

Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: FCPD

Case Number: 2020-2630096

Date: 9/21/2020 06:34:30

Incident Information

Date/Time Reported 09/19/2020 12:35	Date/Time 09/19/2020 12:35	Date/Time	Officer BUI, Q.
Incident Location 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035			Supervising Officer NORTON, J.
Disposition			Case Status SERVICE
Weather and Light Conditions CLEAR/DAYLIGHT			4777

Events

1	Charge Type	Description SERVICE - POLICE SERVICE	Statute SERV-1	UCR 999	Att <input type="checkbox"/> Com
Alcohol, Drugs or Computers Used <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Computers		Criminal Activity	Forced Entry <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Weapons 1. 2. 3.	
Entry	Exit	Security	How Left Scene	Location Type OTHER	
Bias Motivation		Bias Target	Bias Circumstances	Hate Group	

Other Persons Involved

Name Code Complainant	Seq. # 1	Name (Last, First, M) ERB, ROB			
Race W	Sex M	DOB	SSN		
Address			Home Phone	Cell Phone (571) 326-6691	
Employer Name/Address FAIRFAX COUNTY /				Business Phone	

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Notes/Narratives

On Saturday, September 19, 2020 at about 12:35 hours, I responded to the Government Center for a call for service that advised protesters were preventing voters from voting. The initial call came from Mr. Ron Erb of Fairfax County FMD. I initially responded by staging nearby at the Herrity Building and called Mr. Erb by telephone. Mr. Erb advised me that a group of pro-Donald Trump protesters were in front of the government center building and some were not standing on the grassy center island in front of the building but standing on the paved traffic roundabout area, which was not a designated protest area, according to him. This group of protesters were from a "Trump Train" event, which is a type of event that meets at a designated location by planners and then usually involves driving around in a caravan of vehicles displaying pro-Trump regalia.

I then responded in person in front of the government center building with only Captain Darrell Nichols (DO01) to meet with Mr. Erb in person. At the time, I was able to personally observe a total of about 30-40 protesters. The majority of them were standing on the grassy island (per Mr. Erb's previous request) and some were standing on the paved roundabout. The ones on the paved roundabout were conversing with others and/or taking photographs. Mr. Erb advised me that he called police because he was getting complaints from voters that they felt intimidated by their presence. I specifically asked Mr. Erb what he meant when he stated they were "preventing" the voters from voting. Mr. Erb advised that initially, the protesters were on the brick walkway in front of the government center which he explains was not an area for any political party unless they have reserved space and the rest of the space must be kept clear. And he advised he had received complaints from voters that felt intimidated when they walked up to the front of the building. It should be noted that there was not actual blocking of doors or actual preventing of any voter from entering the building and there were multiple pathways that were unobstructed to get into the building, to include both sides of the government center from the parking lots.

In the few minutes that Captain Nichols and I were speaking to Mr. Erb, the crowd of pro-Trump protesters were starting to leave the area back to their vehicles and leave. This is likely because this event was only planned for a certain time window. I was also able to hear at least one member of the group tell someone "We're all about done here" as they were walking away, indicating that their event is concluding.

Also during this time, an older community member, (W/M, approx 80 yo, in a multicolor taffetta jacket) approached Captain Nichols and I and said to the effect: "You all need to break them up! They're intimidating voters" I explained to this community member that we were having a discussion about the issue and his grievance had been heard and noted. He continued to say that the group needed to be broken up. He walked away and engaged one of the members of the group in conversation/argument but I could not hear what was being said by him.

As the crowd continued to dwindle, Captain Nichols and I left the area of the government center per his direction. At about 13:43 hours, we were notified by Captain Dalton Becker by phone that there were only 4 protesters left and there were no other issues.

It should be noted that at 13:44 hours, DPSC received a call from [REDACTED], claiming that there were protesters blocking voters.

And at 14:20 hours, DPSC received another call from [REDACTED] advising there were people blocking the entrance. I again verified with Captain Becker that there was no incident of such nature going on at the time and there were only 3 protesters that were present in an area they were allowed to be.

This may be an attempt to elicit an improper police department response and/or others are seeing this on social media and calling DPSC not realizing the up to the minute realities of the event.

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This report is simply meant to document our response to this event and the only interaction we had on scene was with Mr. Erb and the aforementioned community member. Many people thanked us for being there and for the context of this narrative, that was not considered an interaction.

Notes/Continuation

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Supplement Information

Supplement Date 09/19/2020 16:47:05	Supplement Type OFFICER SUPPLEMENT	Supplement Officer BUI, Q.
Contact Name		Supervising Officer NORTON, J.

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Supplement Notes

To add further information and clarification. The Government Center was the site of early voting/absentee voting that began earlier this week.

There was no event to protest. The group seemed to be present at the government center as a show of support for Trump and be demonstrators rather than protesters. There was no readily appearant group present to be counter-protesters either.