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On May 30, 2021 at approximately 2243 hours Idaho Springs police officers responded to a disturbance in the 3200 block of Riverside Dr. in Idaho Springs, Colorado. The officers came in to contact with a female who was allegedly assaulted by a male who lived in a nearby apartment. Officers attempted to contact the male suspect. The male suspect answered the door to his apartment holding a club-like object with what appeared to be teeth along the edges. There was a physical altercation between the officers and the male suspect. The male was injured during the altercation with officers and was taken to St. Anthony's hospital for treatment.

After the incident was initially reviewed, Chief Nathan Buseck of the Idaho Springs Police Department contacted the 5th Judicial District Attorney's Office and requested an independent criminal investigation of the incident be conducted regarding the actions of Officer Nicholas Hanning. This decision was based solely on the internal review process that takes place when any ISPD officer is involved in any use of force incident. The Idaho Springs Police Department continues to cooperate with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and the District Attorney's office as the independent criminal investigation concludes. The ISPD internal investigation into this matter has been completed.

Nicholas Hanning has worked with the Idaho Springs Police Department for the last three years (hired 10/02/2017). Hanning does not have any prior sustained complaints related to the use of force while employed with ISPD. The second officer involved is Ellie Summers. Officer Summers has been with the Idaho Springs Police Department for the last two years (hired 06/24/2019) and has no prior sustained complaints related to the use of force with ISPD. The City of Idaho Springs is currently in the process of evaluating Nicholas Hanning's employment with ISPD. At this time, the City will not release further information until the personnel process for Hanning is concluded. The City projects this process will conclude in approximately one week. Officer Summers has received internal disciplinary action per departmental policy regarding a policy violation and remains employed with ISPD.

The Idaho Springs Police Department has been in contact with the Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training commission regarding the results of the ISPD internal investigation and will provide the necessary documentation for their review.

The bodycam footage related to this incident was provided to the District Attorney's Office for the 5th Judicial District.

"We would like to extend our thoughts to the person directly involved in this incident, along with the family members that were impacted," said Idaho Springs Police Chief Nathan Buseck.

"The Idaho Springs Police Department is a proud organization that holds itself accountable and holds all employees accountable for their actions. Our agency took decisive action to address this incident which included a thorough internal investigation along with immediately requesting an outside agency perform a criminal investigation. This isolated incident is not reflective of the great work being done by the men and women of our agency who continue to work diligently alongside our citizens to prevent crime and protect our community."

"Commitment to... **I**ntegrity and **S**afety through **P**roactive policing and **D**edication to our community."