

City of Richmond, California  
Community Police Review Commission

**PUBLIC CASE SUMMARY**

Case #	Date Received	Date Completed
2018-2 (Carrasco)	1/23/2018	1/12/2022

**CATEGORY OF CONDUCT:** (check one)

Unnecessary Force	Racial Bias
<u>X</u>	

**FINDINGS OF FACT:** (brief summary of complaint and investigation)

On January 23, 2018, RPD received a call for service from complainant Nora Carrasco requesting an officer respond to take a report of sexual assault of a minor. After a contentious telephone call with Carrasco, the dispatcher communicated to the assigned officers that Carrasco was “definitely 5150” without providing any factual basis that would support that determination. Responding officers met Carrasco and listened briefly to her tell about her allegations of sexual assault of her minor stepson by a relative. The lead officer then shifted to questioning Carrasco about her choices to walk to meet them rather than drive, her illness, her medication, and other issues related to her cognitive state, rather than her allegations of a crime.

Within 10 minutes, one officer requested from dispatch an ambulance to take Carrasco for a psychological evaluation under California Welfare & Institutions Code Section 5150. When the ambulance arrived, Carrasco became very agitated that she would be detained and that her allegations were not taken seriously. Carrasco verbally resisted her subsequent detention, but did not physically resist. Officers physically pulled her to the gurney and ordered her on it, then held down her hands to be restrained by straps. While she did not physically resist, Carrasco was quite clear that she was being detained against her will and considered her treatment to be assault.

The Commission first found that there was no objectively reasonable basis for the officers to detain Carrasco for a “5150” assessment, given that she was no threat to herself or others. Therefore, the Commission made a further finding of ***SUSTAINED*** for the unreasonableness of the force used by officers against Carrasco, since it was not employed to “accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose” as required by RPD policy.

**RECOMMENDED FINDINGS:** (check one)

**Unreasonable Force**

<u>SUSTAINED</u>	<u>NOT-SUSTAINED</u>	<u>UNFOUNDED</u>	<u>EXONERATED.</u>
<u>X</u>			