

Based on the request from Cpt. Banta and my own observations of the violent behavior of the crowd I radioed to Cpt. Shastid that I would be deploying chemical munitions along with the Sheriff's Deputies who had already deployed chemical munitions. At approximately 2140 hours, I launched one round of long-range CS at the southwest corner of the courthouse which struck the corner and landed in front of the group of protestors. This caused them to back away from the corner and allowed Simmons and I to continue our approach. Just prior to reaching the corner of the courthouse I hand deployed a Tri chamber CS canister near the crowd most of which were standing on Central yelling. This was done to keep the crowd from moving in on us as we neared the courthouse steps. Once at the courthouse steps someone threw a bottle with an unknown liquid at us from the southeast corner of the square. I then launched another CS canister into the pavement and coming to rest near the crowd causing them to temporarily disperse. Through out the event I deployed approximately 6 more long range CS canisters and two more hand tossed canisters of CS. They were all deployed in response to the crowd throwing things at officers and failing to disperse after advised that the protest had become an unlawful assembly and they were ordered to disperse and leave the area. It should be noted that all additional munitions I deployed from the multi launcher were fired at the tops of buildings or into the tops of trees to deflect them down.

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