

**Date:** December 24, 2025  
**To:** Board Members, Citizen Complaint Authority  
**From:** John Kennedy, Director  
**Subject:** Investigation Summary – January 5, 2026 Board Meeting

## INVESTIGATION SUMMARIES – OLD BUSINESS

# 1

<b>Complaint #</b>	24238
<b>Complainants</b>	Jessica Jones and Kenneth Jones
<b>Complaint Received</b>	November 12, 2024
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Jessalyn Goodman

### COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: November 8, 2024

Date Complaint Received: November 12, 2024

Time: 3:39 p.m.

Date Records Requested: November 14, 2024

Location: 2867 Harrison Avenue

Date Records Received: January 28, 2025

Mr. Kenneth and Mrs. Jessica Jones were involved in a vehicle accident with another driver, Witness A. Communication was limited because Mr. and Mrs. Jones are deaf and Witness A is not. While trying to communicate with Witness A, Witness A claimed he had a firearm. Both parties contacted the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) to report the incident.

Officers Kurtis Latham and Asa Moultrie arrived on scene. The officers were “aggressive” towards Mr. Jones and told him to get into the vehicle. Mr. Jones refused because his children were in the vehicle. He preferred to communicate with paper or an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, but instead the officers tased him. After he fell to the ground, Mr. Jones said, “I am deaf,” but the officers tased again and arrested him. He was improperly handcuffed because he was handcuffed in the back, rather than the

front, for his communication needs. Later, Mr. Jones attempted to apologize, but the police officer said, “I don’t care.”

When Mrs. Jones attempted to speak up, the officers were “aggressive” towards her and attempted to arrest her as well. She is concerned that their treatment by the officers made them feel helpless and unable to speak up for themselves.

## FINDINGS

### Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Kurtis Latham	Kenneth Jones	Exonerated
2	Improper Procedure	Asa Moultrie	Kenneth Jones	Exonerated
3	Improper Procedure	Kurtis Latham	Kenneth Jones	Exonerated
4	Discourtesy	Kurtis Latham	Jessica Jones	Unfounded
5	Discourtesy	Koffi Agbleke	Jessica Jones	Unfounded
6	Discourtesy	Kurtis Latham	Kenneth Jones	Unfounded
7	Lack of Service	Koffi Agbleke	Kenneth Jones	Sustained

### Collateral Allegation

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Procedure	Kurtis Latham	Kenneth Jones	Sustained

## RECOMMENDATION

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During the encounter, a bystander stopped to assist Mrs. Jones. The bystander indicated to Officer Agbleke that he knew ASL and could assist. Officer Agbleke relied on the bystander’s claim to know ASL in order to facilitate communication with Mrs. Jones. However, a review of the BWC footage showed the bystander was not using ASL, which further complicated a difficult situation. In his statement to CCA, Officer Agbleke stated he was unfamiliar with ASL and therefore assumed the bystander to be capable.

This miscommunication highlights an important aspect of CPD Procedure § 18.103 Communication with People Who Are Deaf or Hearing Impaired and Use of Foreign Language Interpreters, which states that an officer “should refrain from using family members or friends of the deaf or hearing impaired individual, unless it is urgent to communicate immediately and that is the only option.” Officer Agbleke’s reliance on a community member, although understandable, placed Mrs. Jones and her family at a disadvantage: Mrs. Jones was unable to fully communicate, nor could she provide a complete statement about what occurred regarding the traffic infraction on Mr. Jones’s behalf, who was handcuffed behind his back and without any means of communicating.

Although the CPD officers in this investigation followed CPD policy, there may be room for training improvements that can better the interactions between CPD officers and the Deaf community. These can include minor changes, such as updating CPD policy to reference “deaf and hard of hearing” terminology rather than “hearing impaired” (which, according to the National Association of the Deaf, the Deaf community has long eschewed) or more impactful changes, such as creating opportunities for officers to learn basic ASL signs. CCA has reached out to CPD’s Training Academy command staff to obtain a better understanding of CPD’s language accessibility opportunities for officers. To date, the Training Academy has not responded. Per CPD’s Staff Notes, the last opportunity for CPD officers to obtain a rudimentary knowledge of ASL for interactions with community members was over five years ago; that is at least ten graduation classes of officers who have not had the opportunity to learn.

Additionally, while communication is a large factor in officer encounters with deaf individuals, it is important to recognize that 1) the hearing and comprehension abilities of deaf individuals exist on a spectrum, which impacts their ability to respond to an officer’s directives, and 2) the role that Deaf culture may have in an interaction. For example, while many officers may view the restriction of an individual’s hands to be a standard safety measure, for deaf individuals, it is also a means of silencing. Therefore, access to and use of their hands is a priority, and officers seeking control may receive unexpected resistance, leading to unexpected escalation.

It is vital for officers to receive training that provides not only the legal necessities as outlined with the Americans with Disabilities Act, but also awareness and empathy. CCA recommends CPD work with local organizations to educate CPD officers on Deaf culture and communication to better inform their actions in the future.

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**INVESTIGATION SUMMARIES – NEW BUSINESS**

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<b>Complaint #</b>	25190
<b>Complainant</b>	Dennis Owusu
<b>Complaint Received</b>	September 2, 2025
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Joseph Vesper

<b>COMPLAINT SUMMARY</b>	
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Date of Incident: May 16, 2025

Date Complaint Received: September 2, 2025

Time: 12:00 a.m.

Date Records Requested: September 2, 2025

Location: 95 E Freedom Way

Date Records Received: September 11, 2025

On May 16, 2025, at approximately 12:00 a.m., near Filson Queen City and Yardhouse, Mr. Owusu alleged that he was in the middle of a conversation with an unknown individual who was having his vehicle towed. An unknown officer told him to "shut up." Mr. Owusu responded by telling the Officer to "shut up" and then began to walk away. The Officer TASED him in the back and then arrested him without reason. Mr. Owusu alleged he was improperly seized, excessive force was used in the arrest, and the unknown officer was discourteous.

## FINDINGS

### Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Seizure	Brent Eve	Dennis Owusu	Sustained
2	Excessive Force	Brent Eve	Dennis Owusu	Sustained
3	Discourtesy	Brent Eve	Dennis Owusu	Sustained

# 2

<b>Complaint #</b>	25140
<b>Complainant</b>	Auston Page
<b>Complaint Received</b>	July 21, 2025
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Robert Stephens

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date of Incident: October 27, 2024

Date Complaint Received: July 21, 2025

Time: 1:52 a.m.

Date Records Requested: July 21, 2025

Location: 7751 reading Road

Date Records Received: August 8, 2025

Mr. Auston Page alleged that on Sunday, October 27, 2024, Sgt. Jerome Herring was disrespectful, threw him to the ground in the street, and charged him with multiple charges. Mr. Page stated that Sgt. Herring did not have probable cause to charge him with, "a pedestrian violation, but actually because I asked for his badge number."

## FINDINGS

### Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Jerome Herring	Auston Page	Exonerated
2	Improper Seizure	Jerome Herring	Auston Page	Exonerated
3	Discourtesy	Jerome Herring	Auston Page	Unfounded

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# 3

<b>Complaint #</b>	25147
<b>Complainant</b>	Chanel Jones
<b>Complaint Received</b>	July 28, 2025
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Dr. Arnie D. Slaughter

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Incident Date: July 25, 2025

Complaint Received: July 28, 2025

Incident Time: 1:00 p.m.

Records Requested: July 28, 2025

Location: 1 West Corry Street

Records Received: October 20, 2025

Per CPD's EVT database: "Ms. Chanel Jones stated Officer Crutcher has harassed her on several occasions while shopping at Kroger. Officer Crutcher and RTS Security detained her and her daughter and accused them of stealing as they walked out the door. Officer Crutcher handcuffed and escorted them to the back office while RTS Security went through their groceries and receipts. Ms. Jones stated that Officer Crutcher grabbed her arm causing a bruise on her arm. RTS Security checked Ms. Jones's groceries, her receipts, and advised that everything checked out and they were free to go. Officer Crutcher and RTS Security then humiliated them and walked them out of the store with their groceries. Ms. Jones felt Officer Crutcher and RTS Security only check the receipts of Black people and never checks white people's receipts."

## FINDINGS

### Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Stop	Trent Crutcher	Chanel Jones	Exonerated
2	Excessive Force	Trent Crutcher	Chanel Jones	Unfounded
3	Harassment	Trent Crutcher	Chanel Jones	Not Sustained
4	Discrimination	Trent Crutcher	Chanel Jones	Unfounded

# 4

<b>Complaint #</b>	25123
<b>Complainant</b>	JJ (Minor)
<b>Complaint Received</b>	June 30, 2025
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Kaitlyn Streicher

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date of Incident: June 29, 2025

Date Complaint Received: June 30, 2025

Time: 5:52 p.m.

Date Records Requested: June 30, 2025

Location: 3195 Geier Drive

Date Records Received: July 24, 2025

Per CPD EVT database, JJ alleged that on Sunday, June 29, 2025, Officer Brian Follrod “slammed me on my face.”

## FINDINGS

### Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Brian Follrod	JJ (Minor)	Exonerated
2	Excessive Force	Clinton Butler	JJ (Minor)	Unfounded

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<b>Complaint #</b>	25146
<b>Complainant</b>	Tashawna Rutherford
<b>Complaint Received</b>	July 28, 2025
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Dr. Arnie D. Slaughter

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: July 11, 2025

Complaint Received: July 28, 2025

Time: 3:46 a.m.

Records Requested: July 28, 2025

Location: 10 West Liberty Street

Records Received: September 18, 2025

Per CPD's EVT Database: "Complainant stated that Officer Mellman gave her a parking ticket for being parked in a handicap space. Complainant stated that she had a handicap placard on her rearview mirror; however, the handicapped person that belonged to the car was not on scene. Complainant stated that she was being profiled and discriminated due to her race."

## FINDINGS

### Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Procedure	Jason Mellman	Tashawna Rutherford	Exonerated
2	Discrimination (Racial)	Jason Mellman	Tashawna Rutherford	Unfounded

# 6

<b>Complaint #</b>	25096
<b>Complainants</b>	Daivonn Owens
<b>Complaint Received</b>	May 27, 2025
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Joseph Vesper

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date of Incident: May 23, 2025

Date Complaint Received: May 27, 2025

Time: 10:18 p.m.

Date Records Requested: May 27, 2025

Location: 1832 Sunset Ave

Date Records Received: Partial September 2, 2025

Mr. Owens alleged that after his arrest on Friday, May 23, 2025, he was punched in the face while sitting in the back of the police cruiser. In a follow-up call Mr. Owens clarified, he was not punched but pushed roughly against the outside and then inside of the cruiser. Mr. Owens further alleged that Officer Seigel was discourteous and elevated instead of de-escalating the situation.

## FINDINGS

### Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Charles Seigel	Daivonn Owens	Unfounded
2	Excessive Force	Ronda Henderson	Daivonn Owens	Unfounded
3	Discourtesy	Charles Seigel	Daivonn Owens	Unfounded
4	Improper Procedure	Charles Seigel	Daivonn Owens	Unfounded

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<b>Complaint #</b>	25188
<b>Complainant</b>	Ajyaire Huff
<b>Complaint Received</b>	September 2, 2025
<b>CCA Investigator</b>	Robert Stephens

## COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: August 11, 2025

Date Complaint Received: 9/2/2025

Time: 8:39 a.m.

Date Records Requested: 9/2/2025

Location: 3800 President Drive

Date Records Received: 9/9/2025

Mr. Huff stated that he was pulled over by Officer Paul Byers and issued a reckless driving citation. During that interaction Mr. Huff stated that Officer Byers was aggressive, confrontational, dismissive, and hostile. Mr. Huff perceived racial bias in tone and demeanor. Mr. Huff also alleged that Officer Byers called him “Boy.”

**FINDINGS**

**Original Allegations**

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Discourtesy	Paul Byers	Ajvaire Huff	Sustained
2	Discrimination	Paul Byers	Ajvaire Huff	Unfounded

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