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CASE CLOSURE SUMMARIES: July 2024

IA Case Number: 23C-035
Date Received: June 2, 2023
Complainant: Clarence McMillan
Incident District: 6
Officer(s): Robert Hayden
Date Closed: 5/31/2024
Disposition: Unfounded

On June 2, 2024, New Haven Police officers were standing outside their vehicles when they were approached by Mr. McMillan. Mr. McMillan called Ofc. Hayden a “pussy” and stated he wanted to hit him. Ofc. Hayden, who was familiar with Mr. McMillan from previous encounters, removed his OD from his belt. Mr. McMillan was instructed to step away from the officer, he continued to yell profanities and spits on Ofc. Hayden. Mr. McMillan was chased by officers and fights with them when he is detained. Ofc. Hayden deployed his taser which was effective in subduing Mr. McMillan. Mr. McMillan was taken to the hospital for evaluation and treatment. On June 6, 2023, Mr. McMillan filed a civilian complaint with the Office of Internal Affairs. Mr. McMillan stated in his complaint, he was arrested by Ofc. Hayden “9 times in my life for no reason.” He added that Ofc. Hayden was harassing him. BWC footage was reviewed and confirmed the events documented in the incident report. The use of force forms were also reviewed. The investigation determined by a preponderance of evidence that the misconduct of malfeasance complained of did not occur, therefore, this complaint was **unfounded**.

IA Case Number: 24C-004
Date Received: January 3, 2024
Complainant: ChyQuaan Adams
Incident District: 1
Officer(s): Endri Dragoi
Date Closed: June 13, 2024
Disposition: Sustained

On December 9, 2023, New Haven Police officers responded to the area of downtown for a report of a fight inside of Chipotle. While officer attempted to disperse the groups, they encountered resistance. This resulted in Ofc. Dragoi deploying OC spray into a group, Mr. Adams was one of the members in that group. On January 3, 2024, the Office of Internal Affairs received a civilian complaint from Mr. Adams stating he was threatened and sprayed by Ofc. Dragoi. During this investigation which included, reviews of reports, review of BWC footage and interviews determined that the use of force by Ofc. Dragoi against Mr. Adams was justified. However, while reviewing the incident Ofc. Dragoi is seen running after another group of people and spraying as they ray away. This use of force was determined to be unnecessary and against our Use of Force General Order. The misconduct that

was not based on the original complaint was **sustained**.

IA Case Number: 24C-022

Date Received: March 10, 2024

Complainant: Courtney Edwards

Incident District: 1

Officer(s): F. Doreus, I. Abdussabur, R. Miranda, R. Barolli

Date Closed: June 14, 2024

Disposition: Summary Action

On March 10, 2024, New Haven Police officers responded to the downtown area for a report of a breach inside of Chipotle as well as a possible weapons complaint. Mr. Edwards was identified as the subject who was believed to have pulled out a gun during an altercation. Officers detained Mr. Edwards a short time later after a struggle. They did not locate a weapon but did locate “crack” cocaine in his possession. He was arrested and issued a misdemeanor summons. On March 11, 2024, Mr. Edwards filed a civilian complaint with the Office of Internal Affairs. In his complaint Mr. Edwards stated he was thrown to the ground and he was upset because his handcuffs were too tight. He stated he complained to the officers on scene but they were never loosened. He also complained about being the only person detained and that he did not have any drugs on him. Through a review of the reports, BWC footage and interviews, it was determined that officers had probable cause for their arrest. Mr. Edwards did complain to officer about the handcuffs and officers did not check the handcuffs for fit or double lock them after Mr. Edwards became compliant. There was no severe injury caused by this. The officers involved were all relatively new and had not prior complaints of this nature made against them. It also did not appear to be done intentionally or maliciously. It was determined that the officers were in violation of the Rules of Conduct General Order and the officers involved were counseled by their immediate supervisors. This investigation was closed as a **summary action**.

IA Case Number: 24C-030

Date Received: March 19, 2024

Complainant: Sharone Daniels Hubert

Incident District: 2

Officer(s): J. Buccaro, S. Villone

Date Closed: June 24, 2024

Disposition: Unfounded

On February 19, 2024, New Haven Police officer responded to an emotionally disturbed person call. During the investigation it was determined that Ms. Daniels Hubert had to go to the hospital. Officers had to physically remove her from her vehicle and place her on the stretcher as she resisted. On March 19, 2024, Ms. Daniels Hubert filed a civilian complaint with the Office of Internal Affairs. In her complaint Ms. Daniels Hubert stated she was “snatched and “thrown on a stretcher” (further information regarding the incident cannot be disclosed due to HIPPA laws). The investigation which included review of the reports, BWC footage and interviews determined that the officer actions did not violate any laws or General Orders. This complaint was determined to be **unfounded**.

IA Case Number: 24C-045
Date Received: May 15, 2024
Complainant: Shadae Murray
Incident District: 3
Officer(s): Michael Rubino
Date Closed: June 27, 2024
Disposition: Exonerated

On January 11, 2024, New Haven Police officers responded to harassment complaint made by Ms. Murray. Ms. Murray informed officers she was being harassed by her ex-boyfriend and his family. She stated they had a dispute but denied there were any threats made or physical altercations. Ms. Murray stated they were accusing her of having his PlayStation 5, which she stated she did not have. Officers spoke with the victim who stated Ms. Murray was upset with him because he came home late and kicked him out of the house with his belongings. The victim stated that during this interaction Ms. Murray slapped him in the face. The victim did not provide any additional information and just wanted his PlayStation back. The victim stated he paid \$490 for it and was able to provide text messages showing that Ms. Murray did have possession of it. Ofc. Rubino completed an arrest warrant for Ms. Murray which was signed and then served on March 6, 2024. On March 15, 2024, Ms. Murray filed a civilian complaint stating she was arrested and a "warrant out for" for her arrest without a proper investigation. She claimed she never spoke to an officer regarding the incident. The investigation revealed, through a review of reports, BWC footage and interviews, that the officer did conduct a thorough investigation and spoke with her on several occasions. He was able to establish probable cause for the arrest warrant and subsequent arrest. There was no violation of law or general orders found. This investigation was closed as **exonerated**.

IA Case Number: 24C-048
Date Received: May 29, 2024
Complainant: Michael McNamara
Incident District: 2
Officer(s): Detective Roger Kergaravat
Date Closed: June 13, 2024
Disposition: Unfounded

On May 29, 2024, the Office of Internal Affairs received a civilian complaint from Mr. McNamara stating he filed several complaints against some former employees for stealing. The case was assigned to Det. Kergaravat and he felt he was not conducting a proper investigation. The investigation which included review of reports, review of BWC footage and interviews, showed Det. Kergaravat was working on the case and had been in communication with Mr. McNamara on several occasions. There was nothing found to indicate that he was not conducting a proper investigation. This investigation was closed as **unfounded**.

IA Case Number: 24C-052
Date Received: June 9, 2024
Complainant: Anonymous
Incident District: 1
Officer(s): Christopher Chin
Date Closed: June 20, 2024
Disposition: Not Sustained

On June 9, 2024, the Office of Internal Affairs received an anonymous civilian complaint regarding harassment. The anonymous person stated that on June 7, 2024 Ofc. Chin asked him what hie was going. When he responded, "minding my bussinss," Ofc. Chin stated, " you trying make some money if you suck my dick!" The anonymous person stated "fuck otta here." He added that on the date of the report (6/9/2024) Ofc. Chin gave him a ticket for "crossing the street." We were able to determine the identity of the person through this information and review the report and BWC footage of the incident. During the exchange the anonymous complainant never mentions anything to Ofc. Chin about being inappropriate, the anonymous complainant only disputes the ticket. We were not able to find any body camera or any evidence of past interaction with Ofc. Chin and the anonymous complainant. The investigation was unable to determine if the misconduct complained of did or did not happen and the investigation was closed as **not sustained**.