

Date: April 14, 2022

To: Gabriel Davis, CCA Director

From: Morgan Givens, CCA Investigator

Subject: **CCA Case No. 21233 - Review of Excessive Force Allegation by Tyler Speed**

CCA completed an investigation of CCA Complaint No. 21233 by Tyler Speed M/W/25, alleging Excessive Force against Officer Todd Pierson #P0713, M/B/51. This memorandum is intended to convey the conclusions resulting from that investigation and the basis for those conclusions. This memorandum does not purport to summarize all evidence uncovered during the course of the investigation, nor is it intended to summarize the entirety of CCA’s file on this matter.

Mr. Speed alleged that on Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 3:27 AM at [REDACTED], Officer Pierson “choked him and threw him against a wall” while placing him into custody.

CCA interviewed Officer Pierson about the incident; CCA attempted to interview Mr. Speed by phone, but was unsuccessful, he has yet to provide a statement to CCA. CCA also reviewed relevant body worn camera (BWC) recordings, relevant police records, an Injury to Prisoner report, records from the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts , and computer aided dispatch (CAD) records.

BWC footage corroborated the subject officer's version of what occurred. BWC showed that while in an elevator, Mr. Speed violently struck his own head three times against the elevator wall, causing blood to flow down his face. In his CCA interview, Officer Pierson stated that he believed Mr. Speed to be intoxicated. Prior to Mr. Speed hitting his head against the elevator wall, he was not bleeding nor were there any visible wounds on his face. Officer Pierson called CFD who treated Mr. Speed’s wounds and transported him to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center (UCMC). Prior to the arrival of the CFD, Mr. Speed alleged that Officer Pierson caused him injury by choking him and throwing him into a wall. Officer Pierson notified a supervisor of the allegations, which prompted the citizen complaint later received by CCA. Credible evidence, specifically, relevant BWC footage, proves that Officer Pierson did not choke nor throw Mr. Speed into the wall as alleged. Therefore, the actions of the subject officer were consistent with CPD policy, procedure, and training.

Findings:

Based on my investigation and review of the evidence uncovered, I recommend the following findings for your endorsement (findings are defined in the attachment to this memorandum):

Original Allegations

No.	Allegation	Subject Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Todd Pierson	Tyler Speed	Exonerated



Morgan Givens, Investigator



Gabriel Davis, Director