

RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Case RCSF21039608

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Status	Approved
Report Type	State Fair
CIBRS Classification	Private
Primary Officer	Troy Patterson
Investigator	██████████ ██████████
Records Technician	Neil Fredericks
Reported At	09/06/21 20:04
Incident Date	09/06/21 20:04
Incident Code	WPN : WPN - Weapon
Location	1265 SNELLING AVE N, FALCON HEIGHTS, MN 55108 (Gate 5 MAIN - State Fair)
Zone	RCFG
Location Name	Gate 5 Snelling Entrance
Disposition	Open Case
Disposition Date/Time	09/07/21 14:12
Disposition Comments	
CASE LEFT OPEN FOR EOC VIDEO REVIEW AND AXON UPLOAD	
Review for Gang Activity	None
Asst Officers	
20867 - Bolen, Jeremy; 13238 - Goodspeed, Brian; 12619 - Hankes, Jonathan; 13525 - Kinne, Teri; 9801 - Otto, Kevin; 13094 - Servatka, Michael; ██████████ - ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ 14412 - Suchy, Mark; ██████████ - ██████████ ██████████ 14720 - Urbiha, Ken; 21568 - Westlund, Daniel; 24538 - Williams, Kyle	
Bias Based On	
Bias Targets	
Bias Circumstances	

Case Comments

Deputies dispersed a crowd forcing their way into the Fairgrounds after closing. One male suspect with a gun was prevented from entering the grounds.

Offense Information

Offense Disorderly Conduct - Brawling or Fighting
Statute 609.72.1(1)
NIBRS Code 90C - Disorderly Conduct
Counts 1
Include In NIBRS Yes
Completed Yes
Bias Motivation None (no bias)
Location Arena/Stadium/Fairgrounds/Coliseum
Entry Forced No

Offense Weapon
Statute 9845
NIBRS Code 999 - NIBRS Non-reportable
Counts 1
Include In NIBRS Yes
Completed Yes
Bias Motivation None (no bias)

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Location Arena/Stadium/Fairgrounds/Coliseum
Entry Forced No

Offender

UNKNOWN SUSPECT CARRYING A HANDGUN

Black or African American Male, Age 15 - 30 9845 - 9845 - Weapon

Suspect

UNKNOWN SUSPECT CARRYING A HANDGUN

Black or African American Male, Age 15 - 30 9845 - 9845 - Weapon

Witness

KOEHLER, PARIS CHERESE

Female, DOB [REDACTED]/89 9845 - 9845 - Weapon
1212 YALE PL APT 360 609.72.1(1) - Disorderly Conduct - Brawling or Fighting
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55403

YARH, MOSES MOORE

Male, DOB [REDACTED]/87 609.72.1(1) - Disorderly Conduct - Brawling or Fighting
1159 VIRGINIA ST 9845 - 9845 - Weapon
SAINT PAUL, MN 55117
[REDACTED]

Other

KOEHLER, PARIS CHERESE

Female, DOB [REDACTED]/89 Employee: 609.72.1(1) - Disorderly Conduct - Brawling or Fighting
1212 YALE PL APT 360 Employee: 9845 - 9845 - Weapon
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55403

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

1265 SNELLING AVE N Business: 609.72.1(1) - Disorderly Conduct - Brawling or Fighting
ST PAUL, MN 55108 Business: 9845 - 9845 - Weapon

UNKNOWN SUSPECT CARRYING A HANDGUN

Black or African American Male, Age 15 - 30 Chemical Agent Deployed: 9845 - 9845 - Weapon

YARH, MOSES MOORE

Male, DOB [REDACTED]/87 Employee: 9845 - 9845 - Weapon
1159 VIRGINIA ST Employee: 609.72.1(1) - Disorderly Conduct - Brawling or Fighting
SAINT PAUL, MN 55117
[REDACTED]

Primary Narrative By Troy Patterson, 09/06/21 23:44

No BWC Available

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While providing security at the main gate of the Minnesota State Fair at closing, I was staged in the middle of the main gates. Staff were to close the gates at 2000 hours to all visitors as directed by Minnesota State Fair Administration. Deputies were aware this would make for a contentious situation.

At 2000 hours gate staff began closing the gates. Staff was successful in closing the two gates to the south of the entrance however, the gate to the north became overrun with by approximately 50 people. Staff that were trying to close the gate and became overwhelmed by the crowd. Being aware many identified gang members had already entered the grounds, I was concerned for the safety of gate agents who may be trampled and injured as well persons with weapons bypassing the metal detectors so I began dispersing chemical agent into the group rushing the gate. The crowd retreated back out the gate and those who were incapacitated were physically removed from the grounds before the gates were secured.

While rendering aid to staff who suffered from chemical agent exposure, Gate Agent Moses Yarh explained to me a suspect had a gun at the gate. He went on to describe that while closing the gate with Paris Koehler, Ms Koehler saw a man with a gun in his hand coming through the gate and she grabbed for the gun falling to the ground with the suspect. Mr Yarh then attempted to help her secure the gun when I began dispersing chemical agent, it was then the suspect fled back out toward Snelling Avenue. Mr Yarah is unable to identify the suspect. There is video of the incident the EOC recorded that I have not reviewed.

Using CLEAR I have made attempts to contact Ms Koehler for a statement, but all of her phone numbers listed to her and the one she gave the Minnesota State Fair are not in service.

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