

March 20, 2022

TO: Michael Anzallo, Chief of Metro Transit Police Department and Stephen Boehm, Deputy Chief - 600 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001

CC: WMATA Board - 600 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001

SUBJ: 2022 (Q1) Case Reviews performed by Metro Transit Police Department Investigations Review Panel

Greetings,

Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) Investigations Review Panel reviewed four (4) 2020 Q4 cases, and respectfully submit the following findings and recommendations:

1. [REDACTED] – Improper Arrest
  - a. Background – Complainant, who had a warrant for their arrest, stated they were forced onto a Metro train to be transported to a jurisdiction where they could be arrested.
  - b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and agreed with the investigation's findings. The Review Panel viewed the DVR footage and the officers' written statements. The Officers stated that the amount of force used was appropriate.
  - c. Recommendations: None.
2. [REDACTED] – Excessive Force
  - a. Background – During the course of two MTPD Officers investigating a complaint, one of the Officers struck a suspect that was handcuffed.
  - b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and agreed with the investigation's findings.
  - c. Recommendations:
    - i. Education/Training – Continue to emphasize active bystander training within the Department.
    - ii. Personnel – Special note of praise for the active intervention of the other officer involved in this incident.
3. [REDACTED] – Improper Search During Arrest
  - a. Background – Complainant stated he was sexually assaulted during a search incident to arrest.
  - b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and agreed with the investigation's findings.
  - c. Recommendations: None

4. [REDACTED] – Excessive Force

- a. Background – MTPD Officers responding to an altercation near the Anacostia Metro Station found themselves faced with an assault on themselves and others and attempted to de-escalate the situation.
- b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and available video footage and agreed with the investigation's findings.
- c. Recommendations:
  - i. Engagement – Given that some of the individuals in this case were juveniles, there is strong potential for negative feelings towards MTPD officers, especially when the mother of these juveniles receives a letter explaining that her complaint was unfounded. In these situations, more robust community outreach should be considered, both in a private visit to the mother and potentially police dialogue in schools in the area where the incident occurred.

After you have had time to review our findings and recommendations, we request that you please respond to this letter, including what actions were taken. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Don Nuckols

Chairman, Metro Transit Police Department Investigation Review Panel