

**Date:** November 9, 2022

**To:** Board Members, Citizen Complaint Authority

**From:** Gabriel Davis, Director

**Subject:** Investigation Summary – November 14, 2022 Board Meeting

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**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Tracking System: Contact Card Policy/Procedure</b>
<b>Recommendation #</b>	R2215
<b>CCA Case #</b>	22112

**R2215: Mental Health Policy/Procedure** (Repeat Recommendation R2106, R2107)

CCA recommends that CPD (i) amend its policies and make corresponding adjustments to its training in order to clarify the circumstances under which a person who is suffering from a mental health crisis may be charged criminally when the charges are related to the crisis, and (ii) strengthen its presumption against such charges.

## INVESTIGATION SUMMARIES

# 1

<b>Complaint #</b>	20098
<b>Complainant</b>	Jamellah Long
<b>Incident Date</b>	June 9, 2020
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Jessalyn Goodman
<b>Allegations</b>	Excessive Force Improper Search Improper Procedure Discourtesy

### COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: June 9, 2020

Time: 11:30pm

Location: 3204 Woodburn Avenue

On June 9, 2020, minors JL and JW went to the Evanston Recreation Center to swim. Afterwards, JL and JW walked home. Officers Andrew Davis and Michelle Carter approached JL and JW. Officer Davis “grabbed” JL’s arm and JL “yanked” it away. Officer Carter grabbed JW’s arm to prevent him from leaving. During the encounter, Officer Davis referenced Timothy Thomas. JL would not provide his name. Officer Davis handcuffed and arrested him, causing a bruise to his wrist. Officer Davis searched JL and Officer Carter searched JW. JW attempted to record the incident on his cell phone, so the officers removed it from him.

Officer Davis contacted their mother, Ms. Long, by phone and she responded to the scene. When she arrived, JL and JW were detained in the cruiser. JW was released to Ms. Long’s custody while JL was transported to Hamilton County Juvenile Court Youth Center (HC-JYC). JL was charged with four offenses.

### FINDINGS

#### Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Officer Davis	JL (Minor)	Unfounded
2	Improper Search	Officer Davis	JL (Minor)	Unfounded
3	Improper Search	Officer Carter	JW (Minor)	Unfounded
4	Discourtesy	Officer Davis	JL (Minor)	Unfounded

## Collateral Allegations

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Search	Officer Carter	JW (Minor)	Sustained
2	Discourtesy	Officer Davis	JL (Minor)	Sustained

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# 2

<b>Complaint #</b>	20113
<b>Complainant</b>	Jacob Griffin
<b>Incident Date</b>	June 12, 2020
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Jessalyn Goodman
<b>Allegations</b>	Discrimination (Sexual Orientation) Discrimination (Race) Discourtesy Lack of Service

### COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: June 12, 2020

Time: 10:24pm

Location: 301 W Fifth Street

CPD issued a special-duty team to provide increased coverage to a local bar, PRVLGD, due to on-going incidents: individuals litter, play loud music which violates the noise ordinances, and disregard the crowd restrictions. The parking for the club is in a city-owned lot directly across from Mr. Griffin's property. Officers patrol the parking lot to deter loitering and drug activity; the officer who patrols the parking lot, Officer Porter Eubanks, acts as a "presence" and patrols the parking lot activates the cruiser's lights but does not get out or roll down his windows. Mr. Griffin stated that the perpetual light from the cruiser disturbed the peace as it caused medical problems for him.

On June 12, 2020, Mr. Griffin attempted to speak to Officer Eubanks regarding his actions. Officer Eubanks told him to "go away," he was "obstructing," and threatened to arrest him if he came out of his apartment again. Mr. Griffin asked Officer Eubanks to identify himself; he refused. That night, Officers Alicia Henson, Corey Jones, and Eric Bley responded but refused to go to Mr. Griffin's apartment. Mr. Griffin felt intimidated, so he met the officers in the middle of the street. They told Mr. Griffin that he lived next to a bar and needed to "suck it up," and recommended Mr. Griffin obtain a decibel meter to determine and record the noise volume.

On June 19, 2020, Mr. Griffin reported his concerns to the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) at 11:42pm. No one responded, so he called again less than two hours later at 2:35am, 2:40am, and 2:48am

on June 20, 2020. In his encounter with Sergeant Michael Williams, Mr. Griffin described him as “disrespectful” and would not address the concerns Mr. Griffin had about the various violations. When Sergeant Williams walked away, there were other officers present. The officers were “laughing and joking,” to make him feel uncomfortable about reporting his concerns. He also believed he heard an officer use a homophobic slur about him.

Additionally, Mr. Griffin stated that he believed the officers had discriminated against him because he was Indian, and the individuals were allowed to “violate the law given the racial tension in the country,” resulting in the officers “not pursuing things.” He stated that the officers are giving He suspected the officers’ behavior was due to Sergeant Williams’s attitude.

**FINDINGS**

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Discrimination	Sergeant Michael Williams	Jacob Griffin	Not Sustained
2	Discrimination	Sergeant Michael Williams	Jacob Griffin	Not Sustained
3	Discrimination	Officer Porter Eubanks	Jacob Griffin	Not Sustained
4	Discrimination	Officer Eric Bley	Jacob Griffin	Not Sustained
5	Discrimination	Officer Alicia Henson	Jacob Griffin	Not Sustained
6	Discrimination	Officer Corey Jones	Jacob Griffin	Not Sustained
7	Discourtesy	Sergeant Michael Williams	Jacob Griffin	Not Sustained
8	Lack of Service	Officer Eric Bley	Jacob Griffin	Exonerated
9	Lack of Service	Officer Alicia Henson	Jacob Griffin	Exonerated
10	Lack of Service	Officer Corey Jones	Jacob Griffin	Exonerated
11	Lack of Service	Sergeant Michael Williams	Jacob Griffin	Not Sustained
12	Lack of Service	Officer Porter Eubanks	Jacob Griffin	Not Sustained

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**# 3**

<b>Complaint #</b>	20185
<b>Complainant</b>	Lauren Ward
<b>Incident Date</b>	September 8, 2020
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Jessalyn Goodman
<b>Allegation</b>	Excessive Force

**COMPLAINT  
SUMMARY**

Date: September 8, 2020  
Time: 2:42 pm  
Location: 3064 Westbrook Drive

Per CPD: *Ms. Lauren Ward alleges Officers Snape and Kane caused injury to her left leg when she was “slammed” to the ground after being placed in handcuffs for a theft investigation.*

**FINDINGS**

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Sergeant Snape	Lauren Ward	Unfounded
2	Excessive Force	Officer Kane	Lauren Ward	Unfounded

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# 4

<b>Complaint #</b>	20189
<b>Complainant</b>	Dontae Walker
<b>Incident Date</b>	August 22, 2020
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Makiedah Messam
<b>Allegations</b>	Excessive Force Lack of Service Discourtesy

**COMPLAINT  
SUMMARY**

Mr. Walker alleged that on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 2:22 P.M. on Kentucky Avenue, his neighbor called the police to complain that children from Mr. Walker’s yard were throwing sticks into the neighbor’s yard. Mr. Walker felt that this was not a police issue and asked the officers (Newman and Smith) to get off his property. Mr. Walker alleged that he and the officers “had a word” and the officers got mad and ticketed his girlfriend’s vehicle, which was parked in front of his residence, rushed him real aggressively and arrested him, which was wrong and unnecessary.

## FINDINGS

### Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Specialist Kevin Newman	Dontae Walker	Unfounded
2	Excessive Force	Officer Michael Smith	Dontae Walker	Unfounded
3	Lack of Service	Specialist Kevin Newman	Dontae Walker	Unfounded
4	Lack of Service	Officer Michael Smith	Dontae Walker	Unfounded

### Collateral Allegation

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
5	Discourtesy	Specialist Kevin Newman	Dontae Walker	Sustained

### # 5

<b>Complaint #</b>	20197
<b>Complainant</b>	Kevin Thornton Ashley Thornton
<b>Incident Date</b>	August 29, 2020
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Jessalyn Goodman
<b>Allegations</b>	Excessive Force Discourtesy Improper Procedure

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: August 19, 2020

Time: 1:54 am

Location: 3030 Erie Avenue

On August 19, 2020, Mr. Kevin Thornton and Mrs. Ashley Thornton were in a vehicle when Mr. Thornton experienced a medical emergency. He backed the vehicle into the parking lot of Clark Montessori High School while Mrs. Ashley Thornton contacted the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) for assistance. While parked, Officer Russell Ludwig approached their vehicle and directed them to disconnect from ECC as he could request immediate assistance. Mrs. Thornton described Officer Ludwig as “nasty,” “loud,” and “screamed” for them to exit the vehicle.

After they exited, Mr. Thornton wanted to sit down but Officer Ludwig and other officers, including Officer Stephen Francis, Officer William Holthaus, and Sergeant Brian Beechler refused and prevented him from sitting down. All of the officers were “slinging” him around the parking lot and “put their hands all over him,” including his arms and legs. As a result, Mr. Thornton sustained bruises to his knees and lower back. One officer threatened to tase Mr. Thornton, but Mrs. Thornton intervened. Officer Betsy Haynes grabbed Mrs. Thornton’s left arm and said, “You’re not helping none!” which left fingermarks on her forearm.

When the Cincinnati Fire Department (CFD) arrived, the officers directed Mr. Thornton to sit by the CFD truck. The paramedics injected Mr. Thornton and he was placed on a gurney and into the ambulance, but they did not leave for University of Cincinnati Medical Center (UCMC) for two hours.

## FINDINGS

### Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Officer Ludwig	Kevin Thornton	Exonerated
2	Excessive Force	Officer Francis	Kevin Thornton	Exonerated
3	Excessive Force	Officer Haynes	Kevin Thornton	Exonerated
4	Excessive Force	Officer Holthaus	Kevin Thornton	Exonerated
5	Excessive Force	Sergeant Beechler	Kevin Thornton	Exonerated
6	Excessive Force	Officer Haynes	Ashley Thornton	Not Sustained
7	Discourtesy	Officer Ludwig	Kevin Thornton	Unfounded
8	Discourtesy	Officer Ludwig	Ashley Thornton	Unfounded

### Collateral Allegations

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Procedure	Officer Ludwig	Ashley Thornton	Sustained
2	Improper Procedure	Officer Ludwig	Kevin Thornton	Sustained

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### # 6

<b>Complaint #</b>	21023
<b>Complainant</b>	Sheri Haley on behalf of Deontae Lemon
<b>Incident Date</b>	February 14, 2021
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Morgan Givens
<b>Allegations</b>	Improper Stop Improper Seizure Improper Search

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Ms. Haley alleged that on Sunday, February 14, 2021, at approximately 2:00pm at 3420 Warsaw Avenue, officers later identified by CCA as the subject officers initiated a traffic stop on her grandson, Mr. Deonte Lemon (M/B/24). Ms. Haley wasn't present for the stop but relayed information that she received from Mr. Lemon. According to the complainant, she alleged that Mr. Lemon should not have been stopped or detained. Mr. Lemon remained handcuffed in the back of the cruiser for approximately 20 minutes.

## FINDINGS

### Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Stop	PO Cameron Mullis	Deontae Lemon	Exonerated
2	Improper Seizure	PO Cameron Mullis	Deontae Lemon	Exonerated
3	Improper Seizure	PO Jerome Herring, Jr	Deontae Lemon	Exonerated

### Collateral Allegation

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Search	PO Cameron Mullis	Deontae Lemon	Sustained

# 7

<b>Complaint #</b>	21027
<b>Complainant</b>	Daquan Brown
<b>Incident Date</b>	November 28, 2020
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Morgan Givens
<b>Allegations</b>	Improper Stop Improper Search Improper Pointing of a Firearm Discourtesy

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: November 28, 2020

Time: 4:51 pm

Location: 1072 Delhi Avenue & 642 Sedam Street

Mr. Brown alleged that he and a friend engaged in a conversation from two separate vehicles while in a parking lot; before departing Mr. Brown gave the driver of the other vehicle a piece of candy. After departing the parking lot, Mr. Brown's vehicle was stopped, and he was ordered out at gunpoint by multiple unknown officers. Mr. Brown further alleged that his vehicle was searched, and the officers were discourteous. Mr. Brown later was made aware that the other vehicle was also searched.

Date: January 13, 2021

Time: 4:50pm

Location: [REDACTED]

Mr. Brown alleged that he approached an unmarked vehicle in the parking lot of his apartment complex to ask what their business was on the property. Mr. Brown approached the vehicle and Lieutenant David Schofield withdrew his firearm and pointed it at Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown asked why he was on the property and Lt. Schofield allegedly told him to "get the fuck away from my car." Mr. Brown alleged that many other officers responded to the scene, and he was ultimately arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Mr. Brown further alleged an ongoing harassment by the Cincinnati Police Department, specifically members of the Gang Unit.

## FINDINGS

### Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Harassment	LT Schofield	Daquan Brown	Unfounded
2	Discourtesy	LT Schofield	Daquan Brown	Unfounded

(November 28, 2020)

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
3	Improper Stop	PO Smith	Daquan Brown	Exonerated
4	Improper Stop	PS Newman	Daquan Brown	Exonerated
5	Improper Stop	PO Wallace	Witness A	Exonerated
6	Improper Stop	PO Pitts	Witness A	Exonerated

7	Improper Search	PO Smith	Daquan Brown	Exonerated
8	Improper Search	PO Lane	Daquan Brown	Exonerated
9	Improper Search	LT Schofield	Witness A	Sustained
10	Improper Search	PO O'Conner	Witness A	Sustained
11	Improper Pointing of a Firearm	PO Smith	Daquan Brown	Unfounded
12	Improper Pointing of a Firearm	PO Newman	Daquan Brown	Unfounded

(January 13, 2021)

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
13	Improper Stop	PO Wallace	Daquan Brown	Exonerated
14	Improper Stop	PO Pitts	Daquan Brown	Exonerated
15	Improper Stop	PO Schildmeyer	Daquan Brown	Exonerated
16	Improper Stop	LT Schofield	Daquan Brown	Exonerated
17	Improper Pointing of a Firearm	LT Schofield	Daquan Brown	Not Sustained

### Collateral Allegations

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Procedure (BWC)	PO Smith	Daquan Brown	Sustained
2	Improper Procedure (BWC)	PO Lane	Daquan Brown	Sustained
3	Improper Procedure (BWC)	PO Back	Daquan Brown	Sustained
4	Improper Procedure (BWC)	PS Newman	Daquan Brown	Sustained
5	Discourtesy	PO Jason Wallace	Witness B	Sustained

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# 8

<b>Complaint #</b>	21038
<b>Complainant</b>	Andrew Davis
<b>Incident Date</b>	March 3, 2021
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Ikechukwu Ekeke
<b>Allegations</b>	Discrimination Improper Stop Excessive Force Improper Seizure Improper Procedure

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: March 03, 2021  
Time: 08:30:00 PM  
Location: 1100 Vine Street

Mr. Davis alleged that a Cincinnati Police officer, later identified as Officer Elliott Miller, racially profiled him when he stopped Mr. Davis on March 03, 2021. Mr. Davis alleged that Officer Elliot Miller beat him unconscious after attempting to stop him. Mr. Davis also alleged that he was falsely charged with robbery. CCA interviewed Andrew Davis at the Hamilton County Justice Center (HCJC) on March 15, 2021.

## FINDINGS

### Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Discrimination	Elliot J. Miller	Andrew Davis	Unfounded
2	Improper Stop	Elliot J. Miller	Andrew Davis	Exonerated
3	Improper Seizure	Elliot J. Miller	Andrew Davis	Exonerated
4	Excessive Force	Elliot J. Miller	Andrew Davis	Exonerated

### Collateral Allegation

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Procedure	Elliott J. Miller	Andrew Davis	Sustained

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# 9

<b>Complaint #</b>	22007
<b>Complainant</b>	Eric Shearer
<b>Incident Date</b>	January 1, 2022
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Kerrie Kimpel
<b>Allegations</b>	Excessive Force Discourtesy Lack of Service Improper Procedure (Reporting Use of Force)

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: January 1, 2022

Time: 5:25 pm

Location: [REDACTED]

On January 1, 2022, Mr. Eric Shearer contacted the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) to remove an unwanted person, Witness A, from his property. Mr. Shearer informed officers there was a protection order against Witness A, forbidding her from having contact with his minor son, ZDS, because of her history of violence. This night, she had been threatening his children. According to Mr. Shearer, an officer later identified as Officer Regina Adams was yelling and "aggressive" towards Mr. Shearer and demanded Mr. Shearer remain at least 6 feet away from her, even though she did not wear a mask. Mr. Shearer explained to CCA that he is partially deaf and speaks loudly to communicate. Officer Adams became "verbally combative with him," so Mr. Shearer requested a supervisor. Officer Adams directed Witness A to go further down the street and away from the residence. At one point, Officer Adams bent down to pick up something from the ground on the porch. Mr. Shearer moved closer to see what the object was. Officer Adams placed both of her hands on Mr. Shearer's chest and pushed Mr. Shearer, then pushed him again with one hand, causing Mr. Shearer to stumble backwards towards his son. According to Mr. Shearer, Officer Adams placed her hand on her firearm (did not withdraw it), Officer Ludwig observed the interaction and advised Mr. Shearer, "Don't take it there" and Mr. Shearer told the officers to leave his residence. No one was charged or cited. As the officers left, Mr. Shearer heard the officers via radio to "disregard the supervisor." The officers left and met with Witness A at the district.

## FINDINGS

### Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	PO Regina Adams	Eric Shearer	Sustained
2	Discourtesy	PO Regina Adams	Eric Shearer	Sustained
3	Lack of Service	PO Regina Adams	Eric Shearer	Unfounded
4	Lack of Service	PO Russell Ludwig	Eric Shearer	Unfounded

### Collateral Allegations

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Procedure	PO Regina Adams	Eric Shearer	Sustained
2	Improper Procedure	PO Russell Ludwig	Eric Shearer	Sustained

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# 10

<b>Complaint #</b>	22015
<b>Complainant</b>	Desmond Mills
<b>Incident Date</b>	July 26, 2021, December 28, 2021, and January 21, 2022
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Robert Stephens
<b>Allegations</b>	Improper Stop Improper Search Harassment

**COMPLAINT  
SUMMARY**

Mr. Mills alleged that on Monday, July 26, 2021, Tuesday, December 28, 2021, and Friday, January 21, 2022, Officer Kress, and other officers that were later identified by CCA to be officers Campo, Condon, Dean, Howard, Lane, Pitts, Orkies and Sergeant Rock; improperly stopped, searched, and harassed him. Mr. Mills also alleged officers planted a firearm in his vehicle, an allegation that was referred to CPD's Internal Investigation Section as a criminal allegation.

**FINDINGS**

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Stop	Aubrey Pitts	Desmond Mills	Exonerated
2	Improper Stop	Zachary Kress	Desmond Mills	Exonerated
3	Improper Stop	Christian Campo	Desmond Mills	Exonerated
4	Improper Stop	Taylor Howard	Desmond Mills	Exonerated
5	Improper Search	Aubrey Pitts	Desmond Mills	Exonerated
6	Improper Search	Tyler Lane	Desmond Mills	Exonerated
7	Improper Search	Taylor Howard	Desmond Mills	Exonerated
8	Improper Search	William Orkies	Desmond Mills	Exonerated
9	Improper Search	Christian Campo	Desmond Mills	Exonerated
10	Improper Search	Brandon Dean	Desmond Mills	Exonerated
11	Improper Search	Brendon Rock	Desmond Mills	Exonerated
12	Improper Search	Joshua Condon	Desmond Mills	Exonerated
13	Harassment	Zachary Kress	Desmond Mills	Unfounded

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# 11

<b>Complaint #</b>	22021
<b>Complainant</b>	Katherine Jett
<b>Incident Date</b>	August 26, 2021
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Joseph Vesper
<b>Allegations</b>	Improper Seizure Improper Search Discourtesy

**COMPLAINT  
SUMMARY**

Ms. Jett alleged that on August 26, 2021, approximately 02:00 PM at [REDACTED] she walked outside of her apartment building to find her boyfriend, Witness A on the curb of the road amid an arrest by Cincinnati Police Officers. She heard one of the officers, later to be determined as Officer Charles Knapp, threatened to “shoot her boyfriend in the head” while he was arrested. Ms. Jett then asked Officer Knapp for his name and badge number, and that was when Officer Knapp wrongfully arrested her for obstruction. She was handcuffed and escorted to the cruiser. Officer Knapp and several other unknown officers that had just arrived (later determined to be Officer Quentin Bishop and Nicholas Davis) then proceeded to illegally search her apartment, even though she told the officers that no one was inside and did not consent. Ms. Jett believed that the officers, illegally searched her apartment, arrested her without cause, and Officer Knapp was discourteous to Witness A.

**FINDINGS**

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Search	Charles Knapp	Katherine Jett	Sustained
2	Improper Seizure	Charles Knapp	Katherine Jett	Sustained
3	Discourtesy	Charles Knapp	Katherine Jett	Exonerated
4	Improper Search	Quentin Bishop	Katherine Jett	Sustained
5	Improper Search	Nicholas Davis	Katherine Jett	Sustained

# 12

<b>Complaint #</b>	22041
<b>Complainant</b>	Donna Standifer
<b>Incident Date</b>	February 16, 2022
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Joseph Vesper

<b>Allegations</b>	Discourtesy Lack of Service
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**COMPLAINT SUMMARY**

Ms. Standifer alleged that on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 18:02:00 near 4323 Glenway Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205, Ms. Standifer was involved in a traffic accident that involved three vehicles. Officer Covrett responded and immediately confronted Ms. Standifer and her husband and demanded their IDs rather than the other two parties involved. Ms. Standifer asked Officer Covrett for the insurance information of the other parties because she believed they were at fault. Officer Covrett told Ms. Standifer that she could have a copy of the report in 7 days. When Ms. Standifer received the report, it did not have the insurance information of the other parties. Ms. Standifer felt the officer was rude because of his tone.

**FINDINGS**

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Discourtesy	Orion Covrett	Donna Standifer	Unfounded
2	Lack of Service	Orion Covrett	Donna Standifer	Unfounded
3	Discourtesy	Timothy Wahoff	Donna Standifer	Unfounded
4	Lack of Service	Timothy Wahoff	Donna Standifer	Unfounded

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# 13

<b>Complaint #</b>	22046
<b>Complainant</b>	Eric Chapman
<b>Incident Date</b>	February 11, 2022
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Jessalyn Goodman
<b>Allegations</b>	Improper Seizure Improper Procedure

**COMPLAINT SUMMARY**

Date: February 11, 2022  
 Time: 11:48am  
 Location: 539 Forest Avenue

Mr. Chapman attended Rockdale Church to attend a funeral at the request of the deceased’s family to sing. When he arrived, he refused to sing as initially requested. The family members “assaulted” Mr. Chapman but he did not fight back.

CPD officers were called. The congregants’ claimed Mr. Chapman was intoxicated. When the officers asked if he was intoxicated, Mr. Chapman denied it; the officers did not conduct a field sobriety test. Mr. Chapman attempted to leave, but the officers would not let him. When he tried to leave again, the officers threatened to tase him. Eventually, Mr. Chapman yielded and provided his ID. He was arrested and transported to Hamilton County Justice Center (HCJC).

Mr. Chapman believed he was improperly arrested, as the officers did not conduct a sobriety test and he was not intoxicated.

**FINDINGS**

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Seizure	Michael Glenn	Eric Chapman	Exonerated
2	Improper Procedure	Michael Glenn	Eric Chapman	Exonerated

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**# 14**

<b>Complaint #</b>	22048
<b>Complainant</b>	Jacoby Johnson
<b>Incident Date</b>	February 23, 2022
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Makiedah Messam
<b>Allegations</b>	Improper Stop Improper Search Discrimination

**COMPLAINT SUMMARY**

Mr. Johnson alleged that on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at approximately 7 p.m. he was traveling on Blair Avenue and stopped to let his passenger exit the vehicle. His passenger exited the vehicle without closing the passenger door. Mr. Johnson exited the vehicle, closed the door, and noticed a police cruiser behind him. He motioned for the cruiser to pass, but they did not. Mr. Johnson returned to his vehicle and drove from Blair Avenue unto Cleveland Avenue where he was stopped by the police. According to Mr. Johnson, the officers exited their cruisers, and one officer approached the driver side but did not tell him why he was stopped. Mr. Johnson sat in his vehicle for about 45 minutes to an hour while the officer queried his license then a dog showed up. The police searched his entire vehicle, including the hood and

the trunk. Mr. Johnson alleged that he did not give consent for the search. He cited for failing to signal while leaving the curb and was then allowed to continue with his journey. Mr. Johnson alleged that Officer Scalf improperly detained him, searched his vehicle, and racially profiled him.

**FINDINGS**

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Stop	Dylan Scalf	Jacoby Johnson	Exonerated
2	Improper Stop	Mason Hoctor	Jacoby Johnson	Exonerated
3	Improper Search	Dylan Scalf	Jacoby Johnson	Exonerated
4	Improper Search	Jason Hesselbrock	Jacoby Johnson	Exonerated
5	Improper Search	Mason Hoctor	Jacoby Johnson	Unfounded
6	Discrimination	Dylan Scalf	Jacoby Johnson	Unfounded

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**# 15**

<b>Complaint #</b>	22061
<b>Complainant</b>	Katherine Jett
<b>Incident Date</b>	February 21, 2022
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Joseph Vesper
<b>Allegations</b>	Improper Search Improper Seizure Discourtesy

**COMPLAINT SUMMARY**

Ms. Jett alleged that on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 06:30 AM at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SWAT Officers, (determined to be led by Lieutenant Brian Bender, #LO318, M/W/45), entered her residence and arrested her boyfriend, Witness A. Other officers (determined to be led by Officer Connley and Sergeant Downing), then searched her residence, absent a warrant. Moreover, Ms. Jett stated that the officers that searched her residence indicated that they had a search warrant, but it was never produced. In addition, Sergeant Downing asked Ms. Jett to unlock her phone and she refused, the phone was subsequently confiscated as evidence against her will. Ms. Jett further alleged that the officers were discourteous via their statements and actions.

## FINDINGS

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Search	Brandon Connley	Katherine Jett	Exonerated
2	Improper Search	Daniel Downing	Katherine Jett	Exonerated
3	Discourtesy	Brandon Connley	Katherine Jett	Unfounded
4	Discourtesy	Daniel Downing	Katherine Jett	Unfounded
5	Improper Seizure	Daniel Downing	Katherine Jett	Not Sustained

### # 16

<b>Complaint #</b>	22067
<b>Complainant</b>	Jeffrey Howard
<b>Incident Date</b>	March 27, 2022
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Joseph Vesper
<b>Allegations</b>	Harassment Improper Stop Discourtesy

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Mr. Howard alleged that throughout the years Officer Andre Miller has harassed him on the streets and buses by "always having something to say," and has made comments Mr. Howard found to be inappropriate. In the past at an unknown date and time Officer Miller once asked Mr. Howard, "Are you selling liquor?" Furthermore, Mr. Howard alleged on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at an unknown time at Kroger located at 100 E Court Street, two unknown officers improperly stopped Mr. Howard when he required imminent use of the women's bathroom. While inside the bathroom an unknown CPD officer (white/male) entered and directed Mr. Howard to leave, the officer then said he would be considered "Officer of the Month." The officer called for another officer (white/female), who improperly detained Mr. Howard but mentioned that they should contact Officer Miller. Officer Miller then appeared, told Mr. Howard not to come back downtown, which Mr. Miller found to be inappropriate, queried Mr. Howard, which would have created a Contact Card, and then allowed him to leave without a citation.

## FINDINGS

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Harassment	Andre Miller	Jeffrey Howard	Unfounded
2	Improper Stop	Keith Spurling	Jeffrey Howard	Unfounded
3	Improper Stop	Porter Eubanks	Jeffrey Howard	Unfounded
4	Improper Stop	Andre Miller	Jeffrey Howard	Unfounded
5	Discourtesy	Keith Spurling	Jeffrey Howard	Unfounded
6	Discourtesy	Porter Eubanks	Jeffrey Howard	Unfounded
7	Discourtesy	Andre Miller	Jeffrey Howard	Unfounded

# 17

<b>Complaint #</b>	22093
<b>Complainant</b>	Tomeka Oliver
<b>Incident Date</b>	April 27, 2022
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Robert Stephens
<b>Allegations</b>	Discrimination

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Complainant alleged that on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 3:00 PM at 4866 Prosperity Pl, her son was involved in an automobile accident between him and a female driver. Officer Wuest responded to the scene and issued the woman a citation for improper turn; Ms. Oliver is concerned that the woman received a "pay-out ticket" rather than go to court to have her license suspended. Additionally, the woman did not have insurance, which Officer Wuest knew, but the woman's vehicle was not towed. Ms. Oliver is concerned that Officer Wuest's actions were discriminatory. Ms. Oliver based her belief that Officer Wuest engaged in racial discrimination on the fact that she herself had previously been arrested for lack of insurance (although by a different officer).

## FINDING

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Discrimination	Daniel Wuest	Tomeka Oliver	Unfounded

# 18

<b>Complaint #</b>	22112
<b>Complainant</b>	Briana Moss on behalf of Antoinette Bush
<b>Incident Date</b>	May 20, 2022
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Joseph Vesper
<b>Allegations</b>	Discrimination Discourtesy

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Ms. Moss alleged that during a police encounter, Witness A should have been transported to the University of Cincinnati Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) instead of the Hamilton County Justice Center (HCJC) and that this failure to transport was indicative of ablism. Furthermore, Ms. Moss alleged that Officer Watson “smirked” and the action at a minimum was discourteous and at maximum racially discriminatory.

## FINDINGS

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Discrimination	Austin Watson	Briana Moss	Unfounded
2	Discrimination	Austin Watson	Briana Moss	Unfounded
3	Discourtesy	Austin Watson	Briana Moss	Unfounded

## RECOMMENDATION

### **R2215: Mental Health Policy/Procedure** (Repeat Recommendation R2106, R2107)

CCA recommends that CPD (i) amend its policies and make corresponding adjustments to its training in order to clarify the circumstances under which a person who is suffering from a mental health crisis may be charged criminally when the charges are related to the crisis, and (ii) strengthen its presumption against such charges.

CPD Procedure § 12.110 Handling Suspected Mentally Ill Individuals and Potential Suicides, states that a “subject having a mental health crisis should not be charged criminally, even if force is used against them.” However, this case, like multiple others, is an example of situations where citizens have been charged with crimes, despite indications that they were suffering from a mental health crisis near the time of the events that gave rise to the charge. At a minimum, the policy language should be clarified so as to

provide better guidance to officers and citizens as to when officers may charge mentally ill suspects criminally when such persons appear to be in crisis, and what factors must be relied upon in making such determinations.



# 19

<b>Complaint #</b>	22122
<b>Complainant</b>	Iah'Moni Richardson
<b>Incident Date</b>	June 16, 2022
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Kerrie Kimpel
<b>Allegation</b>	Excessive Force

**COMPLAINT SUMMARY**

Iah'Moni alleged that on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 9:00pm, at 1990 Westwood Northern Blvd., Officers Gibson and Mullis used excessive force when arresting Iah'Moni for Domestic Violence. CCA was not able to obtain a statement from Iah'Moni, but a statement was provided to the Cincinnati Police Department regarding this incident: Iah'Moni alleged they wanted to put a cell phone in a pants pocket, but the officers would not allow it, and grabbed them. Iah'Moni was punched once in the left side of the jaw, and once in the stomach. One officer twisted Iah'Moni's right arm, while the other officer began to choke Iah'Moni by placing his arm across Iah'Moni's neck, while pinning Iah'Moni to the ground. A crowd yelled for Iah'Moni to be let go, and the officer stopped choking Iah'Moni at that time. Iah'Moni indicated that they were experiencing pain due to the right arm being twisted, and neck pain due to being choked, jaw and stomach pain due to the punches. Iah'Moni also indicated that they had a seizure which was induced by being punched in the head.

**FINDINGS**

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	PO Cameron Mullis	Iah'Moni Richardson	Exonerated
2	Excessive Force	PO Hunter Gibson	Iah'Moni Richardson	Exonerated



# 20

<b>Complaint #</b>	22141
<b>Complainant</b>	Dustin Peters
<b>Incident Date</b>	June 29, 2022

<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Joseph Vesper
<b>Allegation</b>	Improper Seizure

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Complainant alleged that on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 04:00 AM at 2112 Sinton Ave, Officer Wesley stopped Mr. Peters, a stringer (freelance videographer/photographer/journalist), at the scene of a fire. The officer told him not to get closer to the fire and Mr. Peters did not think he had to follow the uniformed officer's orders to stay back because he was trying to get some good shots of the scene. Mr. Peters proceeded closer, was briefly detained by the officer, and then released.

## FINDING

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Seizure	Troy Wesley	Dustin Peters	Exonerated

# 21

<b>Complaint #</b>	22148
<b>Complainant</b>	Tomara Walker
<b>Incident Date</b>	July 7, 2022
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Makiedah Messam
<b>Allegations</b>	Improper Seizure Discourtesy

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Ms. Tomara Walker alleged that on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at approximately 1:00 a.m. her brother approached her vehicle and began beating on her window with his hands. She pepper-sprayed her brother in an attempt to get away from him. She called CPD and Officers Kilgore and Gramlich responded. She told them what happened, and they charged her with assault. Ms. Walker believed that the officers decided to arrest her because of a comment she made to them. She also stated that the officers were rude and discourteous, and she should not have been arrested.

## FINDINGS

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Seizure	Officer Mary Kilgore,	Tomara Walker	Exonerated
2	Improper Seizure	Officer Matthew Gramlich	Tomara Walker	Exonerated
3	Discourtesy	Officer Mary Kilgore,	Tomara Walker	Unfounded
4	Discourtesy	Officer Matthew Gramlich	Tomara Walker	Unfounded

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