

July 31, 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 (Q2) Case Reviews performed by Metro Transit Police Department Investigations Review Panel

Greetings,

Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) Investigations Review Panel reviewed four (4) 2021 Q1 cases, and respectfully submit the following findings and recommendations:

1. [REDACTED] – Excessive Force
 - a. Background – A MTPD Officer entered a bus to wake a sleeping passenger and inform them that the bus was no longer in service. As the subject awakened they became combative and had to be carried off the bus, and continued to be combative while being handcuffed. While handcuffed the subject spit on the officer.
 - b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and agreed with the investigation's findings that no excessive force was used on a handcuffed individual. The Review Panel viewed the DVR footage and the officers' written statements.
 - c. Recommendations: None

2. [REDACTED] – Excessive Force & Rude, Discourteous, or Inappropriate Comments (or Behavior or Gestures)
 - a. Background – An apparently homeless individual was resistant to arrest and refused to let go of their shopping cart; numerous officers were required to restrain the individual, and a bystander felt the amount of force used was inappropriate.
 - b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and agreed with the investigation's findings.
 - c. Recommendations:
 - i. Response – Having a mental health professional readily available (on call?) would help with homeless person encounters.
 - ii. Complaint response – There was difficulty contacting the individual filing the complaint, but at least one of the Review Board members felt an in-person response versus a letter of response would be better from a community relations perspective.

3. [REDACTED] – Violation of Procedures for Preliminary Investigations & Discourteous, or Inappropriate Comments (or Behavior or Gestures)

- a. Background – Complainant stated they were unlawfully detained by unprofessional MTPD Officers at the Pentagon Metro Station.
 - b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and agreed with the investigation’s findings and recommendations.
 - c. Recommendations: None
4. [REDACTED] – Violation of Procedures for Preliminary Investigations & Discourteous, or Inappropriate Comments (or Behavior or Gestures)
- a. Background – The complaint was submitted regarding racial profiling and what was perceived as an unlawful stop and arrest at the L’Enfant Plaza Metro Station.
 - b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and available video footage and agreed with the investigation’s findings.
 - c. Recommendations: None

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 [REDACTED]

Chairman, Metro Transit Police Department Investigation Review Panel