AGENDA

Baltimore City Civilian Review Board

REGULAR MEETING

February 24, 2021 Place: Enabled by Cisco WebEX 6:00-8:00 pm

- I. Welcome & call to order
- II. Review and approval of agenda
- III. Review and approval of minutes
- IV. Director's Report
- V. New Complaints:
 - A. **2021-0001**: Filed January 26, 2010, against named BPD officers, the complaint alleges that on December 22, 2020, the Complainant was a passenger in a vehicle that was pulled over for allegedly not stopping at a stop sign. The officers knew their names because they have had many interactions; the officers have stopped the Complainant many times in his neighborhood throughout his 21 years of age. The driver told the officers that he only had a driver's permit. The officers told the Complainant to get out of the car, possibly because there was a re-bar at his feet. The Complainant was thrown to the ground by the officers, he has scars on his wrist; the driver passed out. The car was towed.
 - B. 2021-0002: Filed January 25, 2021, against a named officer, the complaint alleges that on December 3, 2020, he was pulled over by a BPD officer. The officer copied the Complainant's information from his driver's license and let him go. On December 17, 2020, the Complainant was talking with a friend when he noticed police cars pull up around him. The Complainant kept talking, and then noticed the same officer approach him. The officer asked his name, and when the Complainant responded, the officer said there was a warrant for the Complainant's arrest. The Complainant asked to see the warrant, but the officer didn't have it. At Central Booking, the officer had the warrant and the Complainant asked him to read it to him because he was in handcuffs. The Complainant alleges that misconduct occurred in the reading of the warrant and the officer's behavior afterwards. It seems like the officer read the warrant and then asked the Complainant a seemingly unrelated question about the day he was pulled over. The Complainant answered the question and is alleging that the officer should not have asked the question.
 - C. **2021-0041**: Filed on January 23, 2021, against named officers, the complaint alleges that on December 22, 2020, the Complainant was driving a vehicle when BPD officers stopped him. The Complainant provided the officers with his driver's permit; the officers asked him to get out of the car, and the Complainant agreed to do so. When he was out of the car, the officer handcuffed him. The Complainant asked why he was being detained and the officer put his knee and elbow in his chest, the Complainant told the officer he couldn't breathe, but the other officers just grabbed him and the Complainant had a panic attack and passed out. When he came to, he was on the ground with cuffs around his wrists and ankles.

VI. Completed Cases:

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- A. **CRB 2020-0003**: Complaint filed on February 20, 2020, against a named officer for abusive language and harassment. On January 23, 2020, the Complainant entered the Mitchell Courthouse to meet his pre-trial release agent and was going through the security line when he set off the metal detector. The Complainant thought it was because of his boots. He put his items into a basket, as requested by a sheriff, and took off his belt. The sheriff spoke to him in a derogatory manner. Then the sheriff told the Complaint to get out of the courthouse. As the Complainant was putting on his belt, the sheriff grabbed his items and threw them outside the courthouse. The Complainant alleged that as the sheriff walked away, he called the Complainant a "nigger" and left the Complainant outside to get dressed in public on Fayette Street. On June 10, 2020, the Courthouse Security Division advised that they were unable to locate the security footage requested because the footage remains in the system for up to 30 days. On June 22, 2020, the Sheriff's Office emailed the CRB the Citizen Complaint form and the Sheriff's Office 95 Report form. A second attempt was made to retrieve the footage on January 28, 2021; Internal Affairs confirmed that the security footage was unavailable.
- B. CRB 2020-0024/2019-1653: Complaint filed on August 24, 2020, against an unknown BPD officer for abusive language and harassment. The complaint alleges that on August 11, 2020, at the Johns Hopkins Medical Campus, an unknown police officer parked his car in a restricted area, blocking an active driveway. The Complainant is a groundskeeper at the facility. The complaint alleges that as the officer exited his vehicle to escort his two passengers into a building, the Complainant advised him that his vehicle was parked in a restricted area and offered to find him a new parking space nearby. The Complainant stated that the officer refused to move the vehicle. The Complainant then called 311 to report the incident, as the Complainant needed to use the driveway in the course of his work duties. The Complainant stated that when the agents at 311 connected him the officer's district supervisor, the officer exited the building and overheard his conversation, at which point he became argumentative and rude. After the verbal altercation, the officer left the area.
- C. CRB 2018-0127/2018-0469: Complaint filed on September 7, 2018, against named BPD officers for excessive force and false arrest. The complaint was filed on behalf of the Complainant's son ("victim") and alleges that the BPD officers arrested the victim without justification and used excessive force during the arrest. The complaint alleges that the officers assaulted the victim, who was hospitalized with a broken nose, eye injury, and facial bone fracture. The complaint alleges that on August 11, 2018, at 5:30 PM, the victim was observed on CCTV putting a plastic bag into a female's purse. Officers arrived to the scene, arrested the female; the victim left the scene. On August 13, 2018, the officers got out of an unmarked police vehicle and approached the victim; the victim left the area. The officers chased the victim. Shortly thereafter, two officers escorted the victim back to the scene and the victim's face was bleeding. An EMS arrived and one of the EMS technicians gave an interview to the CRB investigator. EMS took the victim to shock trauma. According to the Complainant, a BPD sergeant arrived on the scene and stated that an arrest warrant for drug charges was in the process of being filed, which is why the victim was arrested. According to the EMS Comprehensive Report, the victim suffered a traumatic injury, suffered pain the back of his head and neck, and was

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bleeding with a laceration on his face that was 2-3 cm deep. Further, he had a fracture through the base of the nasal spine (nose fracture). Case Search indicates that one of the officers charged the victim with drug-related offenses on August 14, 2018.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Adjournment