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CASE CLOSURE SUMMARIES: FEBRUARY 2024

IA Case Number: 22C-004
Date Received: January 10, 2022
Complainant: Leticia Council
Incident District: 3
Officer(s): Sergeant M. Criscuolo
Date Closed: January 26, 2024
Disposition: Unfounded

New Haven Police Officers were dispatched to 49 Union Avenue for the report of a Domestic Stabbing. Sergeant Criscuolo and Officer Sosik canvassed the building for an offender wanted in connection with the stabbing incident. The offender, Angie Council was located on the 4th floor of 49 Union Avenue. Angie physically struggled with the officers as they tried to handcuff her. Angie's sister, Leticia Council, approached Sergeant Criscuolo while he was struggling with Angie. Sergeant Criscuolo told Leticia to move back several times and then nudged her to create distance between him and Leticia so he can effectuate an arrest. Sergeant Criscuolo then pointed his taser at Leticia in order to get her to move back and not interfere with the arrest of Angie. Leticia filed a civilian complaint stating she was pushed and assaulted by Sergeant Criscuolo. Officer Hwang, who is a certified use of force instructor, stated Sergeant Criscuolo's use of force was reasonable. Officers' body-worn camera and police reports determined the incident was within the New Haven PD's policies and procedures. The investigation determined by preponderance of evidence that misconduct or malfeasance complaint about did not occur therefore, this complaint was **Unfounded**.

IA Case Number: 23C-002
Date Received: January 2, 2023
Complainant: Anna Honore
Incident District: 3
Officer(s): Sergeant B. Canning
Date Closed: January 11, 2024
Disposition: Withdrawn

On December 30, 2023 Anna Honore come to the New Haven Police Department to deliver a separate civilian complaint form. Upon her arrival she found the lobby doors to be locked but was able to make contact with Sergeant Canning. Sergeant Canning informed Honore that there wasn't anyone in Internal Affairs at the time to accept her complaint packet, which was 17 pages in length. He provided her the phone number and advised her to return when Internal Affairs was open. Honore filled a civilian complaint stating that Sergeant Canning was "uneducated about the complaint process or purposefully unhelpful about filing my civilian." IA investigator contacted Honore who informed him that she did not wish to see Sergeant Canning face any potential discipline over this matter and as such the complaint was **Withdrawn**.

IA Case Number: 23C-003
Date Received: January 3, 2023
Complainant: ChyQuaan Adams
Incident District: 2
Officer(s): Officer R. Kunz; Officer G. Reynolds
Date Closed: January 11, 2024
Disposition: Unfounded

New Haven Police Officers were dispatched to 1605 Whalley Avenue (The Regal Inn) regarding a breach of peace complaint. Adams was the complainant the call stating his friend Maria Feliciano assaulted him. Officers spoke with Feliciano, who stated she has an “on-again, off-again” intimate relationship with Adams. Officer Reynolds reviewed video footage of the incident which showed Adams, struck Feliciano causing her to fall down the stairs. There were no visible injuries on Adam. Medical attention was provided to both parties. Based on the information gathered from their investigation, officers arrested Adams for the incident. Adams filed a civilian complaint stating he was arrested against his will while in the care of AMR. Officers’ body-worn camera and police reports determined the incident was within the New Haven PD’s policies and procedures. The investigation determined by preponderance of evidence that misconduct or malfeasance complaint about did not occur therefore, this complaint was **Unfounded**.

IA Case Number: 23C-025
Date Received: April 18, 2023
Complainant: Loriann Hernandez
Incident District: 8
Officer(s): Officer C. Nguyen; Officer A. Tudor
Date Closed: January 29, 2024
Disposition: Unfounded

New Haven Police Officers responded to a motor vehicle collision at 179 Fillmore Street. This accident was determined to have occurred on private property. Loriann Hernandez’ vehicle was struck, while parked in her driveway, by Jose Gonzalez as he pulled into the same driveway. Officers C. Nguyen and A. Tudor determined the accident occurred on private property and facilitated the exchange on information between Gonzalez and Hernandez’ niece Jessica. Officer conducted license and registration checks of the drivers and vehicles which revealed Gonzalez’s license plate was a misuse; he was issued a misdemeanor summons for the violation. Hernandez filed a civilian complaint stating she was displeased that Gonzalez was not arrested and claimed the officers did not do their job. Sergeant Melendez spoke with Hernandez. Hernandez told Sergeant Melendez that the “American officer” with glasses was rude and threatened to arrest her. Sergeant Melendez explained to Hernandez that Gonzalez was in fact arrested and given a summons. Officers’ body-worn camera and police reports determined the incident was within the New Haven PD’s policies and procedures. The investigation determined by preponderance of evidence that misconduct or malfeasance complaint about did not occur therefore, this complaint was **Unfounded**.

IA Case Number: 23C-054
Date Received: September 26, 2023
Complainant Maurice Harris
Incident District: 1
Officer(s): Officer J. Brangi
Date Closed: January 26, 2024
Disposition: Exonerated

New Haven Police Officers responded to the New Haven Public Library, 133 Elm Street for a report of an assault. Shana Johnson informed Officer J. Brangi that she was punched by Maurice Harris and it caused her nose to bleed. Officer Brangi also spoke with Harris who denied hitting Johnson and stated Johnson was the one who hit him. Officer Brangi reviewed video footage and determined Harris was the dominant aggressor and placed him under arrest. Harris filed a civilian complaint stating the officer did not properly investigate the incident and unlawfully arrested him, violating his constitutional rights. Officers' body-worn camera and police reports determined the incident was within the New Haven PD's policies and procedures. The investigation determined by preponderance of evidence that the alleged act did occur, but the officer engaged in no misconduct because the act was lawful, justified, and proper. The official determination was **Exonerated**.

IA Case Number: 24C-009
Date Received: January 9, 2024
Complainant: Tyrone Craddock
Incident District: 5
Officer(s): Officer T. Canace
Date Closed: February 5, 2024
Disposition: Unfounded

New Haven Police Officers to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Howard Avenue and York Street. Officer T. Canace investigated the accident and found Tyrone Craddock at fault. Craddock filed a civilian complaint stating Officer Canace was very rude and refused to review video footage of the accident that was recorded on the Tesla he was driving at the time of the accident. Additionally, he stated that Officer Canace threatened to arrest him for Breach of Peace if he continued to ask him to watch the video. Officers' body-worn camera and police reports determined the incident was within the New Haven PD's policies and procedures. The investigation determined by preponderance of evidence that misconduct or malfeasance complaint about did not occur therefore, this complaint was **Unfounded**.