



VILLAGE OF PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



TO: Sgt. Brian Truhlar
Romeoville Police Department

FROM: Cmdr. Ken Ruggles #105
Plainfield Police Department

DATE: 9 June 2020

SUBJECT: Actions of Officer Kevin Heiden on 1 June 2020, Naperville Incident #2020-4536

On Monday, June 1st, 2020 at 1400 hours, I responded to a request for ILEAS activation to the City of Naperville for a protest in their town. I assumed the duties of Squad Leader for ILEAS Squad #2 that day and was given command of the following Officers: Ofc. Nicholas Vandal—Elwood PD, Dpty. Craig French—Kendall County, Ofc. Brian Morrison—New Lenox PD, Dpty. Joel Campbell—Will County, Ofc. Chris Jeka—Yorkville PD, Ofc. Kevin Heiden—Romeoville PD, Ofc. Chris Kuehlem—Yorkville PD, and Ofc. Stephen Chlebek—Mokena PD.

We arrived in Naperville at 1430 hours and were assigned to staging at the Naperville Police Department. At 1730 hours, we moved to the Naperville City Hall and assisted with providing breaks to Naperville Officers securing the perimeter of the City Hall. At 1930 hours, my squad was attached to Naperville Sergeant Dan Fisher. Under Sgt. Fisher's direction we moved into the downtown area and responded to various groups protesting throughout the downtown area.

At approximately 2330 hours, my squad was eastbound on Jefferson Ave approaching Main Street, when people in the street began shouting to us that a man had been stabbed and pointing towards Main Street. My squad responded to the southwest corner of the intersection and found a man lying on the sidewalk at the corner. The male was latter identified by a bystander as Jai Taylor of Naperville, IL. A second male was holding a towel across the left side of Taylor's stomach. I ordered my squad to move people back from Taylor and form a workspace clear of bystanders and protestors. As the squad moved people back, Officer Kevin Heiden knelt next to Taylor and removed the towel. I observed a knot of Taylor's intestines protruding from an open wound on the left side of his abdomen. Officer Heiden produced a pressure dressing/bandage from his first aid kit and applied it to Taylor's wound. Heiden held pressure on the wound until the arrival of TEMS Medics from Naperville's SRT unit. Heiden assisted the TEMS Medics in dressing the wound, loading Taylor onto a portable litter and carrying him to their armored vehicle for extraction. Officer Heiden then rejoined our squad and we continued responding to reports of vandalism and looting.

Officer Heiden displayed quick thinking and selfless service to Mr. Taylor in dressing the wound and maintaining pressure on it until directed by the TEMS Medics. Throughout this incident my squad was surrounded by protestors who shouted and heckled the officers; even blaming us for the injuries to Taylor. Officer Heiden maintained his focus on protecting Taylor and treating his injuries to the best of his ability and resources. I commend Officer Heiden for his actions that night.

Sincerely,

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