

Date: March 28, 2025
To: Board Members, Citizen Complaint Authority
From: Dena Brown, Interim Director
Subject: Investigation Summary – April 7, 2025 Board Meeting

INVESTIGATION SUMMARIES – NEW BUSINESS

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Complaint #	24032
Complainant	Renard Dabney Jr.
Incident Date	January 30, 2024
CCA Investigator	Andrew Alanis

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 03:44 pm

Location: [REDACTED]

Mr. Dabney Jr. alleged that CPD officers responded to his residence on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 3:44 PM at [REDACTED], after he had contacted them for service about a menacing complaint. Mr. Dabney alleged that CPD officers seized him against his will, used excessive force, and conducted an improper search of his residence.

FINDINGS

Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Seizure	Jimmy Pham	Renard Dabney Jr.	Exonerated
2	Improper Seizure	Leo Emmerling	Renard Dabney Jr.	Exonerated
3	Lack of Service	Jimmy Pham	Renard Dabney Jr.	Unfounded
4	Lack of Service	Jayne Snelling	Renard Dabney Jr.	Unfounded
5	Excessive Force	Jimmy Pham	Renard Dabney Jr.	Exonerated
6	Excessive Force	James Ball	Renard Dabney Jr.	Exonerated
7	Excessive Force	Jason Hesselbrock	Renard Dabney Jr.	Exonerated
8	Excessive Force	Leo Emmerling	Renard Dabney Jr.	Exonerated
9	Improper Search	Jayne Snelling	Renard Dabney Jr.	Sustained

Collateral Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
10	Improper Procedure (Use of Force Reporting)	Jeffrey Zucker	Renard Dabney Jr.	Sustained
11	Improper Procedure (Use of Force Reporting)	Andrew Burger	Renard Dabney Jr.	Sustained

RECOMMENDATION

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The carrying of an arrested person is not defined in the CPD Procedure Manual.

In this case all of the officers in their respective CCA interviews were asked if the tactic of carrying Mr. Dabney was considered force. None of the officers interviewed thought the tactic was force. When the same officers were asked if the tactic was escorting all of them stated no. CCA recommends that CPD Procedure 12.545 Use of Force define carrying and incorporate it into one of the following categories: "escorting", "force", or "hard hands". Additionally, CPD Procedure 12.545 Use of Force should specify under what conditions, and how, an officer may carry an arrested subject, as well as what reporting requirement, if any, there should be.

Revising CPD Procedure 12.454 Use of Force to clarify the circumstances in which an arrestee may be carried, and what the reporting requirements are, would provide clarity on this matter for both officers and supervision.

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Complaint #	24034
Complainant	Alisha Crittenden
Incident Date	October 4, 2023 & October 5, 2023
Complainant Received	February 7, 2024
CCA Investigator	Dr. Arnie Slaughter

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Incident #1

Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Time: Approximately 7:45pm

Location: 725 Clifton Colony Drive #6

On October 4, 2023, Ms. Alisha Crittenden and her daughter, Ms. Amiyea Seifu, were at Ms. Crittenden's apartment. Police officers arrived on scene and stated that Ms. Jahneil Smith, whose name was on the apartment lease, wanted Ms. Crittenden to leave the property. Ms. Crittenden attempted to explain that the apartment was hers, for which she paid rent and utilities for the past three months. Ms. Crittenden alleged that officers entered the apartment without her consent and arrested her and Ms. Seifu.

Ms. Crittenden also alleged that officers “roughed her up” and also had taken Ms. Seifu to the ground. She and Ms. Seifu sustained injuries to their knees, wrists, and arms, including pain and bruising. Ms. Crittenden and Ms. Seifu were transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center (HCJC), and within a few hours, Ms. Seifu was released.

Incident #2

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023

Time: Approximately 2:00am

Location: 725 Clifton Colony Drive #6 and parking lot

On October 5, 2023, when Ms. Seifu attempted to return to the apartment after her release from HCJC, an unidentified female (Witness A) was inside of the apartment. Witness A allegedly obtained Ms. Crittenden's firearm and pointed it at Ms. Seifu. Police arrived at the apartment at Ms. Crittenden's request. Ms. Crittenden explained to the officers the earlier incident that led to her arrest as well as the subsequent incident between Ms. Seifu and Witness A.

FINDINGS

Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Entry	Jesse Hooven	Alisha Crittenden	Sustained
2	Excessive Force	Jesse Hooven	Alisha Crittenden	Exonerated
3	Improper Seizure	Jesse Hooven	Alisha Crittenden	Sustained
4	Lack of Service	Jesse Hooven	Alisha Crittenden	Not Sustained
5	Improper Entry	Frank Boggio	Alisha Crittenden	Sustained
6	Excessive Force	Frank Boggio	Amiyea Seifu	Exonerated
7	Improper Seizure	Frank Boggio	Amiyea Seifu	Exonerated
8	Lack of Service	Frank Boggio	Alisha Crittenden	Not Sustained
9	Lack of Service	Wendelyn Martin	Alisha Crittenden	Exonerated
10	Lack of Service	Nedra Ward	Alisha Crittenden	Exonerated

11	Lack of Service	Aaron Myers	Alisha Crittenden	Exonerated
12	Lack of Service	Christopher Delraso	Alisha Crittenden	Exonerated

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Complaint #	24164
Complainant	Antwan Portis
Incident Recieved	October 13, 2023
Complaint Received	August 13, 2024
CCA Investigator	Ronald Pugh

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Mr. Portis alleged that on Friday, October 13, 2023 at 12:25 am near 800 Elberon Ave, Mr. Portis was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped by the police. During the traffic stop, Officer Bender used excessive force when he tased him.

CCA interviewed Mr.Portis, Officers Bender and Benjamin Farwick, #P0206, M/W/24, who witnessed the incident. CCA also reviewed relevant body worn camera (BWC) recordings, Contact Cards, relevant police records, records from the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, use of force reports and computer aided dispatch (CAD) records.

Credible evidence, specifically relevant BWC footage, shows the vehicle that Mr. Portis was traveling in, ran through multiple stop signs and once the cruiser’s emergency lights were activated Mr. Portis fled from the vehicle, fleeing from Officer Bender. While pursuing Mr. Portis, Officer Bender warned Mr. Portis that he would be tased if he did not stop and comply. Officer Bender deployed his CEW on Mr. Portis. Mr. Portis was taken into custody after the short foot pursuit without further incident. Officer Bender was within policy and procedure to do so. CPD Procedure Manual § 12.545 permitted the conduct that occurred.

Therefore, the actions of Officer Bender were consistent with CPD policy, procedure, and training.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Corey Bender	Antwan Portis	Exonerated

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Complaint #	24182
Complainant	Wayne Spencer
Incident Date	August 29, 2024
CCA Investigator	Joseph Vesper

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: August 29, 2024

Time: 2:36 PM

Location: Victory Lady Fitness Center of Cincinnati, 6252 Glenway Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45211

Per CPD EVT Database: On August 29, 2024, Mr. Spencer alleged Officers Fischer and Bracken violated his rights and used excessive force against him during his arrest for a misdemeanor which is against CPD policy. Mr. Spencer alleged the Officers tried to break his arm.

FINDINGS

Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Andrew Fischer	Wayne Spencer	Exonerated
2	Excessive Force	Joseph Bracken	Wayne Spencer	Exonerated

Collateral Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
3	Improper Procedure	Andrew Fischer	Wayne Spencer	Sustained

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Complaint #	24223
Complainant	Bari Horrigan
Incident Date	October 3, 2024
CCA Investigator	Joseph Vesper

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Ms. Horrigan alleged that on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 2:37 PM at [REDACTED], police officers later identified by CCA to be Officers Ewing and Howell conducted a well-being check on her at her residence which resulted in her being taken to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center's Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) when she was not a danger to herself and or others.

CCA interviewed Ms. Horrigan, Officers Ewing and Howell about the incident. CCA also reviewed computer aided dispatch (CAD) records, relevant body worn camera (BWC) recordings.

In CCA's interview with Ms. Horrigan she stated that she suffers from chronic pain and had contacted her doctor's office that morning after being unable to sleep. Ms. Horrigan recalled that she left a voice mail at the doctor's office in which she stated that the pain was so bad that she "could not go on". Ms. Horrigan stated that she did not feel suicidal and did not need to get evaluated at PES.

Officer Howell in his CCA interview stated that he responded to Ms. Horrigan's residence after being dispatched by the Hamilton County Emergency Communications Center (ECC) to a suicide threat. Officer Howell stated that Ms. Horrigan's doctor's office contacted ECC in which they stated that Ms. Horrigan had left them a voice mail in which she made statements that she wanted to die. The doctor's office had attempted to contact Ms. Horrigan multiple times after receiving the voice mail. After the doctor's office was unable to contact Ms. Horrigan via phone they contacted ECC and requested police assistance.

CCA's review of the ECC incident report for this event (CPD241003000995) corroborated the above facts provided by Officer Howell.

FINDINGS

Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Seizure	Eric Howell	Bari Horrigan	Exonerated
2	Improper Seizure	Danielle Ewing	Bari Horrigan	Exonerated

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Complaint #	24245
Complainant	Bryan Roberts
Incident Dates	November 27, 2024
CCA Investigator	Dr. Arnie Slaughter

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Time: 10:48am

Location: Near 300 Main Street

On Wednesday, November 27, 2024, Mr. Roberts was involved in a vehicular collision near 300 Main Street. Officer Bryan Dettmer responded to the scene. Mr. Roberts alleged that while at the scene receiving assistance from Officer Dettmer, he was the victim of police brutality. Specifically, Officer Dettmer “slammed” his head on the inside of his vehicle while he was being arrested. Mr. Roberts also maintained that he was forcefully placed in the backseat of Officer Dettmer’s cruiser.

FINDINGS

Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Bryan Dettmer	Bryan Roberts	Exonerated

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Complaint #	24255
Complainant	Deborah Lewis
Incident Date	December 9, 2024
CCA Investigator	Jessalyn Goodman

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Ms. Lewis alleged that on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 4:00pm at the Northside Transit Center, located at 4041 Spring Grove Avenue, police officers later identified to be Officers Green, Voss, Gleckler, Moultrie, and Drakeford were present while several teenagers waited to board the buses. While the teenagers waited, one unidentified female teenager approached another unidentified female teenager, yelled profanities, and behaved in a “menacing” manner; the second teenager did not respond nor ask for intervention from anyone present, including the officers. Ms. Lewis believed the teenager may have been too intimidated or scared to do so. She attempted to get the officers involved, but they refused because it was “protected speech.” Ms. Lewis believed the officers failure to intervene was due to the minors’ race, as it was “Black on Black violence.”

CCA interviewed Ms. Lewis, and Officers Green, Voss, Gleckler, Moultrie, and Drakeford. CCA further reviewed CPD provided records regarding the incident, to include Officer Voss’s BWC footage.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Discrimination	Tiffany Green	Unknown	Unfounded
2	Discrimination	Weston Voss	Unknown	Unfounded
3	Discrimination	Austin Gleckler	Unknown	Unfounded
4	Discrimination	Asa Moultrie	Unknown	Unfounded
5	Discrimination	Elijah Drakeford	Unknown	Unfounded

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Complaint #	24258
Complainant	Christopher Wells
Incident Dates	December 22, 2024
CCA Investigator	Ronal Pugh

**COMPLAINT
SUMMARY**

Mr. Wells alleged that on Sunday, December 22, 2024 at 7:28pm, Sgt. Clarkson and Officer Crutcher did arrest him in the Kroger parking lot for having a stolen handicapped placard and forced him to sign a citation with the threat of being taken to jail. Mr. Wells was not specific to any statements or actions that were disrespectful outside of the threat of being taken to jail if he refused to sign the citation.

CCA interviewed Mr. Wells, Sgt. Clarkson and Officer Crutcher about the incident. CCA also reviewed relevant body worn camera (BWC) recordings, relevant police records, records from the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, and computer aided dispatch (CAD) records.

Credible evidence, specifically, relevant BWC footage, proves that Sgt. Clarkson did detain Mr. Wells to obtain his personal information once he refused to give it to him. Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.29 requires every Ohioan to disclose personal information. Mr. Wells refused to provide his information on BWC, on multiple occasions. Mr. Wells finally gave the information to officers and was cited for using a handicapped placard that was not his and failure to disclose his identity. Mr. wells signed the ticket and was released.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Seizure	Christopher Clarkson	Christopher Wells	Exonerated
2	Discourtesy	Christopher Clarkson	Christopher Wells	Exonerated
3	Improper Seizure	Trent Crutcher	Christopher Wells	Exonerated
4	Discourtesy	Trent Crutcher	Christopher Wells	Exonerated

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Complaint #	25006
Complainant	Robert Dolan
Incident Dates	January 10, 2025
CCA Investigator	Joseph Vesper

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: January 10, 2025

Time: 11:45 A.M.

Location: Westwood Ave. and Quebec Rd.

Mr. Robert Dolan alleged that on Jan 10, 2025, near Westwood Ave. and Quebec Rd., at approximately 11:45 AM, his vehicle was struck by another motorist which caused damage to his vehicle. Officer Ronald Lacour responded and failed to do a thorough investigation, refusing to cite either party. Mr. Dolan believed this lack of service may be tied to discrimination against him, because he is white, and both the other driver and Officer Lacour are black. Mr. Dolan also believed that the other driver should have been charged for not having a license on their person.

FINDINGS

Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Lack of Service	Ronald Lacour	Robert Dolan	Unfounded
2	Discrimination	Ronald Lacour	Robert Dolan	Unfounded

Collateral Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
3	Improper Procedure (BWC)	Ronald Lacour	Robert Dolan	Sustained

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