

Date: September 26, 2024

To: Dena Brown, CCA Director

From: Dr. Arnie D. Slaughter, CCA Investigator

Subject: **CCA Case No. 24096 - Review of Discourtesy, Discrimination, Lack of Service and Misconduct Allegations by Donta Walker**

CCA completed an investigation of CCA Complaint No. 24099 by Donta Walker (M/B/35) alleging Discourtesy, Discrimination, Lack of Service and Misconduct against Sergeant Christopher Clarkson, #S0405, (M/W/42) and Officers Charles Utley, #P0788, (M/B/53); Jeremy Chitwood, #P0049, (M/W/35); and Dillon Flanders, #P0359, (M/W/27). 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. Walker alleged that on Friday, April 5, 2024, at approximately 4:15pm at 4441 Darrow Ave, he had a dispute with the mother of his children where he was held against his will when he tried to retrieve his property out of the residence and leave the premises. During their dispute, Mr. Walker was struck in the face a few times and cut with a knife. Mr. Walker called the police to assist him in retrieving his property. The mother of his children lied on him, and he was eventually arrested as the aggressor in the altercation. Mr. Walker believed Sergeant Clarkson and Officers Utley, Chitwood, and Flanders were discourteous, discriminatory, exhibited misconduct, and did not provide him with the service he requested.

CCA interviewed Mr. Walker, Sergeant Clarkson, and Officers Utley, Chitwood, and Flanders to obtain information about the incident. CCA also reviewed relevant body worn camera (BWC) recordings, relevant police records, records from the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, computer aided dispatch (CAD) records, and other relevant documents.

BWC footage provided no evidence to support Mr. Walker's assertion that the officers were discourteous, discriminatory, or exhibited behaviors that could be perceived as misconduct. Regarding the allegations of lack of service, officers arrived at the scene after the phone calls from both Mr. Walker and the mother of his children. Based on the nature of the domestic violence allegations, the officers' interviews with involved parties and witnesses, the finding of a firearm magazine, and the physical nature of the bathroom "with blood everywhere", Mr. Walker's request for assistance from CPD to retrieve his property and leave the premises was a low priority at the incident. Mr. Walker's vehicle was towed because the vehicle was blocking the public sidewalk in the driveway of the mother of his children's residence.

Credible evidence, specifically, relevant BWC and consistent statements provided by the involved sergeant and the three involved officer, proved that CPD followed CPD 12.412 Domestic Violence policy, procedures, and training in their engagement with Mr. Walker and the mother of his children. Despite the facts uncovered during this investigation, neither BWC

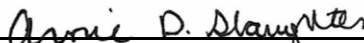
footage nor any other credible evidence clarified material facts necessary to prove Mr. Walker's allegations by a preponderance of the evidence.

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	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Discourtesy	Jeremy Chitwood	Donta Walker	Unfounded
2	Discourtesy	Christopher Clarkson	Donta Walker	Unfounded
3	Discourtesy	Dillon Flanders	Donta Walker	Unfounded
4	Discourtesy	Charles Utley	Donta Walker	Unfounded
5	Discrimination	Jeremy Chitwood	Donta Walker	Unfounded
6	Discrimination	Christopher Clarkson	Donta Walker	Unfounded
7	Discrimination	Dillon Flanders	Donta Walker	Unfounded
8	Discrimination	Charles Utley	Donta Walker	Unfounded
9	Lack of Service	Jeremy Chitwood	Donta Walker	Exonerated
10	Lack of Service	Christopher Clarkson	Donta Walker	Exonerated
11	Lack of Service	Dillon Flanders	Donta Walker	Exonerated
12	Lack of Service	Charles Utley	Donta Walker	Exonerated
13	Misconduct	Jeremy Chitwood	Donta Walker	Unfounded
14	Misconduct	Christopher Clarkson	Donta Walker	Unfounded
15	Misconduct	Dillon Flanders	Donta Walker	Unfounded
16	Misconduct	Charles Utley	Donta Walker	Unfounded


 Dr. Arnie D. Slaughter, Investigator


 Dena Brown, Interim Director