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3 face charges in beating case

Chief releases videos of South Dallas arrest, says 2 officers lied in reports, another adjusted camera

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Three Dallas police officers face criminal charges after two were accused of beating a motorcyclist after a chase and lying about it in reports and a third adjusted an in-car camera to conceal a portion of the controversial arrest, Chief David Brown said Wednesday.

The chief also released two in-car videos, one of which shows Southeast Patrol

Officers Kevin Ray Randolph and Paul Gregory Bauer beating Andrew Joseph Collins, 28, with a baton and fists on the side of a South Dallas street on the night of Sept. 5.

The second video shows Officer Henry Walter Duetsch move an in-car camera as he whistles. Police believe it is Collins who is then heard moaning on that video. Collins, who was arrested on multiple charg-

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A police dash-cam video shows the first officer who approached Andrew Joseph Collins (not visible) raising his baton to strike him Sept. 5 on a South Dallas street.



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es, suffered bruising and blood clotting, Brown said.

"I can tell you from what I've seen and heard, this kind of behavior is absolutely, absolutely unacceptable," Mayor Tom Leppert said Wednesday at a luncheon of the Dallas Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Investigators will recommend to the district attorney that Randolph, Bauer and Duetsch be charged with felony tampering or fabricating physical evidence. Police also are seeking misdemeanor charges of assault and official oppression against Randolph and Bauer.

Brown also fired Randolph, who was on probationary status as a relatively new officer. Bauer and Duetsch are on administrative leave and face internal affairs investigations to determine possible discipline, which could include firings. Brown made the announcement at news conference hours before a meeting with community leaders about the incident.

The attorney for Randolph and Duetsch, Haakon Donnelly, declined to comment. Bauer's attorney defended the officer's actions.

"Based on what I saw, it appears to me that Bauer's actions are reasonable," attorney John Haring said. "They have a right to use reasonable force to get the guy's hands out and get him handcuffed."

FBI's role

The FBI has launched a civil rights investigation at Brown's request. But the chief has said he did not see evidence of a racial motivation in the beating. Collins is black; the three officers facing criminal charges are white.

"I am appealing to the calmer voices of the community and the Police Department to examine the evidence of this case and the department's investigative thoroughness and transparency," Brown said at a news conference.

"I want you to consider the importance of the many relationships the Police Department has enjoyed over many years as you are making your commentary about this incident today and in the days and weeks ahead."

Officers Jeremy James Francis, Robert James Kamphouse and Daniel Stephen Malouf were placed on restricted duty because they also had contact with Collins. Brown said they will remain on that status until the end of the internal affairs investigation, which began Wednesday.

All of the officers implicated in the arrest have been on the force for less than three years. The city has hired nearly 1,200 police officers in recent years and Brown has previously ac-

knowledgeable concerns about a patrol division full of young and inexperienced cops, including the officers doing the training.

"One thing that I do want to review is our pairing of our young officers with each other, the experience levels of our field training officers and our current transfer system," Brown said.

Community leaders who met with Brown after the news conference praised his transparent handling of the incident and also urged better evaluation of potential new officers.

"We also have to understand that pre-assessment before they actually get into the academy, that needs to be tailored and looked at," said Juanita Wallace, president of the Dallas branch of the NAACP. "Because oftentimes you know systemic kinds of racial bias are already embedded, and no matter what kind of training you give people, you can't remove that from them."

Anonymous note

An anonymous note left for a supervisor the day after the incident sparked the criminal investigation, which included more than 30 interviews and seven in-car videos.

Brown said he spoke to Collins' father and pastor, who he said were apprehensive at first but seemed appreciative of the department's response.

Bauer was driving with Randolph in the patrol car when the officers spotted Collins riding his motorcycle on a sidewalk in the 2500 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near Malcolm X Boulevard. The officers activated their lights and sirens and Collins fled.

A sergeant ordered the officers not to chase, in accordance with the department's strict chase policy. But they chased anyway, weaving through residential streets and through stop signs. They drove toward oncoming traffic and went the wrong way on a service road.

"Keep us going," one of the officers says. "I'm going to kick the [expletive] out of him."

At one point, it appears the officers may have tried to drive alongside Collins to hit him with a patrol car door. The chase ends in the 4900 block of Lamar Street near Hatcher Street when the patrol car appears to bump the rear of the motorcycle.

The two officers race from the car and beat Collins for several seconds. Randolph is seen striking Collins at least four times with his baton as Bauer hits him with his fists and knee. In all, 22 officers responded to the scene.

Mayor Pro Tem Dwayne Caraway called the incident "shocking."

"No doubt we won't tolerate this stuff," he said. "But it's something we must and will deal with in a pretty stern and very quick way."

Staff writers Rudolph Bush and Richard Abshire contributed to this report.