Man gives shelter to 70 protesters in Washington



Washington, June 3 (RHC)-- A man in Washington, DC said he sheltered about 70 protesters in his home all night after they got caught between police lines after curfew.

Rahul Dubey told WJLA-TV he was sitting on his porch around 8:30 p.m. when law enforcement officers began corralling protesters on his street. He let some sit with him, and helped others out through his back alley, but the situation then escalated when officers started pushing protesters to the ground and releasing pepper spray, creating a "human tsunami" that flooded into his home. "I was hanging on my railing yelling, 'Get in the house! Get in the house!" he told The Washington Post.

Officers also released pepper spray through the window after he closed the door, Dubey told WJLA-TV. The protesters inside the home screamed, and started pouring water and milk into their eyes, which were reddened by tear gas, in a scene he described as "pure mayhem."

The protesters left the home after 6 a.m. Tuesday when the district's curfew ended.

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