# Baltimore City Civilian Review Board **REGULAR MEETING**

September 16, 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:
- VI. Completed Cases:
  - A. CRB2021-0062/PIB2021-0332: Complaint filed 3/12/2021 against six identified BPD officers for Excessive Force, Harassment, False Imprisonment, and False Arrest. The complaint alleges that on 5/5/2021 the Complainant and his brother were in a vehicle parked on E 34th Street, he was getting ready to exit the vehicle to go to a nearby store. The Complainant noticed an unmarked car driving slowly behind them and then next to them staring at them. The Complainant's brother asked, "what's up?" and someone from the unmarked vehicle said the same thing, "what's up?" The Complainant's brother advised that they were just going to the store and the individuals nodded. The Complainant then exited the vehicle and made his way to the store. He noticed several additional police cars pull up. The Complainant alleges that then the individuals from the unmarked vehicle got out of the car and followed him. The Complainant was getting nervous so he started to jog. Then someone yelled "gun" and the Complainant began to run. The Complainant alleges that he was then struck by a police car and fell to the ground. The Complainant alleges that he had run into a parking lot, a car had been driving next to him, in the parking lot the car swerved and then struck him. The Complainant alleges that he bounced off the hood and continued running until he was then tackled by an officer. The officers injured his wrists when they handcuffed him. No medical attention was offered to him before he was taken to Central Booking. The CRB investigator submitted questions to PIB for the interviews of the subject officers, but there was no response form PIB. PIB provided body-worn camera footage and some documents, but the PIB investigation was not yet complete so the full final report was not provided.
  - B. **CRB2020-0044/PIB2020-1179**: Complaint filed 11/16/2020 against one Baltimore Police officer for False Arrest. The Complainant is the Victim's father. On 10/9/2020, someone called 911 alleging that the Victim was threatening to light a house on fire. When an officer arrived at the scene, a chemical flammable substance could be smelled, the Complainant stated the Victim poured it in the living room. The Victim was arrested 10/9/2020. The officer did a follow-up interview with the Complainant on 11/16/2020, during which the Complainant stated that he wanted to drop the charges against his son and hoped he would be released soon. The Victim needed mental health assistance, not incarceration. The Victim was at Bayview hospital shortly before this incident on an emergency evaluation; the Victim's family member told the officer that the Victim has a disability. PIB investigation only; body-worn camera footage was provided.

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- C. **CRB2020-0040/PIB20201132**: Complaint filed 11/10/2020 against one identified Baltimore Police officer for False Arrest, Harassment and False Imprisonment. The Complainant alleges that on 11/7/2020 he was in a vehicle when it was stopped by the Subject Officer who stated that he pulled the car over because someone threw a paper bag out of the window and the windows were illegally tinted. As the Subject Officer approached the vehicle, he stated that he smelled marijuana. At that point, all three passengers, including the Complainant, were asked to get out of the car and handcuffed while the car was searched. The Subject Officer asked the individuals if anyone had a weapon, one of the individuals stated that he did have a firearm and produced a gun permit from his wallet, which appears to be a permit to carry a firearm for his duties as a security guard. CRB and PIB investigations, body-worn camera footage was provided.
- D. **CRB2020-0035/PIB2020-1059**: Complaint filed 10/3/2020 against one identified Baltimore City Police officer for Harassment. The Complainant alleges that in 2011, she reported to the BPD that she was raped. The subject officer was assigned to investigate the criminal rape case. The Complainant alleges that the subject officer did not do much investigation of her case, but contacted her all the time. The subject officer continuously called the Complainant and asked about her family and fiancé. The Complainant told the subject officer to stop calling her, but he continued to call her and started calling her at work, as recently as 10/2/2020, at which point she told him to leave her and her family alone. The subject officer passed away in 2014.
- E. **CRB2020-0017/PIB2020-0485**: Complaint filed 5/15/2020 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 Complaint's choices; the Complaint stated that she wished to withdraw her complaint.
- F. CRB2020-0022/PIB2020-0726: Complaint filed 7/8/2020 against one identified Baltimore Police officer for Harassment. The Complainant alleges that the Subject Officer is harassing the Complainant because he is Black. The Subject Officer has investigated several cases against the Complainant, accusing him of crimes he didn't do, he won't leave the Complainant alone, and the Complainant has developed anxiety because of the Subject Officer's constant surveillance. Specifically, the Subject Officer lied in a statement of charges when he affirmed that a witness had made a positive identification of the Complainant; as a result, some of the charges against the Complaint were dropped. The Complainant alleges that the Subject Officer lied in another statement of charges as well, which resulted in the Complainant being denied bail. As a result of the Subject Officer's harassment, the Complainant has panic attacks and anxiety. Related case: CRB2019-0204. Incomplete PIB file.

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G. **CRB2020-0037/PIB2020-0990**: Complaint filed 10/16/2020 against three identified Baltimore Police officers for Excessive Force, False Imprisonment, and Harassment. The Complainant alleges that on 9/22/2020, the Complainant was a passenger in a vehicle. The vehicle was parked, and the individuals inside of the car were eating Chipotle. A police car pulled up next to them, looked inside the car, and then parked in a way that blocked the vehicle in. An officer asked what the individuals were doing. The officers then stated that they smelled marijuana and the Complainant and the car were searched. The Complainant stated that no one was smoking marijuana and there wasn't any in the car and none was found in the officer's search of the Complainant and the car. The Complainant wanted to leave, but the officers wouldn't let him. The Complainant pushed through and walked away, but the officer immediately grabbed him and pushed him against a brick wall. During this altercation, the Complainant's fanny pack fell off and a firearm was revealed. The Complainant alleges Harassment, because the officer did not have any probable cause from the beginning to stop and search the car. The Complainant alleges Excessive Force because he was tased by two tasers and had to be taken to Johns Hopkins for medical treatment. He has sustained nerve and muscle damage from the tasers. The BWC footage shows the three officers approaching the vehicle and asking if anyone is smoking a "blunt." An officer singles out the back seat passenger, and then that passenger gets out of the car. An officer grabs the individual's sweatshirt as he is getting out of the car. The officer's incident report states that the officer touched the individual's fanny pack (without consent) and felt what could be a firearm in the fanny pack. An altercation proceeds where the individual asks the officer not to touch him and the officer tells the individual to "calm down." The individual states that he just wants to show the officer the marijuana he has on him. The officer lifts up his sweatshirt and asks him if he has anything else on him. The officer is continuing to touch the individual, who is asking the officer to stop. (This officer's body-worn camera footage was not provided). All of the officers are grabbing the Complainant so he can be searched. The Complainant is not being violent. The officer says, "put him in cuffs" and are still trying to restrain him. There is a tussle between the Complainant and the officers. The Complainant is refusing to let the officer search him. The tussle continues, during which the officer alleges that the Complainant elbowed him in the face and chipped a tooth. The Complainant is yelling, "help, help!", and is crying and screaming. The officer is trying to remove the Complainant's fanny pack. He is still struggling. The officer then starts to tase the Complaisant, to the point where the other officers have to push him to get him to stop tasing him. The Complainant states that he can't feel his legs. It appears that no marijuana was recovered. Body-worn camera footage from one of the three officers was provided, however, it appears that BWC footage from all three officers exists, as it was referenced in the report, one of the officers deactivated his BWC during the Complainant's medic transport to the hospital; PIB evidence summaries were provided, but the underlying source documents were not, even though they were requested, including the Use of Force Report, Electrical Weapon Report. PIB concluded its investigation.

#### VII. Public Comment

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## VIII. Old Business

- Following up with DC Nadeau about a meeting about a case from April meeting
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjournment