

INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

CLOSED CASES – April 2023

- IA Case No: 22C-058
- Date Received: August 15, 2022
- Complainant: Javona Short
- Officer(s): Joseph Bleke

Summary: On August 15, 2022, The Office of Internal Affairs received a civilian complaint from Ms. Short. In her civilian complaint form, Short documented that officers knocked on her bedroom door and announced they had a search warrant for her fiancé Eric Joyner. Short also reported that she believed Joyner's initials were forged on the Miranda Rights Form and that he never signed this document.

Through the course of this investigation, it was determined that Detective Bleke's body-worn camera showed that Joyner was handed a copy of the search warrant and an audio copy of the interview Joyner could be heard waiving his right to counsel at that time.

- Disposition: **Unfounded**
- Date Closed: 4/1/2023

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- IA Case No: 22C-070
 - Date Received: October 18, 2022
 - Complainant: Shykwon Sunchild
 - Officer(s): Karl Rindfleisch

Summary: On December 2, 2022, The Office of Internal Affairs received a civilian complaint from Mr. Sunchild. Sunchild stated he was having difficulty figuring out why he was not contacted by the New Haven Police Department when he was a victim of a severe hit and run. Sunchild's main complaint and frustration was that the lead investigating officer failed to contact him following the morning of June 12, 2022, when Sunchild was struck by a vehicle(s) at the intersection of Crescent Street and Munson Street. Sunchild was also upset as he felt Officer K. Rindfleisch failed to investigate who was operating the vehicle that struck him thoroughly. This investigation determined that Officer Rindfleisch did have misconduct, not based on the original complaint.

- Disposition: **Sustained**
 - Date Closed: 4/3/2023
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- IA Case No: 22C-072
- Date Received: November 15, 2022
- Complainant: Reginal Cash
- Officer(s): Officer E. Diaz

Summary: On November 15, 2022, The Office of Internal Affairs received a civilian complaint form from Reginald Cash. In his civilian complaint form, Cash documented that he believed that the arrest made was to violate his release from a previous arrest. Officer Diaz was dispatched to a domestic violence call between Cash and his child's mother in which she sustained injuries. After reviewing the body-worn camera footage, Cash was found to be the dominant aggressor in this incident. It was determined that probable cause existed for the arrest and that Cash's allegations were not supported.

- Disposition: **Unfounded**
- Date Closed: 4/1/2023