City of Richmond, California
Community Police Review Commission
PUBLIC CASE SUMMARY

Case #	Date Received	Date Completed
2020-3 (Robinson)	5/18/2020	5/5/2021

CATEGORY OF CONDUCT: (check one)

Unnecessary Force	Racial Bias
X	

FINDING OF FACT: (brief summary of complaint and investigation)

On April 24, 2020, complainant Cassandra Robinson was involved in a fight between multiple parties in a family dispute on a public street, where several RPD officers responded. During the resulting melee, Robinson told an officer she was injured by one of the officers. On May 18, 2020, Robinson filed a complaint with the Richmond Community Police Review Commission, alleging "unnecessary force" and "excessive force" by an RPD officer during the incident.

Robinson was the mother of two participants in a physical fight that involved multiple RPD officers responding. It was a chaotic event where officers attempted to keep family members from assaulting one another and members of the public. During those events, Robinson ran across the street to intervene between her daughters and one of the daughters' partner. Robinson then attempted to assault the partner but was physically restrained by an officer, who pulled Robinson back by her arm. Robinson's complaint identified the involved officer incorrectly. Robinson resisted and pulled away while the officer held her arm., despite the officer's order to stop. During these events, Robinson appeared to have suffered an injury to her shoulder.

Given the totality of the circumstances evident from the investigative evidence, it is probable that the involved officer was justified in using force to the level employed in restraining Robinson. While the force may have injured Robinson, it likely was Robinson's resistance to that restraint that resulted in the injury to her shoulder. Accordingly, the Commission Exonerated the officer of the allegation.

RECOMMENDED FINDINGs: (check one)

SUSTAINED	NOT-SUSTAINED	UNFOUNDED	EXONERATED
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