

AGENDA
Baltimore City Civilian Review Board
REGULAR MEETING
December 17, 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. **CRB2021-0194:** Filed 11/23/2021 for Excessive Force. The complaint alleges that on 2/27/2021 the Complainant was "beat up" by a police officer while he was being detained.
- B. **CRB2021-0190:** Filed 11/28/2021 for Excessive Force, Harassment, False Arrest and False Imprisonment. The complaint alleges that the Complainant was involved in a car accident, and as she exited the hospital, three officers grabbed her without cause, using excessive force and causing injury.
- C. **CRB2021-0078:** Filed 12/2/2021 for Excessive Force and False Imprisonment. The Complaint alleges that on 7/25/2021 she was at her job when several officers came in and started grabbing at her and yelling at her. The Complainant stated the officers handcuffed her in front of her boss and brought her outside. When she asked why she was being arrested, the officers stated that she had a warrant, but then when they called to confirm the warrant, they learned that the warrant did not exist, so they released her. The Complainant stated that she went home and her boss called her later to say that the officers had come back to apologize.

VI. Preliminary Reports

- A. **CRB2021-0158/PIB2021-1285**
- B. **CRB2021-0157 PIB2021-1203**

VII. Completed Cases:

- A. **CRB2021-0061/PIB2021-0382:** Filed 1/15/2021. However, it was not received until March at the CRB Complaint alleges that on 12/19/2020 the Complainant went to the hospital to visit her daughter who had just given birth. In the daughter's hospital room was a man the Complainant has a peace order against. The man yelled in the Complainant's face and pushed her. The Complainant called the police because the man was violating the peace order. When the police arrived, they removed the Complainant from the hospital, instead of the man. One of the officers was male, and he stated to the Complainant that he knows the man's mother and she was trying to keep the man away from his daughter.
- B. **CRB2019-0153/PIB2019-0154:** Complaint filed 7/6/19 against two identified BPD officers for Excessive Force, False Arrest, and False Imprisonment. Complaint alleges

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that on 2/11/2019, he was approached by one of the subject officers who asked the Complainant to show him his ID. The Complainant declined to do so and the officer kept asking him. The Complainant asked the officer if he had broken any laws, and the officer stated, "I don't know yet." The officer called for back up and the second subject officer arrived, who also asked to see the Complainant's ID. The Complainant declined. Then one officer told the other to grab the Complainant and "lock him up." At that time, the Complainant produced his ID. He was then arrested for an open warrant. The Complainant was placed into a police car while they waited for the transport van. When the officer was trying to move the Complainant from the car to the van, the Complainant would not move. So the officer reached into the car to unbuckle the Complainant. The Complainant states that the officer used excessive force while unbuckling him. The Complainant was not given his Miranda rights. BWC footage was provided. The FA and FI allegations have expired.

- C. **CRB2018-0152 PIB2018-0637:** Complaint file 10/11/2018 against two identified BPD officer for Harassment. The Complaint alleges that on 11/16/2017, the Complainant was parked near a gas station and attempted to drive his car away from the gas station when officers blocked him in. The officer looked at this ID, pulled him by the arm out of his vehicle and then arrested him without telling him why. The officers asked him to sit in the police vehicle, but the Complainant refused, to which the officers threatened him with physical harm. So the Complaint agreed to sit in the police vehicle while his vehicle was searched. During the vehicle search, the officers found controlled dangerous substances, which the Complainant states were planted by the officers because they were Gun Trace Task Force officers who had arrested him before and those charges ended up being not pressed. The Complainant was taken to the Northeast District, where the officers questioned him without their body-worn cameras being activated. The CRB investigator questioned the ASA prosecuting the case. The ASA stated that the officers were in a covert location where they witnessed the Complainant make hand-to-hand drug transactions. Further, upon approach of the vehicle, the officers smelled marijuana coming from the Complainant's car. BWC footage was provided. This complaint is expired.
- D. **CRB2018-0110/PIB2018-0403** Filed 1/5/2019 against an unknown officer and an identified officer for Harassment, False Imprisonment, and False Arrest. The complaint alleges that on 1/28/2018, officers arrived at a hotel she was staying at and forced themselves into her hotel room. The Complaint retreated to the bathroom, but the officers forced her out of the hotel and into an ambulance. The Complainant was taken to the hospital where no one explained to her what was happening and she was given a sedative. The Complainant believes that her son, a BPD officer, arranged for the officers to do this. The subject officers handled her roughly during the incident. She had medical bills to pay afterwards. The subject officer authored a Petition for Emergency Evaluation for the Complainant. The identified subject officer is no longer employed by BPD. The complaint is expired.
- E. **CRB2018-0098 PIB2018-0386:** Filed 7/16/2018 against two identified officers for Harassment, False Imprisonment, and False Arrest. The complaint alleges that on

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7/3/2018, the Complainant was sleeping in his fiancé's car when officers knocked on the window and ended up pulling him out of the car and searching it with a k-9. The officers first said the car was searched because it smelled like marijuana, and then said it was because of information from a confidential source. One of the subject officers told the CRB investigator that he had information from a confidential source that the Complainant was driving without a license, so when he saw the Complainant behind the wheel, he approached the Complainant. When the Complainant exited the car, he was frisked and then the officer called for the k-9. The k-9 alerted and prescription pills were located in the car and the Complainant was arrested. The Statement of Probable cause states that the confidential information was in regard to controller danger substances, not driving without a license.

- F. **CRB2018-0064 MSU:** Filed 4/23/2018 against an identified Morgan State Police Officer for Harassment, False Arrest, and False Imprisonment. The complaint alleges that on 2/9/2018, the subject officer called the Complainant and told him to come to the police station or else the Complainant would be arrested. The Complainant did not go to the police station, and was arrested. However, the warrant was dated before the date the subject officer told him to come to the station. The Complainant believes that the subject officer has a relationship with the alleged victim, which caused the officer to harass the Complainant.
- G. **CRB2021-0019:** Complaint filed 1/14/2021 against an identified BPD officer for Abusive Language. The complaint alleges that on 12/20/2020 the Victim contacted the Complainant and stated that the subject officer did not take her sexual assault complaint seriously and she was treated disrespectfully. The Victim stated this to her social service caseworker, the Complainant. The Victim stated that when she was making a sexual assault complaint to the subject officer, the officer's tone made it seem like he did not believe her; the officer stated that the alleged perpetrator was her boyfriend; and she is unsure if a police report was ever filed. The BWC footage shows the subject officer conversing with the Victim at the Eastern District police station. The footage shows the officer asking the Victim, "Is this your boyfriend? Have you ever had sex with him before?" The officer ends up applying for charges against the Victim not the alleged perpetrator. After the Victim was treated at a hospital, charges were filed against the alleged perpetrator.
- Natalie Novak-there is body-worn camera footage of the subject officer's conversation with the Complainant.
 - Tyler Salley – officer's comments to the Complainant were belittling and humiliating, Complainant wasn't even offered medical services, she went to the hospital on her own and only after that were charges filed.
 - Levi Zaslow– in some ways officers do have to ask some of those questions to determine what's going on. Nevertheless, the officers conduct was inappropriate.
 - Amy Cruice – what were the exact questions? Was it, "Have you ever had sex with him before?" How does that add to the police investigation? Can you play it by sharing your screen?
 - Mariel Shutinya – Let me look into this and get back to you.

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- Tiera Hawkes – the officers didn’t transport her to the hospital, didn’t give her the form.
- **Mel Currie – Let’s continue the case until next month – vote carried**

A. **CRB2021-0102:** Complaint filed 6/7/2021 against an identified BPD officer for Harassment. On 3/19/2021, the Complainant’s facility was treating the Victim. The Complainant grew concerned about the Victim’s wellbeing and asked for an ambulance to take the Victim to the hospital to get medical attention. No officers were requested, but four officers arrived before the ambulance. The subject officer asked several questions about the Victim and spoke to the Victim in an aggressive manner and told the Victim that he had to go to the hospital or the subject officer would arrest him. The Complainant’s colleague told the subject officer that they were just waiting for the ambulance and didn’t want the situation to be escalated any further. The subject officer asked, “why did you call the police if you don’t want them to do their job?” After the ambulance came, staff asked the police to leave, but the subject officer did not leave right away. The Complainant is concerned that officers entered a recovery facility without any police business and was disruptive to the facility. BWC footage was provided. PIB’s investigation is complete.

- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District - This is a medical facility, the officer’s conduct was unacceptable and unsafe; the sub officer had a leadership role; sustained Abusive Language and Harassment
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District - No police were called, the response to mental health and a danger to themselves and substance abuse officers have to be better trained.
 - Vote: Sustain Abusive Language and Harassment
- Mel Currie, Southwestern District – agreed.
 - Vote: sustained for Abusive Language and Harassment
- Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District – Vote: Sustained Abusive Language and Harassment
- **Holding the discipline over to next meeting**

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

- Legislative update

X. New Business

- Local Control Advisory Board update – need additional CRB members to attend some meetings
- 2022 Elections of Secretary and Chair

XI. Adjournment