

Date: May 29, 2026
To: Board Members, Citizen Complaint Authority
From: John Kennedy, Director
Subject: Investigation Summary – June 8, 2026 Board Meeting

INVESTIGATION SUMMARIES – NEW BUSINESS

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Complaint #	25234
Complainant	Antoinne Burrell
Complaint Received	November 5, 2025
CCA Investigator	Joseph Vesper

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date of Incident: October 31, 2025 Date Complaint Received: November 5, 2025
Time: 3:00 p.m. Date Records Requested: November 5, 2025
Location: Woodburn Avenue Date Records Received: Partial 11/19/2025

Antoinne Burrell alleged that on Friday, October 31, 2025, 3:30 p.m., on Woodburn Ave., he and his son (Witness A, M/B/Age Unknown) were improperly stopped by Officers Sean Henderson and Samuel Myers. Mr. Burrell and Witness A were then detained, and his vehicle was searched for no reason. Officer Henderson also acted in a discourteous manner throughout the stop and used excessive force to handcuff his son during the detainment.

FINDINGS

Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
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1	Improper Stop	Sean Henderson	Antoinne Burrell	Exonerated
2	Improper Stop	Samuel Myers	Antoinne Burrell	Exonerated
3	Improper Search	Samuel Myers	Antoinne Burrell	Exonerated
4	Improper Seizure	Sean Henderson	Antoinne Burrell	Exonerated
5	Improper Seizure	Samuel Myers	Antoinne Burrell	Exonerated
6	Excessive Force	Sean Henderson	Witness A	Unfounded
7	Discourtesy	Sean Henderson	Antoinne Burrell	Unfounded

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Complaint #	25144
Complainant	Kayla Bryant
Complaint Received	July 25, 2025
CCA Investigator	Dr. Arnie D. Slaughter

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: June 24, 2025

Complaint Received: July 25, 2025

Time: 12:18 p.m.

Records Requested: July 28, 2025

Location: [REDACTED]

Records Received: October 20, 2025

As stated in CPD EVT database: On June 24, 2025, Ms. Kayla Bryant was at her grandparents' residence when CPD officers were called to respond to an allegation that she assaulted her grandmother. Officers arrived at the residence and first met with Ms. Bryants' grandparents who explained the assault. Officers then spoke to Ms. Bryant in her bedroom; one officer (male) was very "passive aggressive" by cutting off Ms. Bryant as she spoke manipulating her words. Eventually, she spoke to a mental health worker who assessed her.

When the mental health worker recommended that she go to Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) for treatment, Ms. Bryant disagreed. The officers tried to handcuff her, and she motioned them away while she attempted to persuade the mental health worker that she did not need treatment. The officers forced her to the ground and handcuffed her. The handcuffs were painful and caused bruises to both wrists. After she was placed in the cruiser, the transporting officer (female) antagonized her while they drove to the hospital for treatment.

Ms. Bryant believed the officers' actions were improper and unnecessarily escalated the situation.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Discourtesy	Shayla Hogan	Kayla Bryant	Unfounded
2	Discourtesy	Nicholas Lauer	Kayla Bryant	Unfounded
3	Discourtesy	Trevor Meyer	Kayla Bryant	Unfounded
4	Excessive Force	Shayla Hogan	Kayla Bryant	Unfounded
5	Excessive Force	Nicholas Lauer	Kayla Bryant	Exonerated
6	Excessive Force	Trevor Meyer	Kayla Bryant	Exonerated
7	Improper Procedure (Handcuffs)	Shayla Hogan	Kayla Bryant	Unfounded
8	Improper Procedure (Handcuffs)	Nicholas Lauer	Kayla Bryant	Exonerated
9	Improper Procedure (Handcuffs)	Trevor Meyer	Kayla Bryant	Exonerated
10	Improper Seizure	Shayla Hogan	Kayla Bryant	Exonerated
11	Improper Seizure	Nicholas Lauer	Kayla Bryant	Exonerated
12	Improper Seizure	Trevor Meyer	Kayla Bryant	Exonerated

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Complaint #	25189
Complainant	Nigel Agboh
Complaint Received	September 2, 2025
CCA Investigator	Joseph Vesper

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date of Incident: August 31, 2025

Date Complaint Received: September 2, 2025

Time: 3:30 a.m.

Date Records Requested: September 2, 2025

Location: 36 East 7th Street

Date Records Received: Partial September 10, 2025

Per CPD EVT database: Mr. Agboh alleged that on Sunday, August 31, 2025, Officer Newman put his hands on him and refused to provide his name and badge number when requested. Officer Newman also refused to request a supervisor respond to the scene and was unprofessional in his demeanor.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
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1	Excessive Force	Shawn Newman	Nigel Agboh	Unfounded
2	Improper Procedure	Shawn Newman	Nigel Agboh	Unfounded
3	Discourtesy	Shawn Newman	Nigel Agboh	Unfounded

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Complaint #	25237
Complainant	Tracy Gragston
Complaint Received	November 7, 2025
CCA Investigator	Joseph Vesper

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date of Incident: September 15, 2025

Date Complaint Received: November 7, 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Date Records Requested: November 7, 2025

Location: 801 Plum Street

Date Records Received: December 20, 2025

Mr. Gragston alleged that on Monday, September 15, 2025, he was improperly arrested by Sergeant Kinebrew for disorderly conduct, thereby seized, after he attempted to enter City Council chambers.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Seizure	Jerry Kinebrew	Tracy Gragston	Not Sustained

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Complaint #	25154
Complainant	Tracy Gragston
Complaint Received	August 1, 2025
CCA Investigator	Ronnie Pugh

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: July 29, 2025

Date Complaint Received: August 1, 2025

Time: 5:45 p.m.

Date Records Requested: August 1, 2025

Location: 800 Vine Street

Date Records Received: September 19, 2025

Mr. Tracy Gragston alleged that on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, Officers Dettmer, Eve and Harris used Excessive Force and Improperly Seized him when they “drug him out” of a public meeting after yelling “Fire the City Manager Now”.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Bryan Dettmer	Tracy Gragston	Exonerated
2	Improper Seizure	Bryan Dettmer	Tracy Gragston	Not Sustained
3	Excessive Force	Brent Eve	Tracy Gragston	Exonerated
4	Improper Seizure	Brent Eve	Tracy Gragston	Not Sustained
5	Excessive Force	Johnny Harris	Tracy Gragston	Exonerated
6	Improper Seizure	Johnny Harris	Tracy Gragston	Not Sustained

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Complaint #	26047
Complainant	Deborah Jones
Complaint Received	February 26, 2026
CCA Investigator	Joseph Vesper

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: February 25, 2026

Complaint Received: February 26, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Records Requested: February 26, 2026

Location: [REDACTED]

Records Received: No records received

Ms. Deborah Jones alleged that on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at approximately 4:00 p.m. at [REDACTED], officers were "banging on my neighbor's door." Two of the officers had firearms pointed at the apartments residents as they exited. They were both then placed in handcuffs, and the officers then entered the apartment. She was primarily concerned with how the police "induced panic" and "disturbed the peace" in the apartment building.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Pointing of Firearm	Unknown	Deborah Jones	Unfounded
2	Improper Entry	Unknown	Deborah Jones	Unfounded
3	Improper Seizure	Unknown	Deborah Jones	Unfounded

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Complaint #	25126
Complainant	Karen Gonzalez
Complaint Received	July 3, 2025
CCA Investigator	Andrew Alanis

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: June 20, 2025

Date Complaint Received: July 3, 2025

Time: 6:12 p.m.

Date Records Requested: July 3, 2025

Location: 3625 Reading Road

Date Records Received: December 16, 2025

Ms. Gonzalez contacted CCA and stated that her 12-year-old daughter was fighting with another girl at 3625 Reading Road and had OC deployed on her by Officer Corey Jones. Ms. Gonzalez further stated that her daughter was not arrested, no one provided aid, and no one contacted her. Ms. Gonzalez stated she was advised by her daughter about the incident.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Corey Jones	AG (a minor)	Exonerated
2	Improper Procedure	Corey Jones	AG (a minor)	Exonerated

RECOMMENDATIONS

#R2608

CPD needs to specifically undertake consideration with respect to juveniles and the use of force policy and procedures. CPD Procedure §12.545 Use of Force only mentions the following in relation to juveniles and use of force:

Factors to take it into account when using force is objectively reasonable (p. 3)

What hospital to transport a juvenile after they have been tazed (p.14)

Use of pepper ball launcher (p.18)

The transport for juveniles 12 and under shot with beanbag shotgun (pp. 18 & 19)

The avoidance of bean bag shot gun use on young children (p.19)

Which hospital transport for juveniles struck by 40mm rounds (p. 20)

Monadnock PR-24 avoid use on “known to be” young juveniles (p. 21)

There is no part in CPD procedure §12.545 Use of Force that requires officers to contact a parent or legal guardian after force has been used against their child. The procedure needs to incorporate a mandatory requirement that parental contact by a police supervisor must occur after force is used against a juvenile.

Additionally, while CPD records use of force incident information, CCA further recommends that CPD incorporate a specific form or added form field to record specifically when force is used against juveniles. Recording this information will help CPD better track under what circumstances force is being used on juveniles, any commonalities that may exist between the uses of force, and help CPD better address how they are responding to circumstances which lead to uses of force against juveniles.

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Complaint #	25178
Complainant	Desmond Burns
Complaint Received	August 25, 2025
CCA Investigator	Robert Stephens

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: August 24, 2025

Date Complaint Received: 8/25/2025

Time: 9:00 p.m.

Date Records Requested: 8/25/2025

Location: 4598 Paddock Road

Date Records Received: 9/2/2025

Mr. Burns alleged that on Sunday, August 24, 2025, Officers Farwick and Auble used excessive force on his son DB¹ (M/B/16) and failed to contact him. Mr. Burns provided additional details in his complaint. Mr. Burns explained that DB and an adult male (Witness A M/B/unknown) were involved in a physical altercation

¹ Due to this involved party being a minor this report will refer to him as “DB” throughout the duration of the report.

at a gas station. While driving by, CPD officers observed the fight and attempted to intervene. The officers yelled, "Stop!" while simultaneously deploying their tasers; neither individual was given the opportunity to respond to the command before the tasers were deployed. DB was tased twice, causing him to fall to the ground and hit his head. CPD officers handcuffed DB and placed him into the cruiser. A neighbor notified Mr. Burns, who then arrived on scene.

Mr. Burns is concerned that the officers did not follow proper protocol regarding involvement with a minor, as they did not attempt to contact him. He attempted to obtain information from CPD about what happened but was unable to view footage to confirm the officers' account of events. CPD transported DB to Children's Hospital, where he was released to Mr. Burns. DB was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Obstructing Official Business. The officers released Witness A, without pressing charges.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Benjamin Farwick	DB (minor)	Exonerated
2	Excessive Force	Karmen Auble	DB (minor)	Exonerated
3	Improper Procedure	Benjamin Farwick	DB (minor)	Exonerated
4	Improper Procedure	Karmen Auble	DB (minor)	Exonerated

#9

Complaint #	25208
Complainant	Mary Vidourek
Complaint Received	October 1, 2025
CCA Investigator	Kaitlyn Streicher

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date of Incident: September 29, 2025

Date Complaint Received: October 1, 2025

Time: 2:10 p.m.

Date Records Requested: October 2, 2025

Location: [REDACTED]

Date Records Received: October 21, 2025

Ms. Mary Vidourek alleged that on Monday, September 29, 2025, Officers Nathan Schaeper and Alexander Richmond responded to [REDACTED], which is a property that she owns and rents to Mr. Malcolm Robinson. She was not on scene at the time but stated that officers were called to the residence by Mr. Robinson's sister, Ms. Darnecia Robinson. Ms. Robinson is not on the lease and did not have a key to the

residence but had been temporarily staying with Mr. Robinson. Ms. Vidourek explained that Ms. Robinson was only supposed to stay for a few days but then refused to leave the apartment.

On September 29, 2025, Mr. Robinson removed Ms. Robinson’s belongings from the apartment, placed them on the front porch, and locked Ms. Robinson out of the apartment. When Officers Schaeper and Richmond responded to Ms. Robinson’s call for service, Ms. Vidourek alleged that they improperly entered the apartment by climbing through an open window and allowing Ms. Robinson to enter the apartment.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizens	Finding
1	Improper Entry	Alexander Richmond	Mary Vidourek and Malcolm Robinson	Exonerated
2	Improper Entry	Nathan Schaeper	Mary Vidourek and Malcolm Robinson	Unfounded

#10

Complaint #	25214
Complainant	Anonymous
Complaint Received	October 9, 2025
CCA Investigator	Andrew Alanis

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: September 30, 2025

Date Complaint Received: 10/9/2025

Time: 8:20 a.m.

Date Records Requested: 10/9/2025

Location: [REDACTED]

Date Records Received: 11/12/2025

A complainant, who wished to remain anonymous, contacted CCA via phone call on October 09, 2025, and alleged that on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, she had contacted the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) and reported that while she was at her elderly aunt’s apartment providing care for her that her mother (B/F/Unknown), who lives across the hall from her aunt, got into an argument with the complainant. The complainant further alleged that during the course of the argument that her mother attempted to assault her (the complainant) and in the process damaged the aunt’s table. District 3 Officers Brett Loeding and Tyler Merritt were dispatched and arrived on scene. The complainant alleged that the officers failed to provide service to her by not arresting her mother, and that the officers made comments that were racially discriminatory to her during the encounter and were discourteous.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Lack of Service	Tyler Merritt	Anonymous	Unfounded
2	Discrimination	Tyler Merritt	Anonymous	Unfounded
3	Discourtesy	Tyler Merritt	Anonymous	Exonerated
4	Lack of Service	Brett Loeding	Anonymous	Unfounded
5	Discrimination	Brett Loeding	Anonymous	Unfounded
6	Discourtesy	Brett Loeding	Anonymous	Unfounded

#11

Complaint #	25222
Complainant	Rikki McKinstry
Complaint Received	October 20, 2025
CCA Investigator	Robert Stephens

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: October 17, 2025

Date Complaint Received 10/20/2025

Time: 3:25 p.m.

Date Records Requested 10/20/2025

Location: 3036 Werk Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45211

Date Records Received 11/25/2025

Ms. McKinstry alleged that on Friday, October 17, 2025, an unknown CPD officer, identified by CCA to be Officer Houston, acted improper. When she was questioning the officers regarding them placing her son² (M/B/Unknown) into handcuffs, she was arrested, and he used excessive force against her when he pushed her up against a tree and a police cruiser when she was handcuffed and arrested.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Isaiah Houston	Rikki McKinstry	Unfounded

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² Due to her son being a minor, he will be referred for the remaining of the report as DC (his initials)

Complaint #	25170
Complainant	Nathaniel Livingston
Complaint Received	August 18, 2025
CCA Investigator	Robert Stephens

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: July, 26, 2025

Date Complaint Received: 8/18/2025

Time: 3:00 a.m.

Date Records Requested: 8/18/2025

Location: Fourth and Elm Streets

Date Records Received: 9/09/2025

Mr. Nathaniel Livingston alleged that on Saturday, July 26, 2025, a police officer later identified by CCA to be Officer Zachary Lutz acted improper. Mr. Livingston submitted an email to the Citizen Complaint Authority (CCA) alleging discrimination by an unknown Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) officer in connection with a fight that occurred on July 26, 2025, at Fourth and Elm.

Mr. Livingston stated that he had viewed the body-worn camera (BWC) footage of the incident online from a local Cincinnati news station. He expressed concern regarding a comment made by the responding officer toward the end of the video, in which the officer said to one of the involved white males:

“I understand the frustration with that. You can’t make them be decent people.”

Mr. Livingston questioned the officer’s use of the term “them,” asking who the officer was referring to and whether the comment reflected coded racial language or bias.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Discrimination	Zachary Lutz	Witness A	Unfounded

#13

Complaint #	25227
Complainant	James Johnson
Complaint Received	October 29, 2025

CCA Investigator	Ronnie Pugh
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COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: June 23, 2025

Date Complaint Received: October 29, 2025

Time: Unknown

Date Records Requested: October 29, 2025

Location: 5476 Glenway Ave.

Date Records Received: No records received

Mr. Johnson alleged that on Monday, June 23, 2025, Officer Storey pulled him over for a passenger in his vehicle littering and not wearing a seatbelt.

FINDINGS

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Stop	Derek Storey	James Johnson	Not Sustained
2	Discourtesy	Derek Storey	James Johnson	Not Sustained

#14

Complaint #	25247
Complainant	Jeremy Welch
Complaint Received	November 24, 2025
CCA Investigator	Kaitlyn Streicher

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date: July 23, 2024

Date Complaint Received: November 23, 2025

Time: 2:20 p.m.

Date Records Requested: November 24, 2025

Location: 5073 Winneste Avenue

Date Records Received: December 19, 2025

Mr. Welch alleged that on July 23, 2024, he was the passenger in a vehicle when Cincinnati Police Officers conducted a traffic stop for a minor traffic violation. The vehicle was already parked, and Mr. Welch and the driver, Mr. Jamal Al'Lateef, were in the process of exiting the vehicle when the officers turned their cruiser lights on. Though he committed no crime, had no weapons, and was not suspected of any criminal activity, officers immediately handcuffed him and conducted a pat down search. During the pat down, the officer felt an item in his pocket and asked if it was marijuana. Mr. Welch refused to answer, and that officer attempted

to search his pants pockets to retrieve the item. Mr. Welch resisted, then the officer called three to four additional officers to the scene. The officers restrained him and pushed him toward a police cruiser as an officer unbuckled his pants, reached inside his shorts, and moved around his genital area to retrieve the item. Officers then searched the vehicle and arrested him for Falsification and Obstruction.

FINDINGS

Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Improper Seizure	Kevin Newman	Jeremy Welch	Exonerated
2	Improper Seizure	Mason Hoctor	Jeremy Welch	Exonerated
3	Improper Search	Kevin Newman	Jeremy Welch	Sustained
4	Improper Search	Mason Hoctor	Jeremy Welch	Sustained
5	Improper Search	Eric Howell	Jeremy Welch	Sustained
6	Improper Search (Vehicle)	Kevin Newman	Jeremy Welch	Sustained
7	Improper Search (Vehicle)	Nicholas DeZarn	Jeremy Welch	Sustained

Collateral Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
8	Improper Search	Kevin Newman	Jamal Al-Lateef	Sustained
9	Discourtesy	Kevin Newman	Jeremy Welch	Sustained
10	Improper Search	Kevin Newman	Jamal Al-Lateef	Sustained

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