

## The Truth

### Police Use of Force on Chasse Once He Is Down

**Bernard:** The officers are “manhandling” Chasse on the ground. He believes an officer “kick[s] Chasse] more than once” and “[t]he kick he sees most vividly was in the side,” with the officer standing “in the position one might get in to for a kick,” and it “alarmed [the witness] because it might be injurious.” Chasse “didn’t seem to understand anything,” making “grunts and groans...maybe there was a no and a stop...using his voice to imply that he wanted it to stop...isn’t resisting.” He isn’t resisting – “resisting isn’t the right word,” “he’s not on the same planet. It’s not connecting...what they want him to do...he seems confused.” His only communication is “primitive.”

(Bernard deposition, pp 15-17, 20-22)

**Doolan:** After Chasse “hit the pavement hard,” his arms are twisted behind him and he is “slapped” and “kicked.” He “seems really frightened.” One officer, probably Nice, uses “two or three kicks to the mid body, the back or mid body rib cage area” and “a slap up side the head.” There is “excessive” use of force by the officers. Chasse is “crying for help” and screaming. Chasse’s screaming is “pitiful.” He is “clearly frightened” and “not dangerous.”

(Doolan deposition, pp 13, 18-19, 27, 53, 57-58)

**Gaylord:** “hopes this isn’t the next Rodney King episode [because it] seem[s] so brutal [and] so extreme...everyone...in shock at how this [is] all unfolding.” With the “manhandling [by] three big burly officers” when he only “appeared to...be unbalanced littler guy, little wiry guy or unstable at any rate,” and the force used “seemed excessive,” especially because “he seemed...terrified...like a scared animal.”

(Gaylord deposition, pp 30, 32, 45-47)

**Marquez:** the officers lift Chasse up 2-3 feet into the air and slammed onto the concrete on his back about 2-3 times. There is a red spot on Chasse’s face, probably from a kick by one of the officers, and “extreme force was used” by the officer who had Chasse’ left wrist in a wrist lock, including punching him in the face and the chest, several times (at least 3), and kicking him more than once with his boot in the back of the head and in the chest, which made Chasse even “more frightened.” The kick to the chest was “more like a stomp.” After being struck repeatedly by that officer (probably Humphreys), Chasse became even “more frightened” and had a “frightened look in his eye.”

(Marquez deposition, pp 53-54, 56, 58, 60-66, 72-73)

**Stuart:** “[F]ists [are] being thrown, fisticuffs, as well as kicking” and sounds of open-hand slaps by the officers which causes a large red gash and a large bruise on one of his arms. Two of the fists thrown by the younger officer in the blue uniform (Humphreys) land between the “waist and neck” and that officer also kicks him at least three times, and, while being struck, Chasse is “crying,” using the word “mercy” and continuing to say “no, no, no.”

(Stuart deposition, pp 42-45, 47, 50)

**Soltani:** The officer who tackled him had his knees on him and was “sitting” on him. Another officer had his foot on his back.

(Soltani deposition, pp 53-54)

**Loghry:** Once down, Chasse’s screaming becomes “more of a whimpering, moaning, distressful sound” with him repeatedly saying “no” and “ow” and “it hurts. There is a “lot of screaming by Chasse” and “ow, ow, ow, and no, no, no...just saying that over and over.” Chasse is grunting and making noises on the ground. Chasse doesn’t understand anything the officers are saying to him when he is on the concrete. He is using his voice to imply that he wants it to stop. One officer is “kneeing him in the back” and another officer is using his knees to restrain him with “obviously pressure and putting their whole bodies behind” it. An officer, probably Nice, says don’t bite me and then punches him, probably in the torso, 3 different times. “He is fighting the restraint because he was in pain...you could see him trying to get away from the pressure of it” and “trying to curl into the fetal position” and “to bring his knees to his chest.” It is “pretty violent ... excessive force ... appeared they were hurting him.” “He appears to try to crawl into that fetal position ... trying to pull himself in kind of almost a protective mode,” and even after he stops writhing, the officers “continue to apply pressure to his back with their knees.” “His arms are continuing to be wrenched behind his back...that is the part that I thought was really excessive, too...he is not moving his arms at all because they were ... so pulled behind ... and up ...a very unnatural position for your arm to be in.”

(Loghry deposition, pp 25-26, 28-29, 42, 63-64)

**Glanz:** Chasse is “yelling mercy, mercy, mercy” and “screaming” in a “really loud guttural [voice]...it just seem[s] animalistic.”

(Glanz deposition, p 22)

**Barber:** Chasse “was punched a couple of times and kicked by the police officers.” The punches were with a closed fist to the head. Chasse was yelling help and screaming. He yelled “help” more than once.

(Barber deposition, pp 12, 28-29)