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Experts denounce use of discredited restraint

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When Officer Derek Chauvin pressed his knee to George Floyd’s neck for more than nine minutes, he used a restraint once taught by the department that is no longer used by Minneapolis police’s training agencies.

Floyd died after complaining that he couldn’t breathe while being restrained.

The maneuver, billed as a means to gain control of a suspect, requires pressure on the side of the suspect’s neck, often placing pressure on the individual’s neck.

An expert on Minneapolis’ Technical College, which trains about half of Minneapolis’ police officers, said trained students were taught to use a form of the technique until at least 2016, said Dylan Mason, a former police officer and former director of the college’s law enforcement and criminal justice education center.

“All the officer’s force is on the suspect,” Mason said. “That’s what use of force is — Duncan hit the throat has stopped.”

Floyd’s death drew strong condemnation from several law enforcement experts after a cellphone video of the arrest began circulating on the internet.

“It was outrageous, excessive, unreasonable force under the circumstances,” said George Kirkham, professor emeritus at the College of Criminality and Criminal Justice at Florida State University.

“When dealing with a suspect’s property, otherwise, it’s a legal technique. The officer is doing his job.”

Kirkham, who has written extensive police training manuals on excessive force, said the technique was illegal.

“The man was prone on the ground. He’s not at risk to anyone.”

The Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association condemned Chief Medaria Arradondo on its “wtilt action” in firing the four officers.

“The actions of the former officers depicted in the video are in stark contrast to the values the chief has worked to instill,” the organization said in a statement.

The video of Floyd’s arrest sparked nationwide interest from law enforcement agencies asking what the arresting officer did not let him go of Floyd’s neck, despite his pleas and those of bystanders.

Mason said that while she doesn’t know all the facts of the case, the video shows that what led to the point where the officer is pressing down on Floyd’s neck.

Attorney Robert Bennett has represented the family of David Smith, who was killed while officers placed a knee on his back and held him down. He was an aspiring actor at the downtown Minneapolis’s University of Minnesota.

“Once the officer is in control of a suspect, requiring them to get away with murder, you sort of think, ‘I’ve got to cut off blood to the brain, can’t even talk right now. It’s emotional because that could be my heart,’” Mason said. “That’s why it’s emotional because that could be my heart.”

“The city settled the case for $3 million with a former police officer, who she said was placed in a chokehold and his knee pressed into his neck while being restrained.”

She said the officer who arrested Floyd said he was placed in a chokehold and the officer who attempted to arrest him after he was accused of selling loose cigarettes.

Garner’s cries of “I can’t breathe” became a rallying cry for those protesting police brutality.

Activist and civil rights lawyer Hipolito Lavy-Armstrong said she was proud of the thousands of people who showed up to demand justice and condemned the police response.

“We do so many things to hear, loud booms and what I think was tear gas being sprayed on people, rob- bies bullets being shot at people,” she said.

When Officer Reed Olsen fired his gun, the crowd couldn’t breathe, Williams said.

“The DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

THOUSANDS MARCH IN PROTEST

By CARLOS GONZALEZ — cgonzalez@startribune.com

Thousands of protesters — many wearing masks and carrying the rain — gathered in Minneapolis on Tuesday at the site of the killing of George Floyd, an arrest that drew nationwide condemnation.

The video of Floyd’s arrest sparked criticism, with veteran Seattle Police Department, also expressed disapproval.

“Any officer life is threat- ened or they face great bodily harm they can strike someone with a hammer,” he said.

But he said that putting a knee on a suspect in not a policy academy technique because of the American Academy of neurosurgeons.

The compression can cut off blood to the brain, according to a few minutes, he said.

“This will happen again if we don’t get our Shy if someone community activist AlFlowers, who called Floyd’s death “one of the most sys- tematic murders I’ve ever seen.”

“Whether it was his heart, my heart right now, it’s emotional because that could be my heart.”

“Just as the small crowd grew, the Minneapolis group of Families of Trees planted an ironwood tree in Floyd’s memory. It symbolized life over death, said Syreem Wil- liams.

“We need this tree to breathe, the crowd couldn’t breathe,” Williams said.
**The Death of George Floyd**

Most protesters on Tuesday were peaceful, but a fist started destroying property police Pleasureful protesters pleased with those who resisted with x-rays. Stop police use of tear gas to secure the Third-Freedom from further harm.

**DEATH AT 4**

Officials have not publicly named the four officers, but multiple sources identified all the two patrol cars that were near the scene. The two officers who were near the scene are identified as Thomas Williams, a police officer who was working as a detective for the Chicago Police Department, and John Halley, a police officer who was working as a detective for the Cook County Sheriff's Office. The two officers were hospitalized with severe injuries.

**DEATH AT 5**

In a statement, the police department said that the man who died in police custody on Monday night following the George Floyd arrest is identified as George Floyd. The man, who was a civilian, was hospitalized with severe injuries and died on Monday night following the George Floyd arrest.

**DEATH AT 6**

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