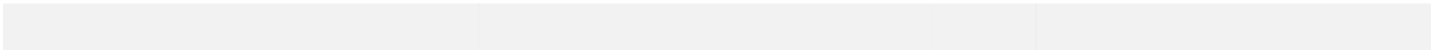
Running Sheet Entries

No running sheet entries to show

Attachments

No Attachments

Assignment History



Date/Time Sent	From	To	Activity
09/27/2022 15:36	Administ S Stone		Field assigned

Chain of Command History

Routing Number: 1

From Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae

To Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 09/20/2022 19:54

Instructions From [Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae] To [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins]

Please review

Comments/Response From [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins]

You need to enter the AP (witness), Coach (victim), Dean of Students (witness) and the Teacher that was present during this incident.

Routing Number: 2

From Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins

To Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 09/21/2022 11:46

Instructions From [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins] To [Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae]

Add witnesses and the alleged victim, Mr. Murley. AP, Dean of Students, Teacher

Comments/Response From [Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae]

[Forwarded by Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae]

Routing Number: 3

From Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae

To Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 09/22/2022 08:25

Instructions From [Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae] To [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins]

Please review

Comments/Response From [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins]

Graham and Murley need address and phone numbers entered. You may use the school address and phone.

Routing Number: 4

From Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins

To Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 09/24/2022 09:06

Instructions From [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins] To [Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae]

Make corrections. Graham and Murley need addresses and phone numbers entered. You may use the school info for these enteries.

Comments/Response From [Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae]

Incident routing was closed out by IAPro user Administrative Assistant Sarah Stone and the incident was re-routed to Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Scott Mullins [2387HS]

Routing Number: 5

From Administrative Assistant Sarah Stone

To Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 09/27/2022 15:36

Instructions From [Administrative Assistant Sarah Stone] To [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins]

As requested

Comments/Response From [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins]

Make corrections

Routing Number: 6

From Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins

To Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 09/27/2022 15:43

Instructions From [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins] To [Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae]

Addresses and phone numbers in

Comments/Response From [Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae]

Please review

Routing Number: 7

From Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae

To Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 09/27/2022 15:47

Instructions From [Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae] To [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins]

Please review

Comments/Response From [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins]

After reviewing BWC and the Blue Team report, some issues were observed:

The level of force utilized was not excessive. The law allows for officers to use necessary force to affect an arrest. Dep McRae had a legal right to be involved in this incident as it was reported to him that a threat to the teacher was made. Dep McRae could of had the gym cleared of any non-involved parties or had those involved stepped into a more private area to remove the situation from an audience potentially reducing the escalation of the students behavior. This is standard training for an SRD. Mr. Sledge was obviously disorderly with his behavior and this occurred within the presence of Dep McRae.

I observed some officer safety issues such as not calling for another unit to respond. Having another officer present before attempting to take Mr. Sledge into custody could have prevented the struggle from even starting. If the struggle did start with a second officer present, it would not have lasted as long as it did.

A couple of missed opportunities observed once the OC was utilized and Mr Sledge was being affected by it; this would have been a great time to take control of the situation and get him cuffed. Upon ERPD arrival, would have been another opportunity to get cuffs on him.

I believe additional training in suspect control and apprehension is sufficient to correct these deficiencies.

Routing Number: 8

From Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins

To Sheriff's Lieutenant James Fields

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 09/27/2022 15:49

Instructions From [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins] To [Sheriff's Lieutenant James Fields]

Review and approve

Comments/Response From [Sheriff's Lieutenant James Fields]

Deputy McRae needs to add more detailed information about the threats to the teacher and describe how the backpack played a role in the difficulty of placing the suspect into custody.

Routing Number: 9

From Sheriff's Lieutenant James Fields

To Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae

Cc: Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins

Date/Time Sent 09/29/2022 10:12

Instructions From [Sheriff's Lieutenant James Fields] To [Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae]

Make the necessary corrections and return to Sgt. Mullins for review.

Comments/Response From [Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae]

Please review

Routing Number: 10

From Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae

To Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins

Cc:

Date/Time Sent 09/29/2022 15:49

Instructions From [Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae] To [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins]

Please review

Comments/Response From [Sheriff's Sergeant Michael Mullins]

[None Entered]

Author Signature Line

Sheriff's Deputy Tyler McRae - 2917HS

Chain of Command Signature Lines

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