

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

Case #	Date Received	Date Completed
2022-5 (Paul)	11/10/22	4/5/23

CATEGORY OF CONDUCT: (check one)

Unreasonable Force	Discrimination	Sexual Harassment	Sexual Assault
<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		

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

Complainant, Meera Paul, complained that she was subject to discrimination and unreasonable force when RPD officers responded to her call requesting police assistance in the early morning hours of November 3, 2022. Paul alleged that the responding officer threatened to arrest her unless she walked back to her house with him and if she continued to call 911 or bother her neighbors, and that this constituted unreasonable force. Paul also alleged that she was refused service and treated poorly because she was an Asian woman.

An RPD officer initially responded to Paul’s call but was unable to locate her because she had moved her car down the street from her driveway. The officer returned about 20 minutes later and had an exchange with Ms. Paul, after which Paul told the officer to leave and she would call RPD later. The officer concluded that the call was not a high priority based on Paul’s uncooperative behavior. Paul subsequently called RPD dispatch and 911 numerous times over several hours demanding that officers be sent to assist her. After RPD received a call from Paul’s neighbors that she was disturbing them in the middle of the night, three RPD officers returned and engaged Paul once again. The officers searched and secured the residence and admonished Paul against the abuse of the 911 system and disturbing her neighbors. At no time did officers use physical force of any kind against Paul. Nor did the responding officer threaten to arrest Paul unless she walked back to her house with him. In addition, the evidence showed that the officer’s enforcement decisions were not motivated by the race or gender of Paul.

RECOMMENDED FINDINGS: (check one)

Discrimination

<u>SUSTAINED</u>	<u>NOT-SUSTAINED</u>	<u>UNFOUNDED</u>	<u>EXONERATED</u>
			<u>x</u>

Unreasonable Force

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