
Police Civilian Review Panel

Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

Location: Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9-10

Date: November 30, 2021

Time: 5:30 pm

Agenda details:

I. Call to Order

II. Agenda Items

a. Initial Review of CRP-21-14

III. New Business

IV. Adjournment

Fairfax County Police Civilian Review Panel Subcommittee Initial Review Report

Request for Review – Basic Information

CRP Complaint Number: CRP-21-14

Subcommittee Meeting Date: November 30, 2021

Subcommittee Members:

- James Bierman, Subcommittee Chair (Panel Chair)
- Todd Cranford, Subcommittee Member
- Shirley Norman-Taylor, Subcommittee Member

Complaint Submission Date: Review Request received on 8/3/2021. Other Key Dates: FCPD Disposition letter: 1/29/2021; Incident Date: 3/5/2019

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Purpose

The Subcommittee Initial Review Report sets forth the Subcommittee's recommendation on whether the Complainant's allegation(s) meet the standard for review provided in the Panel's Bylaws. The Panel may accept or not accept the Subcommittee's recommendation on whether to review a complaint.

Findings

The Panel's review authority states in Article VI (A)(1) of its Bylaws: "The Panel shall review Investigations to ensure their thoroughness, completeness, accuracy, objectivity and impartiality where (1) the subject matter of an Investigation is an allegation of 'abuse of authority' or 'serious misconduct' by a FCPD officer, and (2) a Review Request is filed."

The subject matter of this investigation concerns allegations by the complainant that an officer of the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) falsely arrested and profiled him as an African American male, and violated the law, during a March 2019 incident. (The complainant alleged harassment by FCPD officers during multiple incidents dating back to May 2017, but the Panel will only review allegations concerning the latest incident on March 5, 2019, which is addressed in the FCPD disposition letter dated January 29, 2021.)

The Subcommittee finds that the subject matter of the investigation **(meets/does not meet)** the threshold requirement for "abuse of authority" and "serious misconduct."

Recommendation

The Subcommittee recommends that the Panel (**undertake/not undertake**) a review of CRP-21-14 because the complaint (**meets/does not meet**) the scope of review criteria set forth in its Bylaws.

Panel Bylaws Abuse of Authority and Serious Misconduct Checklist

Criteria Met?	Abuse of Authority and/or Serious Misconduct	Complainant Details*
Yes/No	Use of abusive racial, ethnic or sexual language or gestures.	
Yes/No	Harassment or discrimination based on race, color, sexual orientation, gender, religion, national origin, marital status, age, familial status, immigration status or disability.	
Yes/No	Acting in a rude, careless, angry, retaliatory or threatening manner not necessary for self-defense.	
Yes/No	Reckless endangerment of detainee or person in custody.	
Yes/No	Violation of laws or ordinances.	
Yes/No	Other serious violations of Fairfax County or FCPD policies or procedures, including the FCPD Canon of Ethics, that occur both on or off duty.	

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