



# Monthly Bulletin

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### [Use of CS Spray during south Belfast parade](#)

The Police Ombudsman's Office has begun an independent investigation into an incident on the Ormeau Road in south Belfast on 29<sup>th</sup> April during which CS Spray was used by police.

A Witness Appeal has been issued, asking those who saw what happened to contact the Office on 0800 032 7880.

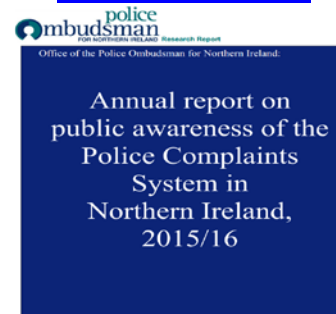
### [Police did not use excessive force when approaching 'drunk' man](#)



### [Police officer cautioned over traffic accident](#)



### [Public Awareness of the Police Complaints System](#)



### [Investigation rejects claim man was handcuffed to a bin](#)

A Police Ombudsman investigation has rejected claims that police handcuffed a man to a bin while they searched him in north Belfast last September.

The man, who had been stopped by police under the Justice and Security Act, said an officer pushed him against the door of his car, forced his forearm against his throat and threatened him.

### [Use of taser justified against man with machetes](#)

A Police Ombudsman investigation has concluded that police were justified in using AEP baton rounds and Tasers against a man armed with machete-type swords during an incident in Antrim last year. Police and civilian witnesses reported that the man had used the swords to hit himself on the head and cut his throat in the Stiles Way area of the town in the early hours of 17 January 2015.

### [Four officers disciplined over search of car](#)

Four police officers have been disciplined after a Police Ombudsman investigation concluded that two cars had been unlawfully searched. The searches took place in Co. Antrim in December 2014, and were connected to a search of premises for contraband cigarettes and tobacco.

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