

# MEMORANDUM

LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**TO:** Major Matt Meagher  
First Division Commander

**FROM:** Lieutenant Caleb Stewart  
Downtown Area Patrol Commander

**DATE:** April 5, 2021

**RE:** April 3, 2021 EMW Clinic Detail

On Saturday April 3, 2021, Downtown Area Patrol conducted a detail at the EMW Women's Surgical Clinic from 0730 to 0930. The detail consisted of Sergeant Christina Beaven and Officer Jordan McKinley. They were at the clinic to observe and take appropriate action related to the regular protest-related activities that take place outside clinic. This is the third consecutive Saturday morning this type of detail has been conducted.

There were approximately fifty people present that seemed to be in opposition to the activities of the clinic. This is a much higher number than usual. It is believed the higher number was due to it being Easter weekend.

Sergeant Beaven was able to determine that a large number of the protestors were from out of town. Specifically, there was a group from Sovereign King Church, which is located in Henryville, Indiana, and another group from Reformation Church located in Shelbyville, Kentucky.

While the vast majority of the protestors were not causing problems, there were a few issues that were observed and addressed that had not been observed during previous details. There were a few instances where the presence of the large number of protestors made the sidewalk less passable than normal, but no instances where a pedestrian was not able to pass through. There was one person holding a large sign in the middle of the sidewalk that could have made passage difficult due to there being people on either side of the sidewalk. Sergeant Beaven informed him that he needed to move, and he complied. There was another instance where a person was standing in front of the canopy that would have made passage difficult for a pedestrian trying to enter the clinic.

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There was not an instance observed where a specific person was impeded from entering, but

seemed as though that could be the case. Sergeant Beaven explained to the person that he needed to stand elsewhere, and he complied. There was also one protestor who grabbed or touched the arm of a client as she was walking on the sidewalk toward the clinic. Sergeant Beaven immediately addressed the issue by explaining to the protestor that she could not do that.

Sergeant Beaven was able to determine that the local groups that regularly protest outside the clinic were not causing issues. But some of the groups that only show up on limited occasions who are from out of town were the ones causing issues. It seems that the groups from Henryville and Shelbyville were causing most, if not all, of the issues. Sergeant Beaven learned that they often use social media to get organized to come to Louisville to protest. RTCC has been made aware of this and was requested to monitor them in hopes of providing us with advance notice of them coming to Louisville to protest.

Sergeant Beaven also reported that there is disagreement and sometimes altercations between the local protest groups and ones from out of town over how the ones from out of town conduct themselves.

The few instances of protestors making passage on the sidewalk more difficult than they should and the one time one of the clients was touched on the arm by a protestor, seem to be infrequent issues. This past week I rode down the sidewalk in front of the clinic on an ESV at least three different times and there were only a handful of protestors and no issues were observed. The first two Saturday mornings of the detail there were no issues of concern observed.

Sergeant Beaven has nine WVS recordings from this detail. The first eight of them provide updates and show clients being escorted into the clinic without incident. A link to the last one is copied below and captures most of the incidents described in this memorandum. It is just over forty minutes in length.

[https://lmpd.evidence.com/axon/evidence?evidence\\_id=78b14dab8f734ae2b24b7a4ddf8903d7&partner\\_id=a1a320f442344723b1749253b9b6d923](https://lmpd.evidence.com/axon/evidence?evidence_id=78b14dab8f734ae2b24b7a4ddf8903d7&partner_id=a1a320f442344723b1749253b9b6d923)

cc: Chief Erika Shields, Chief of Police  
Colonel Jacquelyn Villaroel, Deputy Chief of Police

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