

AGENDA
Baltimore City Civilian Review Board
REGULAR MEETING
April 20, 2022
Place: Enabled by Zoom
6:00-8:00 pm

I. Welcome & call to order

II. Review and approval of agenda

III. Review and approval of minutes

- March 2022

IV. Director's Report

V. New Complaints:

- A. **CRB2022-0055:** Filed 4/2/2022 alleging that on 2/4/2022 the Complainant's vehicle was pulled over for a license plate cover infraction and an identified BPD officer approached him. The Complainant provided his license and registration information. The subject officer asked the Complainant to get out of his vehicle. The Complainant asked him why, and the officer stated that he didn't feel safe around the Complainant because the Complainant was using his phone. The Complainant exited the vehicle, was handcuffed and searched. The officers asked if they could search his vehicle, the Complainant said no, but it was searched anyway. Nothing was found and the Complainant was allowed to leave. He was given a phone number to call, but when the Complainant called the number to request a report from the incident, the report couldn't be located.

VI. Completed Cases:

- A. **CRB2021-0177/PIB2021-1337:** Filed 10/7/2021 against identified BPD officers for Harassment. The complaint alleges that on 5/28/2020 he was involved in a vehicle accident with one of the subject officers. In his written complaint, the Complainant stated that the officer "cut" him off hitting his right-fender when the Complainant's headlight collided with the officer's vehicle headlight. The Complainant alleged that the officer gave him permission to leave the scene but told the Complainant, "I have to charge you with something." The Complainant stated that the officer gave him a ticket at the scene for Attempting to Flee a Police Officer. The Complainant alleges harassment because he claimed the officer was at fault for the accident but made false statements to the court and the Complainant's insurance company to collect large sums of insurance settlements. On August 31, 2021, the Complainant attended traffic court and his charges were dismissed. However, as the Complainant was leaving the court, he alleges that the officer gave him three additional tickets for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, and Driving While Impaired for the same accident. The Complainant believed this was also harassment because the officer did not conduct a field sobriety test at the scene of the accident. The subject officer testified that he received complaints of someone driving crazy in that area. The officer found the Complainant's car and noticed that it was visibly damaged. BWC footage shows the subject officer driving around to block the Complainant in and prevent him from fleeing the scene. When the subject officer parked behind the Complainant, the Complainant then put his car in reverse subsequently

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hitting the officer's car. The Complainant might have been under the influence. The Complainant was questioned by the officers at the scene.

- B. **CRB2022-0016/PIB2022-130:** Filed 1/26/2022 alleging Harassment because police cars continuously circle the Complainant's block with sirens on, when she travels by bus she is followed, and she was assaulted by a BPD officer fifteen years ago. CRB voted to review the PIB investigative report only.
- C. **CRB2022-0001/PIB2022-0038:** Filed 1/10/2022 for Harassment. The complaint alleges that the BPD is responsible for surveillance devices in his home and on his phone and tablet; the officers are also involved with gang activity. The names of the individuals the Complainant believed to be the BPD officers were researched, and it was determined that none of the individuals were BPD officers. CRB voted to review the PIB investigative report only.
- D. **CRB2021-0170/PIB:2021-1403:** Filed 10/20/2021 for Harassment against unidentified BPD officers. The complaint alleges that multiple unknown BPD officers have continuously harassed the Complainant since December 12, 2015. The Complainant stated that she believed that she was being harassed by BPD officers because a City Councilman's Aid advised her to collect the officers' names that were harassing her. The Complainant alleged that she has continued to experience continuous harassment even after moving to another residence. On October 28, 2021, the CRB authorized the complaint for a preliminary investigation in order to gather further information on the nature of the complaint. The Complainant was contacted via telephone and email several times over the span of six months for an initial interview, to no avail. The complaint does not provide the names of the subject officers.
- E. **CRB2021-0158/PIB: 2021-1285:** Complainant filed 9/25/2021 against an identified BPD officer for Harassment and Abusive Language. The complaint alleges that on 9/24/2021 the Complainant was awoken by loud music being blared at 1:15 AM. The Complainant went over to the house and asked them to turn down the music, but the female homeowner refused, stating that she was a Baltimore City police officer and she didn't have to turn the music down. The Complainant stated that he then forcibly turned down the speaker, at which point the male homeowner pointed a gun at him and told him to leave, and another male came out of the home and got in his face, threatening to beat him. The Complainant stated that when he called the police, the subject officer arrived, but did not appear to take the matter seriously, refusing to comply with the Complainant's request to collect the information of the people inside the house so that he could seek a restraining order. The Complainant stated that he requested that a supervisor be dispatched to the scene, and when the supervisor arrived, the subject officer mocked and laughed at the Complainant while he was speaking to the supervisor. The Complainant alleged that his concerns were given disparate treatment because the neighbor who he called to complain about was a Baltimore City police officer, and because he is Black and the neighbors are Latino. The supervisor escorted the Complainant to the neighbor's house, and with the neighbors' permission, the Complainant was permitted to pick out the individual who threatened him. The neighbor offered to allow the BPD officers to search her home for firearms, but

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the officers declined. The officers just collected the identification information from everyone at the neighbor's home.

- F. **CRB2021-0157/PIB: 2021-1203:** Complaint filed 9/16/2021 against an identified BPD officer for Harassment. It is alleged that on August 16, 2021, the subject officer neglected his duties by not providing a report to the Complainant. On 8/16/2021, the Complainant was at the Criminal Injury Compensation Board office he encountered officers against which the Complainant filed previous complaints. The Complainant was harassed because he was forced out of a state government building by a security guard. The subject officer responded to the location because the Complainant called 911 in reference to the dispute with the security guard. The Complainant asked the subject officer for a report number regarding the security officer, but he was not provided a report. The Complainant was advised to file a complaint with the security guard's supervisor.

VII. Disciplinary Recommendation:

- A. **CRB2021-0078/PIB2021-0988:** Filed 12/2/2021 against an identified BPD officer for False Arrest, False Imprisonment, and Harassment. The complaint alleges that on 7/25/2021 the Complainant was at work when the subject officer entered her workplace and asked for her name and birthday. The Complainant alleged that before she could verify her identity, the subject officer grabbed her right arm and immediately handcuffed her. As she was being handcuffed, the Complainant stated that the officer and another unknown officer again asked her to provide her name. The Complainant provided her full name along with her birthday. During this interaction, the Complainant alleged that the officer failed to advise her of the reason behind her arrest. After the Complainant was escorted by the officer out of the establishment in handcuffs, a third officer advised the Complainant that there was a warrant out for her arrest. When the Complainant asked to see the warrant, the Complainant alleged that the subject officer did not have it. The third officer advised the Complainant that she was under arrest because BPD received an anonymous complainant from a civilian that there was a warrant out for the Complainant's arrest. The officer told the Complainant that anyone can call in anonymously and report that someone has a warrant. The Complainant stated that she was handcuffed for 15 minutes as the subject officer continued to call Baltimore City and Towson to validate the warrant. Eventually, after contacting communications in Baltimore City and Towson, no warrant could be found. After this confirmation, the Complainant stated that the subject officer removed the handcuffs and advised her that she was free to go.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

- CRB legislation – update; next steps
- Baltimore school police/resource officer uniform complaint – vote

X. New Business

XI. Adjournment