

Date: November 22, 2024

To: Dena Brown, CCA Interim Director

From: Ronald Pugh, CCA Investigator

Subject: **CCA Case No. 24012 - Review of Excessive Force, Improper Seizure and Improper Entry Allegations by Angela Lewis**

CCA completed an investigation of CCA Complaint No. 24012 by Angela Lewis, F/B/66, alleging Excessive Force, Improper Seizure and Improper Entry against Officers Caleb Sarchet, #P0248, (M/W/32), Christopher Lauderman, #P0275, (M/W/10), Benjamin Williamson, #P0450, (M/W/32) and Sarah Cronin, #P0504, (F/W/27). This memorandum is intended to convey the conclusions resulting from that investigation and the basis for those conclusions. This memorandum does not intend to summarize all evidence uncovered during the investigation, nor is it intended to summarize the entirety of CCA's file on this matter.

On Saturday, January 6, 2024, Ms. Lewis emailed CCA to advise that her son Lydell Lewis, M/B/39, was arrested on January 5, 2024. Ms. Lewis alleged the officers used unnecessary force when they broke the door frame and forced entry when they arrested her son. The search warrant resulted in an officer recovering a firearm, crack cocaine, and drug paraphernalia. Ms. Lewis stated that the officers should not have physically arrested Mr. Lewis due to his medical status of being paralyzed from the waist down from being previously shot. He advised her the firearm and crack were not his.

The arrest was the result of a search warrant signed by a judge of the Hamilton County Municipal Court and executed at Mr. Lewis's apartment located at [REDACTED] by District 1 Violent Crimes Squad (VCS). Mr. Lewis was charged with weapons under disability, trafficking in drugs (crack cocaine), and possession of drug paraphernalia, and was physically arrested and taken to the Hamilton County Justice Center (HCJC), due to Mr. Lewis's medical status he was later transported to The Delhi Post Acute Center by Hamilton County to receive care not in the scope of the Justice Center.

CCA interviewed Ms. Lewis, Officers Sarchet, Lauderman, Williamson and Cronin. Lydell Lewis wasn't immediately interviewed due to being in a post-acute medical facility, several attempts to interview him since have not been successful. CCA also reviewed relevant body worn camera (BWC) recordings, relevant police records, a copy of the search warrant, records from the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts and computer aided dispatch (CAD) records.

BWC footage corroborated the subject officer's version of what occurred. Credible witness statements corroborated the subject officer's version of what occurred. There is no information establishing that Officers Sarchet, Lauderman, Williamson or Cronin Used Excessive Force against Mr. Lewis or Improperly entered or improperly seized property as alleged. Per BWC Mr. Lewis was handled with care and did not complain of any force being used against him. The BWC captured the entire encounter including Mr. Lewis being taken into the HCJC.

Therefore, the actions of Officers Sarchet, Lauderman, Williamson and Cronin were consistent with CPD policy, procedure, and training.

Findings:

Based on my investigation and review of the evidence uncovered, I recommend the following findings for your endorsement (findings are defined in the attachment to this memorandum):

Allegations

No.	Allegation	Involved Officer	Involved Citizen	Finding
1	Excessive Force	Caleb Sarchet	Lydell Lewis	Unfounded
2	Improper Seizure	Caleb Sarchet	Lydell Lewis	Unfounded
3	Improper Entry	Caleb Sarchet	Lydell Lewis	Unfounded
4	Excessive Force	Christopher Lauderman	Lydell Lewis	Unfounded
5	Improper Seizure	Christopher Lauderman	Lydell Lewis	Unfounded
6	Improper Entry	Christopher Lauderman	Lydell Lewis	Unfounded
7	Excessive Force	Benjamin Williamson	Lydell Lewis	Unfounded
8	Improper Seizure	Benjamin Williamson	Lydell Lewis	Unfounded
9	Improper Entry	Benjamin Williamson	Lydell Lewis	Unfounded
10	Excessive Force	Sarah Cronin	Lydell Lewis	Unfounded
11	Improper Seizure	Sarah Cronin	Lydell Lewis	Unfounded
12	Improper Entry	Sarah Cronin	Lydell Lewis	Unfounded



Ronald Pugh, Investigator



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