

**Audits of Body Worn Camera Footage  
Salt Lake City Police Department  
Pursuant to City Code 2.10.200  
January 2025**

**SUMMARY**

This memorandum constitutes a random audit, pursuant to City Code 2.10.200.E, of body worn camera recordings for the month of January 2025. The ordinance requires that any findings of material non-compliance with state law, City code and Police Department policy to be referred to the Chief of Police, the Mayor, the Council Chair, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, and the City Attorney.

The system used by the Department at the time this audit was conducted cannot randomly generate a body-worn camera (BWC) recording based on a particular timeframe. Because of that limitation, a random number generator was used to identify five case numbers (out of 5,205 case numbers) from the month. If a case number had multiple recordings for that case number, a recording was randomly selected for review.

**Body Worn Camera Reviews**

**Case No. 1**

**Summary**

Subject Officer is walking inside an underground parking lot and approaching a car with two men standing next to the car door, which was open. Loud screams can be heard. Subject Officer sees a partially clothed female lying across the front seat of the car. Subject female sits up and begins speaking unintelligibly to the Subject Officer. Subject female is breathing hard, constantly looking around. Subject Officer asks the subject female what is going on and patiently tells her that they are there to help her. Subject female suddenly begins to violently hit her head on the car frame and yell uncontrollably.

For the safety of the Subject female, the officers begin to restrain her as she is uncontrollably yelling and physically resisting restraints. Several officers are involved in restraining the Subject female in a WRAP restraint system. While restraining the Subject female, the officers continue to inform the Subject female that she is not in trouble and that they are trying to help her and get her medical attention. The Subject female is extremely agitated and continues to yell uncontrollably and physically resist. The officers place a head protector on the Subject female and cover her body with a blanket. Several officers pick her up and place her in a patrol car.

Subject Officer returns to Subject female's car, where other officers are retrieving clothes to take to the hospital for the Subject female. Subject Officer returns to car and drives out

of the parking lot and parks next to an ambulance. Medical staff have Subject female in the gurney as she continues to yell uncontrollably. A medical staff member asks if an officer can travel in the ambulance to assist with restraints, if needed. A police officer enters the ambulance with medical staff.

An officer informs other officers, including the Subject Officer, he spoke with the boyfriend. The boyfriend told the officer that the couple were at a live music venue and at 2230 the Subject female came out of bathroom “giggling and acting weird.” Then, at 0045, the Subject female stripped off all her clothes and began running naked through the area. The boyfriend said he chased her for about a half hour and finally called 911. That’s when the Subject female physically charged at the boyfriend. The boyfriend said that is when he was able to bring the Subject female to the car. The officer states that he believes the boyfriend was restraining the Subject female “for her own safety.” The officer says that the boyfriend informed him that the Subject female likely took acid.

While the officers are waiting for the ambulance to depart, the Subject Officer coordinates how officers will support the medical staff with the Subject female.

Subject Officer says, “going off until we get to the hospital” and turns off BWC.

## Finding

All officers appeared to comply with State law, City codes and Police Department policy. All officers involved treated the Subject female with compassion and respect. The Subject female was engaged in self-harm and exhibiting non-responsive behavior. It appears that the officers took her into protective custody for her own safety. The officers performed due diligence with investigating the situation and the boyfriend due to the potential for sexual violence and related crimes.

## **Case No. 2**

### Summary

Subject Officer approaches Subject male in a parking lot. The Subject male primarily speaks Spanish and asks the Subject Officer if he speaks Spanish. Subject Officer says he does not. The Subject male informs the Subject Officer that he is an Uber driver. He went inside the restaurant to get the food order and when he came back outside, his car was missing. Subject male says he had his keys with him, but it is a fob key and the car was still running when he went into the restaurant.

The Subject Officer asks if he has a “location tracker” on his vehicle, since it is an Uber vehicle. Subject male says he does have a tracker and then gives his phone to the Subject Officer to identify the last location of the stolen vehicle.

The Subject Officer looks around for cameras from other businesses. The Subject Officer uses google translate to communicate with the Subject male. Subject Officer tells dispatch to communicate with the South Salt Lake Police Department that the stolen vehicle may be going to South Salt Lake.

Subject Officer allows the Subject male to sit in his patrol car to get out of snow and fill out the required documents. Subject Officer is empathetic with Subject male's situation and patiently informs Subject male how to fill out the documents.

Another officer arrives on scene. Subject Officer is speaking with another person, possibly dispatch, informing them that vehicle is in Millcreek. The stolen vehicle does not seem to be moving and is possibly parked. Subject Officer then calls his supervisor on the phone and asks if he can take Subject male to the location of his car in Millcreek. Supervisor does not allow it. Rather the supervisor appears to drive to the location. Subject Officer describes to the supervisor the location of the stolen vehicle according to the tracker.

Another officer arrives and appears to have a video of the incident, which shows a person wearing all black clothing watching the Uber driver get out of the vehicle and go into the restaurant and then get into the vehicle and drive away. Subject Officer informs a person on a call (possibly another officer) of the description of the person seen on the video stealing the car.

Subject Officer receives phone call and is informed that the stolen vehicle was located, and person was still in the vehicle. The driver suddenly drove off at a high rate of speed when he saw police officers approaching. If the vehicle is turned off, it will not restart because Subject male still has the fob key.

Subject Officer lists the vehicle on the National Crime Information Center computer as stolen. Subject Officer explains the situation to Subject male. Subject Officer will continue to follow-up on paperwork and seeking the stolen vehicle and asks Subject male to wait in restaurant for a ride.

Subject Officer mumbles something and turns off BWC.

## Finding

All officers appeared to comply with State law, City codes and Police Department policy. The Subject Officer was extremely empathetic to the Subject male, while conducting a good investigation of the case.

### **Case No. 3**

#### Summary

Subject Officer gets out of his patrol car and starts speaking in Spanish to a female. The Subject female describes the situation to the Subject Officer and says that she was driving and felt her car was hit by another car. Subject female said she moved her car in a way to block the other car from departing the scene. Subject female said that a male and female.

were in the car and were yelling at her while she was taking photos and videos of the incident. Subject female shows the pictures and videos of the incident to the Subject Officer.

Subject Officer takes pictures of the Subject female's car, documenting the damage. Subject Officer informs Subject female that she will receive a link to download all the photos and videos as evidence and then provides her with information for her insurance and instructions on how to proceed.

Subject Officer says, "going off, end of contact" and turns off BWC.

#### Finding

The officer appeared to comply with State law, City code and Police Department policy. Subject Officer was very courteous to the Subject female and provided her with information to move forward with the case.

### **Case No. 4**

#### Summary

Subject Officer walks into a business and approaches a female who appears to work in the business. The female states that the business was robbed earlier that morning. Subject Officer asks Subject female if she also lives in the business and she responds no. Subject female, owner of the business, informs the Subject Officer that several articles were stolen from her store, and she shows him video of the incident on her phone. The video shows a female stealing articles from the business.

Subject Officer collects basic information and is very patient with Subject female and another employee as they describe what was stolen. Subject Officer provides details on the process for Subject female to follow up on the case and how to submit the video evidence using a link he provides. He provided information about the insurance process as well.

Subject Officer says, "end of contact" and turns off BWC.

## **Finding**

Subject Officer appeared to comply with State law, City codes and Police Department policy. The Subject Officer was courteous and empathetic throughout the encounter.

## **Case No. 5**

### **Summary**

Subject Officer is speaking with security personnel while watching a video on a laptop. They are in a residential building. The security video shows a person in a wheelchair and another person following them. Security personnel inform the Subject Officer and another officer that the woman in a wheelchair ran over a female's foot. Subject Officer goes to speak to the female whose foot was run over with the wheelchair. The female said that her foot was purposefully run over by the Subject female in the wheelchair and that she then pushed the female to stop from getting run over. Subject Officer informs the female that he saw the incident on video and believes that the Subject female did not intentionally run over her foot, and she should consider a less forceful response.

Subject Officer approaches the other officer who is interviewing the Subject female in the wheelchair. The Subject female wants the other female to get arrested for pushing her, but the officers inform her that the acts do not rise to criminal behavior and will not arrest her. Both officers inform Subject female that she should not overreact to the other female's behaviors, which may escalate the situation.

Subject Officer says, "end of contact" and turns off BWC.

### **Finding**

Both officers appeared to comply with State law, City codes and Police Department policy. The officers were respectful of all parties in a difficult situation. Both officers described what they saw on the security camera footage and explained why they would not take action but gave options on how the parties could appropriately respond to each other in the future.

## **CONCLUSION**

In all five cases that were reviewed, the audit found that police officers appeared to materially comply with City code, State law, and Police Department policies.