

Action Date: 6/23/2020

(11 Cases)

CPRB CASE REVIEW AGENDA 6/23/2020

CPRB CASE NO. INVESTIGATOR	ALLEGATION(S)	SUMMARY	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
PUBLIC HEARING (0)				
FULL INVESTIGATION (1)				
107-20 ED Ellwood Bridgett Gamble	Use of Force 12-06, (3.0) Discharge of Firearms and Less Lethal Weapons 12-07, (4.0) Continuum of Control 12-08, (2.0, 3.0) Pepper Aerosol Restraint Spray 12-09	Executive Director Inquiry has been opened into the alleged incident that occurred on June 1, 2020. Pittsburgh experienced violent & destructive episodes in the wake of several lawful, peaceful protests calling for police reform.	Authorized full investigation 5-0	Preliminary evidence provides cause to advance the investigation.
30 DAY EXTENSION OF FULL INVESTIGATION (0)				
OUT OF JURISDICTION (0)				
UNSUSTAINABLE (2)				
188-19 Bridgett	Unbiased Policing 11-03 Employee Gender Identity & Expression 20-02 Police-Chaplain 14-16 Training-General-Regulations 70.03	An anonymous letter was received on 9/18/19 regarding the alleged incidents involving the SO who is a lead instructor at the PBP Academy.	Dismissed as unsustainable 4-1 (No: Mr. Waters)	The available evidence does not support the allegations.
60-19 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Towards the Public 16-1 (3.7) Neglect of Duty 16-1 (3.13)	Cx alleges that SO failed to investigate the traffic accident in which the Cx was involved.	Dismissed as unsustainable 5-0	The available evidence does not support the allegations.
UNFOUNDED (2)				
98-20 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Towing & Tow Pound Procedures 41-4.03	Cx alleges the SO towed his out of state vehicle because the vehicle was not registered.	Dismissed as Unfounded 5-0	The available evidence does not support the allegations.
58-20 Ellwood	Unbiased Policing 11.3.4.1.1-4.1.5	Cx alleges that SO pulled her over based on racial profiling and or prejudice against black motorists.	Dismissed as Unfounded 5-0	The available evidence does not support the allegations.
OTHER(1)				
206-19 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Incompetency 16-1 (3.12) Neglect of Duty 16-1 (3.13) Handling of Prisoners 50-01(4.0) Property Room Procedures (4.2.1)	The Cx alleges that the SO neglected to properly maintain her property after he placed her under arrest.	Dismissed as resolved 5-0	Cx was advised to file a claim with the COP Law Department

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New Suspensions/Updates (4)				
230-19 Ellwood	Warrantless Searches and Seizures Building Search 45-2 (10.0) Use of Force 12-06 Hot Pursuit Searches 45-2 (11.2.3)	Cxs alleges that their son was driving a legally titled and registered vehicle and that a PBP officer stopped the vehicle for suspicious driving when the son stopped at the side of the road	Authorized suspension until July 2020 meeting 5-0	More information is needed for investigation
217-19 Ellwood	Conduct Toward the Public 16-01 (3.7) Arrest 44-1 Unlawful Search and Seizure 45-2	Cx alleges that SO was unprofessional in his interaction with him on the evening of 09-22-2019 in conducting a Domestic Violence call.	Authorized suspension until July 2020 meeting 5-0	More information is needed for investigation
03-20 Ellwood	Conduct Unbecoming 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Toward the Public 16-1 (3.7) Neglect of Duty 16-1 (3.13)	Cx alleges that the SO and other unknown PBP officers have not done anything to investigate her son's death (the Victim) that occurred in April 2019 at her home.	Continued Suspension 5-0	More information is needed for investigation
58-19 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Towards the Public 16-1 (3.7) Truthfulness 16-1 (3.9) Motor Vehicle Stops 40-4 (3.2) Warrantless Searches & Seizures 45-2 (5.1)	The Cx states the SO pulled him over on 4/1/19 for driving erratically which he denies.	Continued in Suspension 5-0	The available evidence does not support the allegations.

Suspensions follow.

The following cases remain in suspension with no updates (no summaries provided):

CONTINUED SUSPENSIONS UPDATES (12) SUMMARIES PROVIDED UPON REQUEST			
CPRB CASE NO. INVESTIGATOR	ALLEGATION(S)	REASON FOR CONTINUED INVESTIGATION	POSSIBLE CLOSING DATE
16-19 Bridgett	Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1 (3.6) Neglect of duty 16-1(3.13)	Witness 1 has not been apprehended and the CX is still out of the country.	TBD
29-19 Bridgett	Obedience to orders/ laws 16-1 (3.1) Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1 (3.6) Insubordination, 16-1 (3.9) Truthfulness 16-1 (3.19) False report 62-1 (2.10)	SO is on workman's compensation	TBD
038-19 Bridgett	Use of force, 12-6, 3.1 Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Towards the Public 16-1 (3.7) Truthfulness 16-1 (3.19)	Waiting on SO statements	TBD
094-19 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Towards the Public 16-1 (3.7)	Waiting on SO statements.	TBD
095-19 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Incompetency 16-1 (3.12) Neglect of Duty 16-1 (3.9)	Waiting on SO statements.	TBD
146-19 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Towards the Public 16-1 (3.7)	Waiting on SO statements.	TBD
142-18 Bridgett	Unbiased policing 11-3 (4.1) Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1 (3.6) Truthfulness 16-1 (3.19) false report 62-1 (2.10)	Waiting for Cx's Criminal Trial that is scheduled for 6/29/20.	TBD
221-18 Bridgett	Use of force, 12-6, 3.1 Taser, 12-13, 5.3 Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1, 3 Truthfulness, 16-1 (3.19) False report 62-1 (2.10)	Currently reviewing the court transcripts.	TBD
06-20 Ellwood	Crash Response Investigations and Reports 41-03 (3.3.6, 3.4.4, 4.1.1, 4.1.3)	Awaiting OMI completion of the investigation and SO statements.	TBD

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248-17-ED Gamble	Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1 (3.6) Conduct towards the public 16-1 (3.7) Use of force 12-6 (3.1)	Waiting for Victim's Response & Formal Statement	TBD
87-18-ED Gamble	Use of Force 12-6 Discharge of firearms 12-7 Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1 (3.6) Truthfulness 16-1(3.19) Records/Reports/Files 62-1	Waiting for witnesses to cooperate.	TBD

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Gov. Wolf Takes Action to Address Law Enforcement Reform and Accountability

June 04, 2020

Press Release, Public Safety

After meeting with leaders in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Governor Tom Wolf announced several actions to improve law enforcement relations with the community and strengthen training and accountability.

"Today, I am taking steps to address concerns about community relations with law enforcement as well as strengthen accountability of our agencies," Gov. Wolf said. "This effort will commence immediately."

Gov. Wolf outlined multiple actions directed at meaningful reforms, many based on the 21st Century Policing Task Force, created in 2015 under President Obama in response to the Ferguson, Mo., death of black teen Michael Brown that set off weeks of protests.

Highlights of the recommendations include:

- **Creation of a Deputy Inspector General within the Pennsylvania Office of State Inspector General (OSIG)** focused on deterring, detecting, preventing, and eradicating fraud, waste, misconduct, and abuse amongst law enforcement agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction.
- **Creation of a Pennsylvania State Law Enforcement Advisory Commission** that reviews allegations of misconduct by law enforcement personnel under the governor's jurisdiction.
- **Providing technical assistance to municipalities** from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to encourage the creation of local citizen advisory boards.
- **Creation of a Racial and Ethnic Disparities Subcommittee** under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) at PCCD.
- **Reviewing Training and Education of Officers.** All training academies for law enforcement must review current use of force training standards for law enforcement and form a workgroup to develop model training standards to ensure that all officers receive the best instruction in their interactions with the public. Departments should be striving to obtain state and or national accreditation. Accreditation is a key component in assisting departments in evaluation and improvement of their standards and practices.
- **Enhancing Officer Safety and Wellness.** Enhancing current mental health initiatives and offering targeted mental health supports for officers to deal with trauma and reduce stigma for getting help.
- **Supporting Legislative Reforms.** The governor will work with the legislature on reforms, including legislation proposed that provides for improved access to police videos, an oversight board for officer training and continuing education, a special prosecutor in deadly force cases, interdepartmental law enforcement hiring reform and PTSD evaluation for police officers. Earlier this week, members of the Police Reform Working Group, which includes state and local elected officials, the chief defender of the Defender Association of Philadelphia, as well as several attorneys, put forward proposals to address growing frustration with racism, oppression and rooting out law enforcement misconduct.

"We've addressed criminal justice reform on a bipartisan basis, and that's what we'll need to fix these longstanding inequities," Gov. Wolf said. "And as we go forward, we need to address the looming, systemic failings that have created this situation."

The governor also committed to addressing longstanding inequalities against people of color.

"I'm going to continue to fight for more education funding and for help for minority-owned businesses. These fights do not have an end point, and we won't know when we've won, but we have to keep going to make our commonwealth fairer and more equal for everyone."

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[Gov. Wolf Takes Action on Law Enforcement Reform & Accountability](#)



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MAYOR WILLIAM PEDUTO

June 3, 2020

Ms. Elizabeth Pittinger
Executive Director
Pittsburgh Citizens Police Review Board
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Dear Director Pittinger,

Following concerns about the City's response to large crowds and protests over the past week, I am hoping that you can work with the American Civil Liberties Union, the NAACP Pittsburgh branch and the United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania to perform a review of City actions.

The City of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police always strive to be better and would welcome any recommendations on improving their performance. With your assistance we can make Pittsburgh a safer and more equitable city for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W Peduto", is written in a cursive style.

William Peduto
Mayor of Pittsburgh

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