Initial Review Report – Subcommittee Recommendation to the Fairfax County Police Civilian Review Panel

Request for Review – Basic Information			
CRP Complaint Number: CRP-2	3-15		
Subcommittee Members:			
 Todd Cranford, Panel M 	ember		
 Celeste Peterson, Panel 	Member		
 Bryon Garner, Chair of S 	Subcommittee		
Key Dates: Date of Review Req	uest: 8/4/2023, Date of Incident	:: 10/13/2022, Date of Initial	
Complaint (to FCPD): 7/14/2023, Date of FCPD Disposition Letter: 7/19/2023			
Subcommittee Meeting		☐ Complainant spoke	
Date: March 5, 2024	-		

Subcommittee Authority and Purpose

The Subcommittee conducts an Initial Review of the subject Complaint to determine whether the Complaint meets the minimum criteria for review and consideration by the full Panel. (See Panel Bylaws Article VI.D.2.(d))

The Subcommittee reviews complaints to determine whether: (Panel Bylaws Article VI.D.3.(a))

- (1) The Complaint alleges Serious Misconduct or Abuse of Authority as defined in its Bylaws; and
- (2) The evidence contained in the investigative file could lead a reasonable Panel to conclude that there is sufficient evidence to support the allegations.

Subcommittee's Role in Initial Review Process

The Subcommittee Initial Review Report sets forth the Subcommittee's recommendation. A unanimous Subcommittee vote is required to determine that a Complaint does not meet the criteria set forth in the Bylaws. The full Panel may or may not accept the Subcommittee's recommendation on whether to review a complaint.

The full Panel will consider the recommendation from the Subcommittee and vote to determine whether it accepts a Review Request. If the full Panel accepts the recommendation, it will conduct a full Panel Review Meeting. (Panel Bylaws Article VI.F.)

Categories of Abuse of Authority or Serious Misconduct

The Panel determines whether allegations can be categorized as one or more of the following: (Panel Bylaws Article VI(B))

- A. Use of abusive racial, ethnic or sexual language or gestures.
- B. Harassment or discrimination based on race, color, sexual orientation, gender, religion, national origin, marital status, age, familial status, immigration status or disability.
- C. Acting in a rude, careless, angry, retaliatory or threatening manner not necessary for self-defense.
- D. Reckless endangerment of detainee or person in custody.
- E. Violation of laws or ordinances.

F. Other serious violations of Fairfax County or FCPD policies or procedures, including the FCPD Canon of Ethics, that occur both on or off duty.

Complainant Allegations

The Panel subcommittee considered the following allegation(s) by the Complainant to determine (1) whether each constitutes Serious Misconduct or an Abuse of Authority as defined above, and, if yes, (2) whether the Investigation Report reveals any observable substantiation.

	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>
	Abuse of	Substantiat-
Allegation(s)	Authority or	ed in
	Serious	Investigative
	Misconduct	File
List each allegation below as stated by the Complainant. Indicate in the next two columns whether	Identify	Indicate
the two criteria are met for each allegation.	Category (A-F)	Yes/No
1. FCPD failed to knock on door to acknowledge their arrival before making entry into	No	No
his home to serve an arrest warrant	No	No
2. FCPD did not have a search warrant at the time of entry, which violates VA state	Na	Na
code.	No	No

Missing Information

Subcommittee Findings and Recommendation

Check the Subcommittee's recommendation to the full Panel and keep one statement below that applies based on criteria met.

☑ Subcommittee DoesNot Recommend full PanelReview

Criterion 1 is not met: The Subcommittee unanimously finds that the allegation(s) made by the Complainant <u>do not</u> meet the threshold of Serious Misconduct or Abuse of Authority and therefore the Panel <u>does not</u> have authority to review the complaint. The Subcommittee <u>does not</u> recommend that the full Panel take up review of this Complaint.