



ICMS #: 2020-1019

June 17, 2020

**Complaint:** The Office of Police Oversight received an online complaint from [REDACTED] stating as follows:

“Hi I wanted to file a complaint about a use of excessive force by the Austin Police Department on predominantly young people who were protesting [REDACTED] as an act of civil disobedience to object to the current state of affairs between the police and civilians. Myself, along with nearly 30-40 other protestors on [REDACTED]. People were kneeling and non violent. A helicopter warned us of tear gas being used. The police fired the tear gas, a toxic chemical weapon banned in war, which hurt many of us and was carried by the wind towards the protestors on the ground who were also affected by it. As we were heading away from the police, they started unleashing less lethal rounds on the backs of protestors. They fired from my count listening to the video, nearly 60 rounds. These are the same bullets which almost killed fellow protestors. This department acted ruthlessly and potentially threatened the lives of their civilians. To add onto this, the APD Twitter account publicly lied about using tear gas on us. On their Twitter. Which is why they will be defunded.”