Baltimore City Civilian Review Board

REGULAR MEETING

October 28, 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. **CRB2021-0157**: Complaint filed 9/16/2021 against BPD officers. On 8/16/2021, the Complainant was at the Criminal Injury Compensation Board office and he encountered the same officers the Complainant filed a previous CRB complaint against.
 - B. **CRB2021-0158**: Complaint filed 9/25/2021 against an identified BPD officer. 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. One person responded to the Complainant by pulling a gun on him and another person identified themselves as a police officer and stated that they would play the music as loud as they wanted. The Complainant called the police, but the Complainant doesn't think that his case was taken seriously and was not investigated. The Complainant states that officers laughed at him.
 - C. **CRB2021-0170:** Complaint filed 10/20/2021 against multiple unidentified BPD officers. Complainant alleges she has been continuously harassed since 12/12/18 when she visited a City councilman's aide. The Complainant alleges she has continued to experience continuous harassment even after moving.
 - D. **CRB2021-0177:** Complaint filed 10/7/2021 against a named BPD officer. Complainant alleges that on 5/28/2020, he was involved in a vehicle accident with a BPD officer. The Complainant alleges that the officer gave him permission to leave the scene, but then charged him with leaving the scene of the accident because the officer stated that "I have to charge you with something". The Complainant stated that was a lie and chose to fight the charge in court. The Complainant stated that the officer also made false statement to the Complainant's insurance company, stating that the Complainant was at fault for the accident, when in fact the officer was at fault, and the officer received two large insurance settlements as a result. The Complainant stated that when he attended traffic court only two months ago, the court chose to dismiss the charges. The Complainant stated that as he was leaving the court, 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, although no field sobriety test was conducted at the scene, and the Complainant was unable to consume alcohol at the time due to medical issues. The Complainant believes the officer is harassing him in order to conceal his responsibility for causing the accident.

VI. Completed Cases:

A. **CRB2019-0035/CIU18-01265**: Complaint filed 1/11/2019 against an identified BPD officer for Harassment. The Complainant alleges that the subject officer made two false

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police reports against the Complainant on 5/14/2018 and 5/25/2018 for trespassing. The subject officer contacted the Harford County Sheriff's Department to ask for assistance in removing the Complainant from the subject officer's property. This case is expired.

- B. **CRB2020-0023/2020-0067**: Complainant filed 8/20/2020 against an identified BPD officer for Abusive Language. The Complainant alleged that after the death of her children's father, who died in a car accident, the subject officer and PIB involved in the matter engaged in the following: was rude and insensitive to the Complainant, hung up on her, tampered with evidence, withheld pertinent information, falsified police reports, changed the cause of death, provided misleading legal advice, and provided no follow-up about the case. In the subject officer's interview, the officer stated that she hung up on the Complainant after she asked the Complainant to stop shouting. This case is expired.
- C. **CRB2020-0032/2020-0068**: Complaint filed 9/17/2020 against an identified BPD officer for Abusive Language and Harassment. On 10/7/2019, the Complainant states that she was hit by a car. The Complainant called for an ambulance and the police, the ambulance arrived; however, the police took over an hour. The Complainant went home

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and waited for the police. The police came to the Complainant's home and the first words out the female officer's mouth was, "Why am I here? According to the Complainant, the female officer was rude and condescending. After the officer asked a series of questions, the Complainant asked the officer why she was being so mean. The subject officer advised that the Complainant should seek medical attention if she was in pain, but the Complainant did not want to. The Complainant stated that after the officer left her home, she broke down in tears due to the abuse and called the District and spoke with a Sergeant. Body-worn camera footage was provided. This case is expired.

- D. CRB2020-0047/2020-1302: Complaint filed 11/16/2020 against officers in the Western District for False Arrest and False Imprisonment. Complaint alleges that on 11/15/2020, the Complainant engaged in an argument with his intimate partner, which escalated to the partner refusing to return the Complainant's car keys to him and locking him out of the house so the Complainant was unable to collect the rest of his belongings. The Complainant flagged down a police car for assistance. The partner was yelling at the Complainant with a baseball bat in hand. Officers tell the Complainant to sit on the curb across the street, which he does. More officers arrive to attempt to deescalate the situation, to no avail. A sergeant arrives who is able to go into the house to get the Complainant's car keys. The sergeant then arrests the Complainant because there was allegedly a witness in the house who said the Complainant was kicking the door and trying to break in. Because the Complainant doesn't live there, it was considered destruction of property. Complainant was charged with fourth degree burglary and malicious destruction of property. PIB provided BWC footage.
- E. CRB 2021-0013/2021-0225: Complaint filed: 1/10/2021; Incident: 12/6/2020. The Complainant alleges that he saw someone across the street from his house trying to steal a car. The Complainant yelled at them and they shot at the Complainant, who then called the police. When the police arrived, they investigated the Complainant's own gun, which still smelled like gunpowder because he had recently been at the shooting range. The officers were not wearing masks. The Complainant asked them to leave, but they wouldn't. The officers told the Complainant that they thought he was lying about the incident. The Complainant willingly gave his gun to the officers. The Complainant would like his gun back.
- F. 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

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police business and were disruptive to the facility. BWC footage was provided. PIB's investigation is complete.

- G. **CRB2021-0105**: Complaint filed 6/5/2021 against officers of the Baltimore City Police Department. Complaint alleges that he was driving a vehicle in the opposite direction as a Baltimore City Police vehicle. The BPD vehicle turned around to follow him. BPD signaled for the Complainant to pull his vehicle over. BPD said he was pulled over for his window tints, but then he was asked to get out of the car and the car was searched without his permission, but nothing was found. The Complainant has previously filed complaints against the same officers.
- H. CRB2019-0067: Complaint file 2/25/2019 against several unidentified BPD officers for Harassment. The Complainant alleges that BPD officers have been following her and driving past her home activating their sirens. The harassment has been going on for 10 months. PIB report only. This complaint is expired.
- I. **CRB2021-0002**: 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 subject officer stopped the Complainant again. Later that day, 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. PIB investigation only.
- J. **CRB2020-0017/PIB2020-0485**: Complaint filed 5/215/2020 against one identified officer of the Baltimore Police Department for False Arrest and False Imprisonment. The complaint alleges that on 2/25/2020 she was arrested based on a Child Protective Services complaint. The Complainant was interviewed by CPS based on statements that her child made at school on 2/17/2020. The Complainant did not response to the Investigator's attempts to schedule an interview with her. Thereafter, the Complainant sent an email to the Investigator indicating that she no longer wished to pursue the complaint. On 7/22/2020, the Investigator spoke with the Complainant over the phone and explained the investigation process and the Complainant's choices; the Complainant stated that she wished to withdraw her complaint. This complaint is expired.

VII. Public Comment

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VIII. Old Business

- Following up with DC Nadeau about a meeting about a case from April meeting status 2020 legislation impacting the CRB update
- **New Business** IX.
- X. Adjournment