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Interview Mount Pleasant Police officer Ronald Gagnon

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On 10/20/10 Inv JOSEPH BECERRA and Det/Sgt ART ROMAINE interviewed Mt Pleasant Police Officer RONALD GAGNON dob [REDACTED] at Mt Pleasant Police Headquarters. Present at the interview with Officer GAGNON was PBA Attorney; RICHARD BUNYAN and PBA delegate SEAN FORDE. A written statement was secured from Officer GAGNON and is attached as an enclosure to this lead.

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On 11/29/10 Inv JOSEPH BECERRA - NYSP and Det/Sgt ART ROMAINE - MPPD reinterviewed Mt Pleasant Police Officer RONALD GAGNON at the Mount Police Headquarters. Present for the interview was RICHARD MURRY; Attorney for PO GAGNON. The following information was garnered during the interview:

- PO GAGNON was at Police Headquarters when the call came in for a disturbance at Finnegans. Officer GAGNON patrolled to the scene lights and sirens but turned off both before arriving on the scene.
- PO GAGNON pulled behind the Altima which was parked running in the fire lane. He twice hit the police car's air horn and when the car wouldn't move, he walked up to the car to investigate further. He could not see inside the vehicle because the windows tint but could see movement inside.
- The officer hit the window with his hand/knuckle twice in an effort to get the driver to roll down his window to no avail. He knocked again and the vehicle started to drive away first slowly and then faster. He chased after the vehicle shouting at the drivers to "stop" in a loud and commanding voice.
- PO GAGNON did not see the other officers because he was concentrating on the Altima. He didn't see the Altima strike Officer HESS but did see the officer on the hood of the car. Didn't know it was Officer HESS at first, only knew it was a police officer.
- Didn't see Police Officer BECKLEY until after he (GAGNON) was done administering first aid to BRANDON COX. Didn't speak to BECKLEY at the scene.
- Saw HESS and GILMARTIN. HESS was on the ground and GILMARTIN was pulling the driver of the Altima out of the car.
- County Cops were attempting the push the crowd which was gathering back.
- COX was put into a Mt Pleasant Police car which was the last one in the line of police cars.
- GAGNON did not use his Taser.