



Township of Maplewood

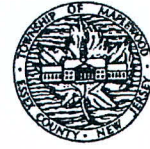
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The Maplewood Police Department thoroughly and objectively investigates all reports of Officer Misconduct in a fair and impartial manner and in accordance with the Attorney General's Guidelines.

Following a fireworks display on July 5, 2016, groups began to exit the area of Memorial Park and a fight subsequently occurred on Valley Street. Individuals began to exit the area. At the intersection Elmwood Avenue and Orchard Road, Officers took two individuals into custody. Two additional individuals were taken into custody on Elmwood Avenue near the border of Irvington. Complaints were received that Officers used excessive force when interacting with individuals in the group and during the course of arrests that were made. As a result of the investigation into the actions of Maplewood Police Officers on July 5, 2016, in March, 2019, a Maplewood Police Officer received 17 suspension days with an additional 3 days in abeyance for violating Department Rules and Regulations including but not limited to violating the Department's policy regarding the use of force.

This disciplinary action is in addition to previous disciplinary actions that have been taken as a result of the Internal Affairs investigation regarding the events of July 5, 2016.

Capt. Dawn Williams
Internal Affairs Unit