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04/23/2025, 15:06

INCIDENT REPORT

SAINT PAUL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Incident Overview

Case Status	: Closed	Occ Date From	: 12/26/2024, 20:48
Case Number	: 24-238481	Occ Date To	: 12/26/2024, 22:51
Reported Date	: 12/26/2024, 20:48:57	Resistance Encountered	: No
Location	: Edmund Avenue / Griggs Street N, St Paul		
Offenses	: Traffic Accident-Squad Car		

Incident Summary

Created by:		12/27/2024, 00:14
On 12/26/2024 at approximately 2048 hours, officers responded to an accident involving a squad car. Case under investigation.		

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Staff Involved

Officer	Type	BWC	ICC	Resistance Encounter	Force Used	Vehicle Pursuit
Cha, Noushue (111999)	Submitter, Primary	Yes	2085	No	No	No
Matsen, Michael (448500)	Submitter, Primary	Yes	2380	No	No	No
Mills, Tyler (461852)	Submitter, Primary	No		No	No	No
Banick, Gao (706799)	Submitter					
Dagenais, Chad (141500)	Submitter					
Mcmanus, Conor (432005)	Submitter					

Narratives

Narrative 1	Created by: CHA, NOUSHUE (111999)	12/27/2024, 00:26
<p>Synopsis :</p> <p>On 12/26/2024 at approximately 2048 hours, officers responded to an accident involving a squad car. Case under investigation.</p> <p>Narrative :</p> <p>On 12/26/2024 at approximately 2048 hours, I, squad 170 (CHA), responded to officers fighting with a suspect. As I was responding, I heard an officer stated he was involved in an accident over the radio. A short time later, the officers gained control of the suspect and I advised dispatch to send me the squad accident incident.</p> <p>Upon arrival, I noticed glare ice on Edmund Ave and Griggs St roundabout. I was traveling eastbound on Edmund Ave from Syndicate St to 1218 Edmund Ave. As I stepped on the brakes, my squad car was sliding forward before coming to a complete stop. Officer MENDEZ's squad car (23812) crashed into the front of 1218 Edmund Ave. I observed squad 174 (ALBERTO MENDEZ, DOB: 08/05/1997, 367 Grove St, C/P: 651-291-1111) sitting in the front steps of 1218 Edmund Ave. Squad B592 (TSCHIDA) applied a tourniquet to Officer MENDEZ's right leg. Officer MENDEZ sustained an approximately 1x1 inch laceration near his right knee. Officer MENDEZ was transported to Regions Hospital by SPFD (Medic#18, Run# 64782). It appeared the Officer Mendez's squad car slid onto the sidewalk, making impact with a small black fence and colliding into</p>		

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the house.

I spoke with the homeowner, CHALA TAYE AMENTE (DOB: 10/20/1980, 1218 Edmund Ave, C/P: 651-246-9452). AMENTE stated he was sitting in the living room with his children watching a movie. AMENTE then heard a loud bang and noticed his wall was broken. AMENTE said he went outside and saw a St. Paul police squad car had crashed into his home. AMENTE advised me no one was hurt during the time of the crash.

I handed AMENTE a business card with the case number on it.

SGT MATSEN was advised about this incident.

I took photographs of the incident. All the photos were later uploaded into Axon.com.

See other reports for further information.

Nothing further at this time.

Narrative 2

Created by: **MATSEN, MICHAEL (448500)**

12/27/2024, 00:14

Narrative :

On 12/26/24 at approximately 2048 hours I, Sgt. Matsen (squad 108) was made aware of a squad crash at Edmund and Griggs involving squad 174 (Mendez). Prior to the crash the officer involved was responding to an officer needs help call a few blocks to the East of the crash location.

While responding I heard an officer had requested medics to the scene and air that a tourniquet had been applied. Once I arrived on scene, I observed squad car #23812 in the front yard of 1218 Edmund. It appeared the squad had crashed through the front yard fence and came to rest against the front of the house. I observed officer Mendez sitting on the front steps with assisting officers attending to him. It was a single car, squad crash into the house. Officer Mendez had a tourniquet applied to his right leg. I asked officer Mendez how he was injured? He stated during the crash impact something jabbed into his right leg near his knee. He later told me he thought it could have been the laptop computer mount. I observed a deep laceration to his right knee area that was bleeding. I asked him how the crash happened? He told me he was responding to the officer help call near Edmund/Lexington. When he was traveling through the intersection of Edmund/Griggs at the roundabout he lost control on the icy street. The loss of control sent his squad car into the front yard at 1218 Edmund stopping when it collided with the house. I observed the intersection, and streets were very slippery with black ice conditions due to the thaw and refreeze happening.

I checked inside the struck house to ensure there were no injuries inside and assess the damage. The impact damaged the exterior wall and interior wall with insulation exposed in the front living room. SPFD examined the interior and exterior of the house and determined there were no chemical/gas leaks and the damage was not structural. Medics transported officer Mendez to Regions. I had officer McManus escort in the ambulance to take possession of officer Mendez's

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equipment. Officer McManus and Benner assisted officer Mendez until he was cleared at the hospital. Officer Cha took photos at the scene and spoke with the homeowner. Officer Cha wrote the state crash report.

910 advised that the crash scene would be mapped and reconstructed by the SPPD crime lab who would be responding. I remained on scene until Sgt. Dagenais arrived. Officer Mills remained at the scene with the crime lab until they finished to complete the vehicle tow to PSG.

I did not review the ICC to squad 23812 as it was still at the scene when this report was written.

First report of injury paperwork was completed for officer Mendez. See related reports for further

Narrative 3

Created by: **MILLS, TYLER (461852)**

12/27/2024, 00:25

Synopsis :

Tow Report

Narrative :

St. Paul squad was involved in an accident.

Narrative 4

Created by: **BANICK, GAO (706799)**

12/27/2024, 00:54

Narrative :

On 12/26/2024, I, Officer Gao Banick was called to assist with a crash investigation at Edmund Ave and Griggs Street North. Sergeant Ler Htoo and I arrived on scene at approximately 2230 hours. It should be noted roads were wet. Additionally, there was snow and ice patches on the roads. Sgt. Chad Dagenais documented the crash scene with a FARO 3D scanner. The 3D scanner files are stored on the Forensic Services Unit "T" drive. I documented the crash scene and damage to the house with digital photography and transferred the photographs to evidence.com.

Narrative 5

Created by: **MCMANUS, CONOR (432005)**

12/27/2024, 02:47

Synopsis :

MN Crash Report

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Narrative :

*** This is an automated report generated from MN Crash. To see the full details of this report, please refer to the MN Crash Report ***

v1 was traveling eastbound on Edmund ave towards Griggs St. v1 hit severe glare ice on the south side of the round-a-bout. v1 left the roadway and struck 1218 Edmund Ave. Minor injuries to driver of v1 and transported to hospital via ems.

Narrative 6

Created by: **DAGENAIS, CHAD (141500)**

12/31/2024, 19:36

Narrative :

I, Sgt. C. Dagenais, work in the Forensic Services Unit. On the date of the crash, I responded to the scene and mapped it with a FARO 3D Scanner.

On today's date, I created and uploaded a diagram via AXON.

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Participants / Persons

Person 1

City Of St. Paul (Business)
361 Grove Street, St. Paul, MN

Info

Participant Type : Owner
Business Name : City Of St. Paul

Associations

Vehicles

Role(s)	Association	Make	Model	Year
Towed	Owner	DODGE	DURANGO	2023

Person 2

City Of St. Paul (Business)
27 4th W, St. Paul, MN 55102

Info

Participant Type : Owner
Business Name : City Of St. Paul

Associations

Participants

Role(s)	Association	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Name Suffix	DOB
Driver	Employee	MENDEZ	ALBERTO			08/05/1997

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Vehicles

Role(s)	Association	Make	Model	Year
Involved	Owner	DODG	DURANGO	2023

Person 3

Alberto Mendez **DOB: 08/05/1997**
367 Grove Street, St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-291-1111

Info

Participant Type : **Driver**
Age : **27**
Gender : **Male**
Race : **White**
Hispanic : **Yes**

Phones

Home Phone : **651-291-1111**

Associations

Businesses

Role(s)	Association	Name	Type	Description
Owner	Employee	City of St. Paul	Government/Public	

Person 4

Chala Taye Amente **DOB: 10/20/1980**
1218 Edmund Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104-2522
Phone: 651-246-9452

Info

Phones

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Participant Type : **Other** Home Phone : **651-246-9452**
 Age : **44**
 Gender : **Male**
 Race : **Black**
 Hispanic : **No**

Physical Description

Height : **602**
 Weight : **210**
 Eye Color : **Brown**

Attributes

License / ID Number : **[REDACTED]**

Person 5

Alberto Mendez DOB: **08/05/1997**
367 Grove Street, St. Paul, MN 55104

Info

Participant Type : **Driver**
 Gender : **Male**

Attributes

License / ID Number : **[REDACTED]**

Person 6

City Of Saint Paul City Of Saint Paul
367 Grove Street, St. Paul, MN 55104

Info

Participant Type : **Owner**

Person 7

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Chala Taye Amente

DOB: 10/20/1980

Info

Participant Type : **Owner**

Gender : **Male**

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Businesses

Business 1

City Of St. Paul
361 Grove Street, St. Paul, MN

Role Type : Owner
Name : City Of St. Paul
Type : Government/Public

Associations

Vehicles

Role(s)	Association	Make	Model	Year
Towed	Owner	DODGE	DURANGO	2023

Business 2

City Of St. Paul
27 4th W, St. Paul, MN 55102

Role Type : Owner
Name : City Of St. Paul
Type : Government/Public

Associations

Participants

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Role(s)	Association	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Name Suffix	DOB
Driver	Employee	MENDEZ	ALBERTO			08/05/1997

Vehicles

Role(s)	Association	Make	Model	Year
Involved	Owner	DODG	DURANGO	2023

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Vehicles

Vehicle 1

Info

License# : **SAINT PAUL** Model : **DURANGO** VIN : [REDACTED]
 State : **MN** Year : **2023** Mileage : **1**
 Make : **DODGE** Color : **black**

Registration

Registered Address

House # : **361** Street : **GROVE** Suffix : **ST**
 City : **ST. PAUL** State : **MN**

Tow

Towing Contractor: **Twin City Transport and Recove**
 Where Towed : **City Lot**
 Vehicle Held : **No**
 Reason for Tow : **Accident**
 Forfeiture : **No**

Other Details

Seized For Forfeiture : **No**
 Vehicle Inventory : **Squad computer.**
 Estimated Value : **1**
 Vehicle Left Running : **No**

Associations

Businesses

Role(s)	Association	Name	Type	Description
Owner	Owner	City of St. Paul	Government/Public	

Vehicle 2

Info

License# : **SAINT PAUL** Model : **DURANGO** Type : **SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE**
 State : **MN** Year : **2023** VIN : [REDACTED]
 Make : **DODG** Color : **Black**

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Registration

Registered Address

House # : **1675** Street : **ENERGY PARK** Suffix : **DR**
City : **SAINT PAUL** State : **MN** Zip : **55108-2703**

Other Details

Vehicle Property Code : **Notapplicable**
Seized For Forfeiture : **No**
Vehicle Inventory : **N/A**
Vehicle Left Running : **No**

Associations

Businesses

Role(s)	Association	Name	Type	Description
Owner	Owner	City of St. Paul	Government/Public	

Vehicle 3

Info

License# : **POLICE** Model : **DURANGO** Type : **90**
State : **MN** Year : **2023** VIN : **[REDACTED]**
Make : **DODG** Color : **UNK**

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Property

Property 1			
Involvement Type	:	Recovered	Quantity : 1
Article Description	:	Vehicle	

Property 2			
Involvement Type	:	None	Model Number : DURANGO
Make	:	DODG	
Article Description	:	Vehicle	

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