



## CLEVELAND HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Capt. C. Britton – Chief's Office  
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**May 19, 2020**

Chief Mecklenburg,

In reference to police report CH2001485, I have completed a review of the incident as requested by Lt. Meilstrup.

I find that Officer Wolf failed to thoroughly investigate a crime and failed to complete written police report as outlined in the Job Description of a Police Officer (*memorandum 5.3-2011*).

On the above date at about 0700 hours, I held a counselling session with Officer Wolf and Sgt. D'Amico present.

He acknowledged his error in judgement and understands his job responsibilities.

Capt. C. Britton

**REVIEWED**

  
5-19-2020

## Chris Britton

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**From:** Mike Meilstrup  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 12:37 PM  
**To:** Chris Britton  
**Cc:** Chief Annette Mecklenburg  
**Subject:** Assault; CH20-01485

Capt Britton,

Please review the following CAD call 2030059765. There was no report pulled for this incident by the investigating officer, Wolf.

Assault at 25 Severance Circle, Apt 505

Report of two females in a disturbance at above.

Victim (resides in apt 505)- Deborah Johnson-Butler  
Suspect- Nancy White  
Possibly 2-3 witnesses

The following was observed via BWC-

Upon Ofc. Wolf arriving on scene, Johnson-Butler states that White attacked her. Johnson-Butler has multiple scratches on her face and a gash on top of her head from being hit with a wine bottle. She would later receive staples in her head at Metro.

A female witness (unknown name) is on scene, and tells Wolf that she entered the apartment to find White on top of Johnson-Butler. This unknown witness was advised by an unknown male that they were fighting within the apartment moments prior, that's why she entered the apartment.

Johnson-Butler could be heard telling the squad what had transpired. Wolf asked Johnson-Butler what she was hit with, and observed the wine bottle that she was hit with on scene.

Moments later, Wolf asked Johnson-Butler "What do you want police to do?"

Johnson-Butler responds, "Nothing, I just want to go to the hospital and come back."

Moments later, Johnson-Butler is preparing to depart with the squad, when Wolf states that he will meet her at the hospital to discuss further.

I did not hear Wolf ask Johnson-Butler to describe the details of the assault.  
I did not hear Wolf obtain a name or statement from the witness.  
I do not know if Wolf responded to the hospital to discuss further. There is no BWC showing this.

Wolf then responds to the suspects location within the building where Ofc's Ciccone, Mild, Payne and Conkey have been speaking to the suspect and several witnesses.

The suspect, White, does not explain in detail what transpired. She claims that she was hit, bitten, scratched, but when the officers ask where her injuries are she remains quiet. There does not appear to be injuries as viewed on BWC.

Furthermore, when viewing Mild's BWC, a different unidentified female states that White was "very angry" and is "dangerous". An unidentified male also concurred on BWC with that explanation and stated that they were arguing and one jumped on the other.

Neither of the two parties above were identified, nor were statements obtained. I also did not observe Wolf speak to those two parties, nor did it appear that he was given that information by the other officers on scene. It appeared that a quick final assessment was that neither party wanted police action, and they would be allowed to go their separate ways.

There was no report taken for this incident. Only a CAD entry. A report should have been pulled, at a minimum.

It is unknown if Wolf responded to the hospital.

Several BWC's were not present or downloaded (Payne, Conkey, Weir, and Ciccone)

The wine bottle was not entered into evidence, nor photographed.

The injuries were not photographed.

No statements were obtained.

It does not appear that officers thoroughly communicated each other's findings.

Johnson-Butler arrived at the police window a short time ago, with numerous scratches on her face and staples in her head, along with the large wine bottle that she was struck with.

This incident was turned over to Inv. Hood for a full report when the victim arrived at our window. I would request that those officers on scene report what they observed this morning.

Thank you for reviewing this matter.

Lt. Michael Meilstrup



**Lieutenant Mike Meilstrup**

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To: Sgt. M. D'Amico: B Platoon  
From: Capt. C. Britton, Chief's Office  
Re: **Report CH2001485 Felonious Assault**

*May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

Sgt. Damico,

I am conducting a requested formal review of the above-mentioned incident and into the actions of the officers involved.

On Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 1052 hours, Deborah Johnson came into the station to report that she was assaulted earlier in the morning. The assault took place at 25 Severance Circle #505 at about 0200 hours. Johnson had noticeable visible injuries to include staples on the top of her head.

Inv. Hood took a verbal statement from Johnson. This case was assigned to Det. Jakomin. A complaint for felonious assault was signed against the suspect Nancy White and was submitted to the court.

Upon further review, I found that officers from B Platoon to include Officer Wolf, Officer Mild, Officer Conkey, and Officer Ciconne had initially responded. No report was filed. No photographs were taken. No evidence was confiscated. No witness statements were obtained.

Since you were the Officer in Charge at the time, you are to complete a summary review of the officer's actions(inactions) and submit your findings to me in writing.

Capt. C. Britton

Cc: Chief A. Mecklenburg

T.C.O.  
STATEMENTS IN  
PROCESS  
JMS  
5/14/20

Captain Britton,

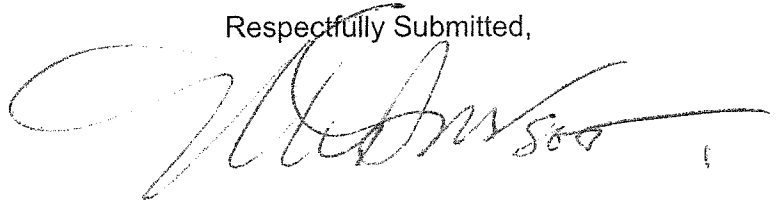
Per your request, I reviewed the body cameras and spoke with the Officers in regards to the call at 25 Severance Circle #505. Included is a typed statement from Officer Wolf and Officer Mild.

After reviewing and speaking with officers, they had conflicting statements, both parties were intoxicated and little to no cooperation including Johnson saying she wanted no police action.

We talked about it and due to the severity of the injuries, there should have been a minimum of a report pulled for the incident with a follow up request the next day when parties were sober. Another possibility on scene would have been issuing citations for disorderly conduct to both parties since there were conflicting statements.

Officers will call the OIC if there are any questions about what to do in these situations.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. D'Amico", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sergeant Michael D'Amico

To: Sgt. D'Amico

ON 5/11/2020 AT AROUND 0222 HOURS OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 25 SEVERANCE CIRCLE APARTMENT 505 FOR A REPORTED ASSAULT. UPON MY ARRIVAL I MET WITH OTHER OFFICERS WHO WERE SPEAKING TO A FEMALE IDENTIFIED AS NANCY WHITE. WHITE WAS SOBBING AND WAS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHEN SHE SPOKE AND APPEARED TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL. I COULD OBSERVE WHAT APPEARED TO BE SCRATCH MARKS ON WHITES CHEEKS. WHEN I ASKED WHITE WHAT HAPPENED, SHE CONTINUED TO SOB AND SAY "I HAD TO PROTECT MYSELF". I ASKED WHITE WHO SHE HAD TO PROTECT HERSELF FROM IN WHICH SHE STATED "DEBORAH" WHO WAS THE CALLER AND LIVED ON THE 8TH FLOOR OF THE BUILDING. WHITE STATED THAT HER AND DEBORAH GOT INTO A FIGHT OVER A MAN.

AT THIS TIME OFFICER WOLF RESPONDED TO THE 5TH FLOOR AFTER SPEAKING WITH THE CALLER (DEBORAH) ON THE 8TH FLOOR. OFFICER WOLD ADVISED THAT DEBORAH WAS HIGHLY INTOX AND UNCOOPERATIVE WITH HIM AND THAT SHE DID NOT WANT ANY POLICE ACTION REGARDING THIS INCIDENT. AT THIS TIME I ESCORTED WHITE OUT OF THE BUILDING AND GAVE HER A RIDE HOME TO HER RESIDENCE AT 2681 NOBLE ROAD WITHOUT INCIDENT.

SEE OFFICER WOLF'S STATEMENT FOR FURTHER.

RESPECTFULLY,

P.O. ERIK MILD #33

Handwritten signature of Erik Mild, with the number 33 written at the end.

To: Sgt. D'amico

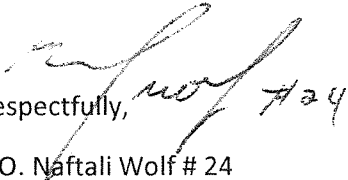
From: P.O. Naftali Wolf

On Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 myself, along with other Officers were dispatched to 25 Severance Circle # 505 in reference to an assault/fight. Upon arrival with the FD, I observed Deborah Johnson Bleeding from the head. I also observed that she was heavily intoxicated. She further stated to the Fire Department that she and her friend were drinking and smoking weed, when they got into a fight.

When asked what police action she would like to see taken she refused any and all police action I cannot remember her exact verbiage, (see my body worn camera footage). At this time Cleveland Heights Fire Department transported Deborah to Metro Hospital. It should be further noted that CMHA officers on scene were advised of the situation.

See Officer Mild's Statement for further.

Respectfully,

 #24  
P.O. Naftali Wolf # 24

# CALL FOR SERVICE REPORT

2030059765

Date: 05/11/2020 Time: 02:22:10 Mrc: T Dispatchers: R336 R333

Location: 25 SEVERANCE CIR 505 City: CLEVELAND Zone: R Grid: R Agency: CH

Call Type: ASSAULT SQUAD CALL - MED 2 Incident#: Accident#: EMS #: 2391 Fire #

Reviewed By: Disposition: Strat Transport End Transport  
TRANSPORT

Caller:

Common Name:

Caller:  
DEBORA JACKSON BUTLER

Caller Address:

Phone

## Units / Times

Unit:	Dispatch	Route:	Arrive:	Cleared:	Patient:	Leave:	Hospital:	In Service:	Quarters:	Badge1	Badge2:	Agency
241	02:23:1	02:25:25	02:29:0	02:47:1		02:38:58	02:40:58	02:44:55	02:47:18	241		CH
8560	02:23:2	02:25:04	02:26:4	02:57:1						8560		CH
8564	02:23:2	02:26:30	02:33:3	03:15:1		02:52:40				8564		CH

## Narrative

Fire Recommendation 05/11/2020 02:23:15 241  
FEM ON 911 STATES A FEM NAMED "NANCY" HIT HER AND SHE IS BLEEDING  
-- From 05/11/2020 02:22:34 To 05/11/2020 02:23:03 Disp R336 --  
SATTERFIELD AT CMHA ADVISED  
-- From 05/11/2020 02:23:51 To 05/11/2020 02:23:59 Disp R324 --  
CMHA WILL SEND WHEN CAR BECOMES AVAILABLE - NO ETA  
-- From 05/11/2020 02:24:05 To 05/11/2020 02:24:24 Disp R324 --  
CALLER IS POSSIBLY INTOX // STATES FEM LEFT IN A WHITE CAR FIVE MINS AGO  
-- From 05/11/2020 02:24:03 To 05/11/2020 02:24:33 Disp R336 --  
CALLER NOW STATES FEM WHO HIT HER LIVES IN THE BUILDING  
-- From 05/11/2020 02:26:57 To 05/11/2020 02:27:10 Disp R336 --  
# Fever / Chills - NO  
# Cough - NO  
# Nasal / Chest Congestion - NO  
# Sore Throat - NO  
# Body Aches - NO  
# Have you or anyone in your family been placed in quarantine - NO  
# Have you had close contact with anyone exposed to the Coronavirus in the past 14 days - NO  
# If there are any positive responses, please have patient meet responders outside if able -  
\*\*\*\*\*UNABLE TO DETERMINE ACCURACY OR PROPERLY ASK QUESTIONS DUE TO  
UNCOOPERATIVE CALLER AND INTOX\*\*\*\*\*  
-- From 05/11/2020 02:27:27 To 05/11/2020 02:28:33 Disp R336 --  
8556 reports squad on scene  
-- From 05/11/2020 02:31:07 To 05/11/2020 02:31:21 Disp R321 --  
8560 REPORTS OTHER PARTY INVOLVED IN APT 319. FEMALE PARTY HE IS WITH IS HIGHLY  
INTOX  
-- From 05/11/2020 02:36:51 To 05/11/2020 02:37:34 Disp R321 --  
--Update From Unit 241 --  
Enroute to 01 METRO CLV HTS at 05/11/2020 02:38:59  
-- Clearance From Unit 241 05/11/2020 02:47:18 --  
INQ  
8564 TRANSPORTING NANCY HOME TO 2681 NOBLE S/M: 48700  
-- From 05/11/2020 02:52:14 To 05/11/2020 02:52:34 Disp R333 --



Units / Times

Unit: Dispatch Route: Arrive: Cleared: Patient: Leave: Hospital: In Service: Quarters: Badge1 Badge2: Agency

New Location 8564 05/11/2020 02:53:03 2681 NOBLE

8564 END TRANSPORT E/M 48702

-- From 05/11/2020 02:58:13 To 05/11/2020 02:58:35 Disp R333 --

BOTH PARTIES WERE INVOLVED IN A DISTURBANCE, NEITHER PARTY WISHED FOR ANY FURTHER POLICE ACTION. NANCY WAS DROPPED OFF AT HER RESIDENCE ON NOBLE

-- From 05/11/2020 03:01:42 To 05/11/2020 03:02:13 Disp R333 --

# Cleveland Heights

Incident Number

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## Persons Involved with Incident

Incident #:	Relation:	Arrest #:	CAD #:	Date of Contact:	Phone:		
			2030059765	05/11/2020			
First Name:	Middle	Last Name:	Til:	DOB:	SSN:	Pager:	
NANCY	M	WHITE		04/10/1958			
Street #:	Street Name:	Apt:	City:	St:	Zip:	Cell Phone:	Employee Phone:
1910	S.TAYLOR		CLEVELAND	OH	44118		
Hgt:	Wgt:	Hair:	Eyes:	Race:	Sex:	Physical Marks:	
				B	F		

Offenses:

Resident Class:	Suspected of using:	Victim Type:
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Incident #:	Relation:	Arrest #:	CAD #:	Date of Contact:	Phone:		
			2030059765	05/11/2020			
First Name:	Middle	Last Name:	Til:	DOB:	SSN:	Pager:	
DEBORAH	A	JOHNSON		07/14/1964			
Street #:	Street Name:	Apt:	City:	St:	Zip:	Cell Phone:	Employee Phone:
25220	CHARDON		RICHMOND HTS	OH	44143		
Hgt:	Wgt:	Hair:	Eyes:	Race:	Sex:	Physical Marks:	
503	205	BRO	BRO	B	F		

Offenses:

Resident Class:	Suspected of using:	Victim Type:
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Reviewing Supervisor:

Bureau Supervisor:

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Officer:

# Cleveland Heights

40 Severance Circle Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 216-321-1234

## Incident / Offense Report

Incident Number

**20-01485**

Method Received

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Time Received

**10:52:03**

Time Dispatched

**10:53:44**

Time Arrived

**10:53:47**

Time Cleared:

**10:53:47**

Report Date / Time

Date

Time

Incident Occurred From

Date

Time

Incident Occured To

Date

Time

**Monday 05/11/2020****12:00:00****Monday 05/11/2020****02:00:00****Monday 05/11/2020****10:52:03**

Location of the Incident (Street #, Street, Apt. #, City, State, Zip)

**25 SEVERANCE CIR 505 CLEVELAND HEIGHTS OH 44118**

Zone

**R**

Persons: **NANCY M WHITE - SUS**  
Involved: **DEBORAH A JOHNSON - VIC**  
**SISSY UNKNOWN - WIT**

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Property:

Amount:

Units: Officers:

1st: **8530 JAMES B HOOD**

2nd:

3rd:

4th:

5th:

Photos: **0**

Codes:

Descriptions:

**OFFENSES****1350****FELONIOUS ASSAULT**

Weapons Used:

**BLUNT OBJECT****HANDS, FEET, TEETH, ETC**

Trade Marks:

Hate Bias

Entry:

Location Type:

**Multiple Dwelling**

Refer to Arrest:

Incident #:

Tow#:

Dispatcher: **R317** Officer in Charge: **R310** Entry Id: **R317**

Case Status:

Cleared Date:

Cleared By:

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Assault reported at 25 Severance Crl, apt 505. C-8530 reports TCO.

**INV JAMES B HOOD**

Reviewing Supervisor:

Bureau Supervisor:

Officer:

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Persons Involved with Incident

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Incident #:	Relation:	Arrest #:	CAD #:	Date of Contact:	Phone:		
2001485	SUS			05/11/2020			
First Name:	Middle	Last Name:	Til:	DOB:	SSN:	Pager:	
NANCY	M	WHITE		04/10/1958			
Street #:	Street Name:	Apt:	City:	St:	Zip:	Cell Phone:	Employee Phone:
2681	NOBLE RD	7	CLEVELAND	OH	44121		
Hgt:	Wgt:	Hair:	Eyes:	Race:	Sex:	Physical Marks:	
507	200	BRO	BRO	B	F		
Offenses:	1350	FELONIOUS ASSAULT					

Resident Class:	Suspected of using:	Victim Type:
	/	

Incident #:	Relation:	Arrest #:	CAD #:	Date of Contact:	Phone:		
2001485	VIC			05/11/2020			
First Name:	Middle	Last Name:	Til:	DOB:	SSN:	Pager:	
DEBORAH	A	JOHNSON		07/14/1964			
Street #:	Street Name:	Apt:	City:	St:	Zip:	Cell Phone:	Employee Phone:
25	SEVERANCE CIR	505	CLEVELAND	OH	44118		
Hgt:	Wgt:	Hair:	Eyes:	Race:	Sex:	Physical Marks:	
503	205	BRO	BRO	B	F		
Offenses:	1350	FELONIOUS ASSAULT					

Resident Class:	Suspected of using:	Victim Type:
Resident	/	Individual

Incident #:	Relation:	Arrest #:	CAD #:	Date of Contact:	Phone:		
2001485	WIT			05/11/2020			
First Name:	Middle	Last Name:	Til:	DOB:	SSN:	Pager:	
SISSY		UNKNOWN					
Street #:	Street Name:	Apt:	City:	St:	Zip:	Cell Phone:	Employee Phone:
Hgt:	Wgt:	Hair:	Eyes:	Race:	Sex:	Physical Marks:	
				B	F		
Offenses:	1313	SIMPLE ASSAULT					

Resident Class:	Suspected of using:	Victim Type:
	/	

Reviewing Supervisor:

Bureau Supervisor:

INV JAMES B HOOD

Officer:

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*Property Involved with Incident*

Item #: Item :

001 BOTTLE OF WINE

NCIC#

Property Tag #

\*39968\*

Make:

Model:

Serial #:

Quantity: Unit Measure:

BAREFOOT

CABERNET

1.00

Value:

Owner Applied Number:

Type:

UCR Property Code:

Miscellaneous

NCIC Entry:

NCIC Remove:

Notes:

bottle used in assault. dried blood on all sides.

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Reviewing Supervisor:

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Bureau Supervisor:

INV JAMES B HOOD

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Officer:

# Cleveland Heights

Incident Number

20-01485

Investigative Report

Title / Subject: FELONIOUS ASSAULT

On 05/11/2020 at 1050hrs Deb'Orah Johnson-Butler came into the Cleveland Heights Police station to report an assault. She explained that at approximately 0200hrs this morning police responded to her residence, 25 Severance Crl Apt 505, for a disturbance. At that time information was gathered and Deb'Orah was transported to Metro Health for medical treatment. At this time Deb'Orah stated that wanted to pursue criminal charges against the female that had struck her and caused injuries.

Information was gathered from Deb'Orah and was explained to me as follows:

At around 2200hrs on 05/10/2020 several people arrived at her residence in Severance Crl to drink and smoke marijuana. After several hours Deb'Orah got tired and ask everyone to leave. One of the people, identified as Nancy Marie White(DOB:04/10/58) refused. After a brief discourse, Nancy lunged at Deb'Orah, who was sitting on the sofa, and struck her with an open hand and proceeded to scratch her face several times. Deb'Orah then began to push and strike Nancy in a defensive manner. At some point Nancy grabbed a large empty bottle of wine and struck Deb'Orah on the head. The strike to the head caused a deep cut that was bleeding. As they continued to struggle one of Deb'Orah's friend's, known as "Sissy" broke up the fight until police and EMS arrived on scene.

Deb'Orah was unable to write a statement out herself so she dictated the information detailing the incident to me. Upon reviewing the statement she agreed that it was accurate and signed the statement. After that police body cam was reviewed to gather further information. Details provided matched the information that was provided by Deb'Orah. When Nancy spoke she claimed that she had been injured as well but it appears from that bodycam that she could not identify any injuries and the blood that was on her body was that from Deb'Orah. Other people who were on scene also made comments indicating that Nancy acted as the primary aggressor in the incident. The injuries documented on Deb'Orah were several cuts to the face, broken blood vessel to her left eye, and a cut to the top of her head that required three staples.

A criminal complaint for Assault was completed by this Officer and signed by Deb'Orah.

Photographs of the injuries to Deb'Orah and the bottle of wine used in the assault were taken. Additionally the bottle of wine was collected as evidence.

Deb'Orah was provided the file information and advised to contact CHPD if further assistance was needed.

At 1425hrs Officer Saksa and I responded to the listed address for Nancy White, 2681 Noble Rd, Apt 7. After making entry into the apartment building our attempts to make contact with Nancy were met with negative results. There was a postal package placed directly in front of the door for apartment number 7 with Nancy White listed as the recipient, validating the address as hers.

See additional statements from responding officers for further details.

Det. Jakomin to review the incident to asses for possible Felonious Assault charges.

By: INV JAMES B HOOD

Badge# 8530

Date: 05/11/2020 Time: 11:55:0 No. 001 Page #: 4

Reviewing Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_