

Mayor Webster, President Vanover, and Elected Officials,

On February 26, 2021, Patrol Officer Jamison Kuenkel responded to SkyZone for a report of a domestic situation between Delrico Oliver and Koreen Wilson. Miss Wilson's 911 call indicated her children's father, Mr. Oliver, had threatened to assault her in front of her children and that he was going to take her phone to prevent her from calling the Police. Officers received additional information that he would take Miss Wilson's keys and flee from officers as he had warrants out for his arrest. Further, Miss Wilson also stated Mr. Oliver had already gotten aggressive with her in front of SkyZone employees. The entire time she was on the phone with Hamilton County Dispatch, Miss Wilson was in the bathroom hiding from Mr. Oliver. Eight (8) minutes into the phone call, the call was disconnected. When Patrol Officer Kuenkel arrived on the scene, he observed Miss Wilson and Mr. Oliver coming out of the women's restroom. Miss Wilson hid behind Patrol Officer Kuenkel, stating multiple times to "get him and do not let him leave."

While responding to the scene, Patrol Officer Eric Braden advised fellow officers via radio that Mr. Oliver was wanted for escape. Mr. Oliver provided Patrol Officer Kuenkel with a false name and false social security numbers. Mr. Oliver refused to cooperate with Patrol Officer Kuenkel and darted into the nearby restroom. Patrol Officer Kuenkel gave chase and ordered Mr. Oliver out of the stall he had gone into upon fleeing. By this time, Patrol Officer Braden and Sgt. Erik Langevin arrived on scene to assist Patrol Officer Kuenkel. Mr. Oliver refused multiple commands to exit the stall. He finally came out and was ordered to the ground for felony warrant(s). Mr. Oliver dove on the floor and tried to get past the officers. Officers attempted to gain control of Mr. Oliver, however he kept his hands underneath him, refusing to be placed in custody. Uncertain if Mr. Oliver was armed or not, officers gave Mr. Oliver numerous commands to show his hands and warned him that he would be tased. Mr. Oliver refused to comply and Patrol Officer Kuenkel applied a drive stun technique. Mr. Oliver continued to resist arrest and avoid being placed in custody for nearly three minutes prior to finally being placed in handcuffs by officers.

Once secured, officers immediately summoned EMS to evaluate Mr. Oliver. He was transported to a local hospital and cleared of injury. He was subsequently taken to the Hamilton County Justice Center and charged accordingly.

Patrol Officers Kuenkel and Braden both received minor injuries during the incident.

On Wednesday, March 10, 2021, Brian and I met with Chief Wells to review his internal findings. We gave consideration to all evidence provided and made the following determination. The application of force used by officers was reasonable for the circumstances in a tense and rapidly evolving situation. Officers exercised sound judgement, used good tactics, provided warnings, gave ample time for compliance, and followed all policies of the Springdale Police Department.

Mr. Oliver was charged with Domestic Violence, Resisting Arrest, Assault on a Police Officer, and Obstructing Official Business. In addition, he is also facing Felony Probation Violations and Felony Escape.

Respectfully Submitted,

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