

# Santa Clara Police

## Training Flash



### USE OF PROFANITY...



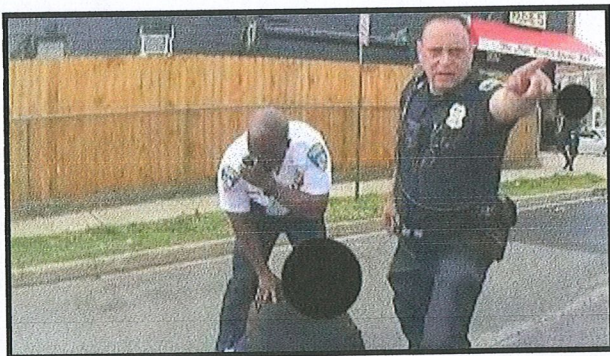
**"SHOW ME YOUR FUCKING HANDS"**

VS



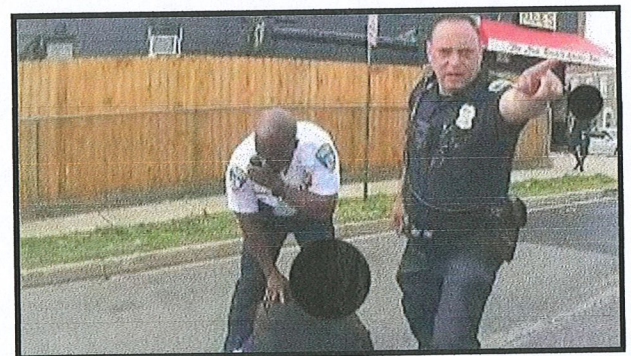
**"STOP RESISTING SIR"**

In today's climate, police interactions with the public have been highly publicized and critiqued. Unprofessional conduct is one of the main reasons for citizen's complaints. When police use profanity during an arrest, they are viewed by the public as unprofessional and uncontrolled. It also changes their (and prospective jurors) perception of your actions as to the level of force used. The attached article, "Police Profanity and Public Perception of Use of Force" cites a study that found perceptions of the same actions by officers changing solely on language used. Thus, an acceptable incident could be deemed "excessive" merely by using profanity.



**"GET THE FUCK BACK"**

VS



**"MA'AM GET BACK"**

#### **TRAINING POINT:**

In addition to the reduction of allegations or judgments of excessive force, as a Santa Clara Police Officer, we pride ourselves on maintaining our professionalism and discipline, no matter the circumstance. We do this out of respect for ourselves, our profession and our community. For these reasons, the use of profanity in public is unacceptable.

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