

Columbus Police Department

Field Use-Of-Force Report

Reporting Officer Kenneth Rammage Employee No. [REDACTED]

Date 08/11/19 Time 1339 Nature of Contact Traffic [] 911 Call [] Self-Initiated [X]

Location 3114 Clover Lane, Columbus, GA 31903

Use of Force [] Deadly Force [] LLM Bean Bag [] OC Spray [X] Taser PIT []
Check All That Apply [] NLM Pepper Ball [] Hard Empty Hands [] Baton [] Stop Sticks
[] Restraint/Soft Empty Hands w/ Injury [] Weapon of Opp. (Specify) _____

Officers Who 1. Kenneth Rammage KWR 2. Sgt. Kevin Moore KMM

Used Force 3. _____ 4. _____

Suspect Data: Name Brandon Roberts Age 23

DOB [REDACTED] Race W Height 602 Weight 180 Sex M [X] F []

Charges, If any Criminal Damage to Property (2nd degree), Obstruction

Disposition (jail, hospital, etc.) Suspect escaped.

Officer Data: Name Kenneth Rammage

Age 27 Race W Height 506 Weight 230 Sex M [X] F []

Years of Service 0-3 [X] 4-7 [] 8-11 [] 12-15 [] 16-19 [] 20-23 [] 24-27 [] 28-31 [] 32+ []

Injured: Yes [] No [X] Describe _____

Officer Data: Name Sgt. Kevin Moore

Age 41 Race B Height 5'07 Weight 230 Sex M [X] F []

Years of Service 0-3 [] 4-7 [] 8-11 [X] 12-15 [] 16-19 [] 20-23 [] 24-27 [] 28-31 [] 32+ []

Injured: Yes [] No [X] Describe _____

Officer Data: Name _____

Age _____ Race _____ Height _____ Weight _____ Sex M [] F []

Years of Service 0-3 [] 4-7 [] 8-11 [] 12-15 [] 16-19 [] 20-23 [] 24-27 [] 28-31 [] 32+ []

Injured: Yes [] No [] Describe _____

RECEIVED

OCT 29 2019

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Subject Injured **PRIOR** To Incident YES ☐ NO ☒ Describe _____

Subject Injured **DURING** Incident YES ☒ NO ☐ Describe Tased in the legs but was able to escape police custody.

HOSPITALIZATION:

☒ NO Reason Suspect escaped

☐ YES Transport Via ☐ Police Vehicle No. _____ ☐ Ambulance No. _____

☐ Other _____

Hospital Name _____ Doctor's Name _____

Subject ☐ Admitted ☐ Treated & Released ☒ No Treatment

☐ Refused Treatment – Witness' Name _____

Witness' Title _____ Phone _____

WITNESS INFORMATION

1. NAME Officer Alonso Tevizo

ADDRESS 510 10th St, Columbus, GA 31904

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____

2. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____

3. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____

4. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____

Reporting Officer's Signature

Kenneth Rammage / Kevin Moore Sgt. Date 08/12/2019

Name of Supervisor Notified

Lt W. Holland By Sgt. Keven Moore

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Narrative of Circumstances

OFFICER NARRATIVE:

On 08/11/2019 at approximately 1315 hours, Officer Kenneth Rammage (2C5) was notified by Corporal Charles Alexander about an individual (Brandon Roberts, w/m, DOB: [REDACTED] with multiple warrants being at his mother's address. Earlier in the day police were dispatched to 3114 Clover Lane in reference to a domestic involving BRANDON and his mother (BARBARA Lopez, w/f, DOB: [REDACTED] Upon police arrival, BARBARA told police that BRANDON left and was last seen on a red bicycle, heading in an unknown direction. Corporal Charles Alexander and Officer Kenneth Rammage were unable to locate BRANDON in the area. At approximately 1300 hours, Corporal Alexander rode past the residence and noticed BRANDON's red bicycle out front. Corporal Alexander and Officer Rammage approached the residence and knocked on the front door. The residents inside informed police that BRANDON was inside of the house. Police asked for additional units to come to the scene because BRANDON is known for fighting police officers. Officer Alonso Trevizo arrived on scene. Shortly afterwards the residents informed all officers that BRANDON was trying to barricade himself in the attic. Police entered the residence and located BRANDON in the attic. BRANDON rigged the attic door to where police could not get it down. Police tried talking to BRANDON to get him to come down, but he refused. BRANDON was advised that if did not follow police commands that the necessary force would be used to get him to comply. Police also advised BRANDON that he had active warrants for:

Aggravated Stalking (felony)

Terroristic Threats X3 (felony)

Simple Battery (FV) (misdemeanor)

Harassing Phone Calls (misdemeanor)

Sergeant Keven Moore was notified about the incident and arrived on scene. BARBARA gave us permission to gain entry into the attic even if it caused damage to the door. We were able to get the stairs down and Sgt. Moore went up into the attic and located BRANDON in the front side of the residence but the space was too small for him to get into. Officer Trevizo went up into the attic and BRANDON started walking towards him acting like he was going to come out of the attic. BRANDON started acting weird again and would not listen to our commands still. Officer Trevizo attempted to place BRANDON into custody. Sgt. Moore told Officer Rammage to Tase BRANDON if he began to fight with Officer Trevizo. BRANDON started pulling away from Officer Trevizo and due to the attic space Officer Rammage was not fully able to get up and assist Officer Trevizo. BRANDON knocked a hole through the roof and at that time Officer Rammage deployed my Taser (S/N: X12G0372H), striking BRANDON in the leg. Cartridge S/N: C4107ETP0 for 5 seconds at 13:39:44 hours. The Taser had no effect on BRANDON and he was able to bust through the roof and get on top of the residence. BRANDON then jumped off of the roof onto a vehicle and then jumped over a fence. Sgt. Moore began chasing BRANDON over the fence and about that time myself and Officer Trevizo started chasing BRANDON through the woods, near 32nd Street and Clover Lane. BRANDON was last seen wearing no shirt, gray boxer shorts and no tennis shoes. We were unable to locate BRANDON.

Officer Rammage was able to locate the discharged taser cartridge and logged it into Property and Evidence. I obtained warrants on BRANDON for Criminal Damage to Property (FV) and Obstruction.

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Supplement to Field Use-of-Force Report Taser Usage Report

Complaint No. 19-021592 Date 8/11/2019 Time 1339 hours

Person Tased Roberts, Brandon (W/M, [REDACTED])

Officer Who Used Taser Ofc. Kenneth Rammage

Number of Cycles Used 1 cycle

Taser Serial No. X12G0372H Taser Cartridge No. C4107ETP0

Location Where Probes Struck Person leg

Photographs Taken By suspect fled on foot, not apprehended, no photos taken

EMS Unit No./Crew EMS not called to scene due to suspect escaping

Who Removed Probes N/A (Suspect escaped)

Medical Issues Brought to Attention of Officer N/A (Suspect escaped)

Medical Treatment Rendered N/A (Suspect escaped)

Disposition (jail, hospital, etc.) Suspect fled on foot and was not located; warrants issued.

**EVIDENCE SYNC™****TASER Information**

Serial X1200372H
Model TASER X26P
Firmware Version Rev. 04.010
Application Version 3.15.104
Health Good

Offline Report

Local Timezone Eastern Daylight Time (UTC -04:00)
Generated On 12 Aug 2019 09:20:21

Device (X26P)

Seq #	Local Time [DD:MM:YYYY hh:mm:ss]	Event [Event Type]	Duration [Seconds]	Temp [Degrees Celsius]	Batt Remaining [%]
1	26 Apr 2015 16:50:03	Power Magazine Change	Manufacturing S/N: XXXXX6 Battery capacity: 100%		
2	26 Apr 2015 16:50:03	Firmware Update	FW Bundle, Rev. 04.010, 7/23/14		
3	26 Apr 2015 16:50:03	Firmware Update	MC, Rev. 04.010, 7/23/14		
4	26 Apr 2015 16:50:03	Firmware Update	LDR, Rev. 04.009, 7/22/14		
5	26 Apr 2015 16:50:03	Firmware Update	HVM, Rev. 01.022, 6/6/14		
6	26 Apr 2015 16:50:03	Armed		30	100
7	26 Apr 2015 16:50:17	Safe	14	31	99
8	26 Apr 2015 16:50:28	Power Magazine Change	Manufacturing S/N: DPM000 Battery capacity: 100%		
9	26 Apr 2015 16:50:28	Armed		30	100
10	26 Apr 2015 16:50:29	Safe	1	30	100
11	26 Apr 2015 17:02:17	Armed		28	100
12	26 Apr 2015 17:02:18	Trigger	5		100
13	26 Apr 2015 17:02:25	Trigger	5		99
14	26 Apr 2015 17:02:31	Trigger	5		99
15	26 Apr 2015 17:02:37	Trigger	5		99
16	26 Apr 2015 17:02:44	Trigger	5		99
17	26 Apr 2015 17:02:50	Trigger	5		99
18	26 Apr 2015 17:02:56	Trigger	5		99
19	26 Apr 2015 17:03:02	Trigger	5		99
20	26 Apr 2015 17:03:08	Trigger	5		99

Seq #	Local Time [DD:MM:YYYY hh:mm:ss]	Event [Event Type]	Duration [Seconds]	Temp [Degrees Celsius]	Batt Remaining [%]
2031	04 Aug 2019 10:54:15	Safe	7	33	99
2032	11 Aug 2019 13:39:42	Armed		36	99
2033	11 Aug 2019 13:39:44	Trigger	5		99
2034	11 Aug 2019 13:39:49	Safe	7	35	99
2035	11 Aug 2019 13:40:17	Armed		36	99
2036	11 Aug 2019 14:00:24	PowerSave	20 Min Weapon Timer		
2037	11 Aug 2019 14:58:24	PowerSave Exit			
2038	12 Aug 2019 09:17:13	USB Connected			
2039	12 Aug 2019 09:18:37	Time Sync	12 Aug 2019 09:17:15 to 12 Aug 2019 09:18:37		

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Supervisor's Field Use-Of-Force Report

Supervisor Reporting Lt. Wendy Holland Employee No. [REDACTED]
Reporting Officer Kenneth Rammage Employee No. [REDACTED]

SUSPECT DATA Name Brandon Roberts Age 26
DOB [REDACTED] Race W Height 6'02 Weight 180 Sex M X F
Charges, If Any
Disposition of Suspect fled on foot (warrants issued)

Circumstances:

Roberts had felony warrant issued by CPD. Officer were dispatched to his mother's residence stating that Roberts was hiding in the attic. Officers attempted to get Roberts out of the attic be he refused to follow any commands.

Officers Who 1. Kenneth Rammage 2. Sgt. Keven Moore
Used Force 3. 4.

SUPERVISOR'S INVESTIGATION

Deviations From Columbus Police Department Policies or Rules YES ☐ NO ☒
Tactics or Actions Should Be Reviewed YES ☐ NO ☐

SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Based on the circumstances of this incident and my investigation this use of force incident is classified as:

- ☒ Justified – The investigation's findings reveal the act or acts did occur, but were within department policy and guidelines.
- ☐ Not Justified – The investigation's findings reveal sufficient evidence that the use of force violated department policy and guidelines. Disciplinary Action report is attached.
- ☐ Needs Further Investigation – Refer to the Office of Chief of Police for review and assignment.

CHAIN OF COMMAND APPROVAL

9/30/19

Date Received

W. Holland Lt.

Investigating Supervisor

9/30/19

Date Received

W. Holland Lt.

Investigating Supervisor's Lieutenant

10/04/19

Date Received

Herrman Miles

Bureau Captain

Bureau Major

10/28/19

Date Received

Mgor C 15-9

Signature

Assistant Chief

10-28-19

Date Received

MM

Signature

Chief of Police

10-24-19

Date Received

RT

Signature

Professional Standards

12.12.19

Date Received

J.D. Blackma

Signature

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Narrative of Investigation

INITIAL CALL

On 08/11/2019 around 1315 hours police were dispatched to 3114 Clover Lane in reference to a wanted person (Report #19-021592).

INTERVIEW WITH OFFICER KENNETH RAMMAGE:

Earlier in the day police were dispatched to 3114 Clover Lane in reference to a domestic involving BRANDON Roberts (W/M, DOB: [REDACTED] and his mother (BARBARA Lopez, w/f, DOB: [REDACTED]. Upon police arrival, BARBARA told police that BRANDON left and was last seen on a red bicycle, heading in an unknown direction. Corporal Charles Alexander and Officer Kenneth Rammage were unable to locate BRANDON in the area. At approximately 1300 hours, Corporal Alexander rode past the residence and noticed BRANDON's red bicycle out front. Corporal Alexander and Officer Rammage approached the residence and knocked on the front door. The residents inside informed police that BRANDON was inside of the house. Police asked for additional units to come to the scene because BRANDON is known for fighting police officers. Officer Alonso Trevizo arrived on scene. Shortly afterwards the residents informed all officers that BRANDON was trying to barricade himself in the attic. Police entered the residence and located BRANDON in the attic. BRANDON rigged the attic door to where police could not get it down. Police tried talking to BRANDON to get him to come down, but he refused. BRANDON was advised that if did not follow police commands that the necessary force would be used to get him to comply. Police also advised BRANDON that he had active warrants for:

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Terroristic Threats X3 (felony)
Simple Battery (FV) (misdemeanor)
Harassing Phone Calls (misdemeanor)

Officer Trevizo notified Sergeant Keven Moore about the situation that they were dealing with and Sgt. Moore came to the scene. BARBARA, the homeowner, gave police permission to gain entry into the attic even if it caused damage to the door.

Police were able to gain access to the stairs to the attic and Sgt. Moore went up into the attic and located BRANDON in the front side of the house, but the space was too small for him to get into. Sgt. Moore had Officer Trevizo replace him in the attic because he was a smaller size officer. Officer Trevizo went up into the attic and BRANDON started walking towards him acting like he was going to come out of the attic and surrender. BRANDON started acting weird again, as he got closer to Officer Trevizo, and would not follow any commands. Officer Trevizo attempted to place BRANDON into custody, but BRANDON started pulling away from Officer Trevizo. Because of the limited space Officer Rammage was unable to assist Officer Trevizo. After Officer Trevizo's attempt to gain control of BRANDON, BRANDON punched a hole through the roof, at which time Officer Rammage deployed his department issued Taser (S/N: X12G0372H) striking BRANDON in the leg (Cartridge S/N: C4107ETP0) for 5 seconds at 13:39:44 hours. The Taser had no effect on BRANDON, and he was able to elude arrest through the hole he made in the roof. BRANDON then jumped off of the roof onto a vehicle and then jumped over a fence on the east side of the residence. Sgt. Moore began chasing BRANDON over the fence, but BRANDON made it to 32nd Street and began running north. About that time Officer Rammage and Officer Trevizo saw BRANDON running north on 32nd Street and they took over the foot pursuit. Officer Trevizo and Officer Rammage chased BRANDON through the woods until they lost sight of him.

INTERVIEW WITH OFFICER ALONSO TREVIZO:

On 08-11-2019 at approximately 1320 hours, Officer Trevizo (2C4) was notified by Cpl. C. Alexander that a Mr. BRANDON Roberts (W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]) was on scene at 3114 Clover Lane.

Upon my arrival Cpl. Alexander and Officer Rammage were on scene standing outside the residence. When Officer Trevizo arrived on scene, they discovered that BRANDON had barricaded himself in the attic of the residence. Officers were granted permission to walk inside and talk to BRANDON. BRANDON was yelling and refused multiple times to come down from the attic and speak to police. Officer Trevizo informed Sgt. K. Moore and he arrived on scene and spoke to BRANDON. BRANDON continued to refuse to come down from the attic at which time Sgt. Moore and Officer Rammage were able to lower the foldable staircase from the attic. Officers discovered BRANDON damaged the ceiling and had created a hole through the roof of the house.

Officer Trevizo went up the stairway and observed BRANDON crouching down to his right side. Officer Trevizo gave BRANDON multiple commands to stop moving and to

get down. BRANDON appeared to be agitated because he was yelling, profusely sweating, and looking around the attic. Officer Trevizo attempted to grab BRANDON when he lunged across the attic to exit through the hole he had made in the roof of the house. At that time, Officer Rammage deployed his department issued Taser striking BRANDON in the legs. The Taser was ineffective, allowing BRANDON to crawl through the hole and get on the roof of the house. Officer Trevizo heard through his police radio that BRANDON jumped from the roof of the house to the ground and fled on foot north on Clover Lane. Officer Trevizo attempted to catch BRANDON but lost sight of him after a foot pursuit.

Officer Trevizo had previous knowledge that BRANDON had outstanding warrants for aggravated stalking, terroristic threats, simple battery, and harassing phone calls.

INTERVIEW WITH SERGEANT KEVIN MOORE:

Sgt. Moore was informed by Officer Trevizo that they had a suspect who had barricaded himself in the attic that had multiple warrants. Sgt. Moore went to 3114 Clover Lane and discovered that BRANDON Roberts was indeed barricaded in the attic. Sgt. Moore spoke with BRANDON's mother who stated that they could get in the attic by any means. Sgt. Moore informed BRANDON that they were coming up and he stated that he did nothing wrong and that they should leave. BRANDON's mother stated that BRANDON may have taken some unknown drug that is making him paranoid.

Sgt. Moore was the first to make entry into the attic. When Sgt. Moore went into the attic BRANDON was in a very small crawl space that Sgt. Moore knew Officer Rammage nor Sgt. Moore could fit in. Officer Trevizo was outside watching the perimeter and Sgt. Moore asked him to come in the attic to help get BRANDON into custody. Sgt. Moore came down from the attic and explained to Officer Trevizo that Sgt. Moore was too large to get in the space that BRANDON was concealing himself and Sgt. Moore needed him to get BRANDON into custody. While talking to Officer Trevizo and Officer Rammage, BRANDON kept making statements that ensured that he was not going to comply with any police commands.

Sgt. Moore did not re-enter the attic, because Sgt. Moore felt that three people in the attic would be too much stress for the ceiling, so Officer Trevizo entered alone. Officer Rammage was at the bottom of the attic stairs, waiting to assist Officer Trevizo with the arrest if needed. Sgt. Moore informed Officer Rammage to tase BRANDON if he began fighting with Officer Trevizo in the attic.

While Officer Trevizo was talking to BRANDON, Sgt. Moore could hear BRANDON moving in the attic. Officer Trevizo convinced BRANDON to come to him. As BRANDON got close to Officer Trevizo, Officer Trevizo grabbed BRANDON and tried to get him into custody. BRANDON was extremely sweaty and got out of Officer Trevizo's grasp. At this point Sgt. Moore heard Officer Rammage deploy his department issued Taser. It was unclear what happened next but, Sgt. Moore heard Officer Trevizo state that BRANDON was on the roof. Sgt. Moore ran outside and initiated a foot pursuit. Sgt. Moore eventually lost sight of BRANDON in the wood line at 32nd Street and Clover Lane.

TASER DOWNLOAD:

Officer Rammage went to the Training Division on 08-12-19 as instructed and had his Taser downloaded. On 08-11-19 there was only one use of the Taser:

13:39:42 for 5 seconds

VIDEO FOOTAGE:

A review of the body cameras matched the statements given from the Officers and Sergeant.

DE-ESCALATION:

Officers tried several times to de-escalate the situation, by asking BRANDON to come out of the attic under his own power and explaining what may happen if he kept refusing to follow police commands. BRANDON stated that he understood but still refused to follow any of the Officers commands.

After my investigation was completed, I found Sgt. Moore and Officer Rammage's usage of the Taser as **JUSTIFIED**.