



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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County Executive

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SUBJECT: Disposition of Independent Police Auditor Review of Serious Injury: IPA-25-19

This Summary Memo documents my review of the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigation into a serious injury sustained by an individual during an arrest on July 4, 2025.

Report of Serious Injury: On July 4, 2025, FCPD officers arrested a man with an active warrant. Immediately after being taken into custody, the man complained of severe leg pain. The FCPD conducted an administrative investigation into the complaint and notified the Office of the Independent Police Auditor of the incident in July 2025.

Summary of Incident: On July 4, 2025, an FCPD officer conducted surveillance at a hotel where an individual with active arrest warrants for possession of burglarious tools and petit larceny was believed to be staying. The officer observed an individual matching the description exiting a vehicle in the hotel parking lot. After the officer approached the individual, identified himself as an FCPD officer, and asked the man for his name, the individual initially denied being the wanted person. He later claimed that prosecutors had declined to pursue the charges and the warrants were no longer valid. The officer informed him that the warrants remained active.

As the officer moved to place the individual under arrest, the man ran. During a brief foot pursuit, the individual attempted to jump over a parking curb and appeared to land awkwardly, causing his right leg to twist unnaturally. He immediately fell, and when he attempted to stand and continue running, he collapsed again, stating that he believed he had broken his leg. The officer then handcuffed him, and when other officers arrived, assisted him

into a seated position, and requested Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD) response. The man was transported by ambulance to Inova Fair Oaks Hospital.

At the hospital, IAB personnel interviewed the individual. He stated that he had not run from the officer, was not informed he was under arrest, and did not know how his leg was injured. He also said the officer did not cause the injury.

Observations: I reviewed the officer's incident report, all available body-worn camera footage, and video from the hotel's surveillance system. The footage shows the officer informing the man that he was going to be arrested. During the brief foot pursuit, the individual attempted to jump over a parking curb and landed awkwardly, causing his right leg to twist unnaturally. He immediately fell, and when he tried to stand and continue running, he collapsed and shouted that he had broken his leg. The officer then handcuffed him, and upon the arrival of additional officers, the man was placed in a seated position and FCFRD was requested to respond to treat his injury.

The initial officer did not make physical contact with the individual until applying handcuffs and no force was used. No other officers were present at the hotel at the time of the foot pursuit or the injury.

Conclusions: The IAB investigation exonerated the officer of violating FCPD Regulation 201.1 (Knowledge and Obedience to Laws, Regulations, and Training)¹ as it relates to General Order 614, Foot Pursuits, Section IV, Pursuing Officer Responsibilities, Subsection A, General Responsibilities and Subsection J, Medical Treatment².

My review supports the FCPD's determination that the officer was exonerated. The officer appropriately pursued a fleeing man who had active warrants in accordance with G.O. 614. IV. A. and immediately requested medical treatment for his injuries in accordance with G.O. 614. IV. J. I conclude that the IAB investigation was complete, thorough, accurate, objective, and impartial.

¹ Regulation 201 General Responsibilities, effective May 9, 2025.

² General Order 614, Foot Pursuits, Effective April 9, 2025.