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I. Introduction, History, Mission, and Vision

A. Introduction

The purpose of the Columbus Department of the Inspector General (“Columbus DIG”) is to ensure the actions of sworn personnel of the Columbus Division of Police (“CPD” or “Division”) are constitutional and in compliance with City and Division policies and procedures and all applicable laws. The duty of the Columbus DIG is to provide fair and unbiased investigations of police misconduct and excessive use of force independent from the Division and the Department of Public Safety.

The Columbus DIG acts as an independent investigatory agency. The department receives, reviews, and conducts investigations of complaints alleging misconduct and/ or excessive use of force by sworn personnel of the Division filed by citizen or initiated by the Civilian Police Review Board (“CPRB”). The Columbus DIG reports its investigative findings and recommendations to the CPRB for review and approval. The CPRB provides its recommendations to the Director of Public Safety and/or the Chief of Police. The Director of Public Safety or the Chief of Police makes all final dispositions(s) and disciplinary determinations.

B. History

During the summer of 2020, nationwide demonstrations against historic, systemic racism and controversial policing brought heightened attention to issues of police accountability. Columbus was no exception, as thousands of residents took to the streets demanding more transparent and equitable law enforcement practices. In response, Mayor Andrew Ginther and the Columbus City Council proposed a series of reforms aimed at improving oversight and accountability within the Columbus Division of Police. Among these reforms was the creation of both the Civilian Police Review Board and the Columbus Department of the Inspector General, a proposal that received overwhelming support from Columbus voters in November 2020.

The Columbus DIG was thus established as an independent investigatory agency tasked with examining allegations of misconduct or excessive use of force by sworn personnel. Working alongside the CPRB, which provides civilian oversight and reviews DIG investigations, these two entities work in tandem to foster unbiased accountability, ensure compliance with policies and laws, and strengthen trust between law enforcement and the community.

C. Mission

The Columbus Department of the Inspector General is dedicated to fostering trust and transparency between the Columbus community and its Division of Police. Through thorough, impartial investigations into allegations of misconduct and excessive use of force by sworn personnel, the Columbus DIG upholds the highest standards of fairness and integrity. When the evidence supports it, the DIG makes recommendations designed to ensure accountability, thereby restoring, building, and maintaining the public’s confidence in the Columbus Division of Police.

D. Vision

The Columbus Department of the Inspector General aspires to be recognized nationwide as a model agency for effective police oversight and accountability. By conducting honest, impartial investigations and enforcing the highest standards of professionalism and equity within the Columbus Division of Police, the Columbus DIG seeks to strengthen community trust and enhance the relationship between residents and law enforcement. Through this commitment, the Columbus DIG aims to lead the way in shaping just, transparent, and community-centered policing.

II. Complaint Management, Tracking, and Evaluation

The Columbus DIG utilizes Matrix Investigator, a case management system (CMS), to enter and track complaints received. The system will record documents and information related to complaints and investigations.

A. Tracking and Processing Complaints

All complaints received by Columbus DIG, including complaints initiated by the Civilian Police Review Board and the Columbus DIG, shall be entered into the Case Management System. The CMS will automatically generate and assign each complaint a unique complaint number for tracking purposes.

Voicemails received are to be added to each case as an attachment. If a complaint is taken live over the phone, personnel shall record the phone call unless the complainant declines to have the call recorded. Each call shall be reduced to writing and added to the citizen's complaint in the CMS. Additionally, any follow up calls made by Columbus DIG personnel shall be recorded and attached to the complaint.

Note: Complaints received during regular business hours will be entered into the CMS the date received; however, complaints received within 30 minutes of the close of business may be entered the following business day. All complaints received outside of regular business hours will be entered into the CMS the next business day.

B. Evaluation of Complaints

The initial evaluation process of all complaints will be handled administratively by the Inspector General, the Deputy Inspector General, and/ or designated member(s) of staff. The decision on whether to open an investigation will be based on the information provided in the complaint, by the complainant, and the following:

- The complaint is received by the Columbus DIG in writing or reduced to writing within ninety (90) days after the date of the alleged event giving rise to the complaint.
- The alleged incident involves misconduct and/ or excessive use of force by a sworn member of the CPD and is not criminal in nature (§235.05).
- The Complainant has standing to make a complaint.

An alleged victim, an alleged victim's parent, legal guardian or custodian or any individual having personal knowledge of the alleged officer misconduct and/ or excessive use of

force shall have standing to file a complaint with the Columbus DIG. Personal knowledge shall mean direct eye or ear witness to an incident involving alleged officer misconduct and/ or excessive use of force. When an anonymous complaint is made against a sworn member of the CPD and no corroborative evidence is obtained from the information that either accompanies the complaint or that is reasonably obtainable from information provided in the complaint, the complaint shall be classified as not investigated and closed.

All complaints containing perceived criminal conduct shall be immediately forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency pending determination to investigate criminal activity.

C. Complaints Opened into an Investigation

Once the complaint has been reviewed, evaluated for standing, and approved by the Inspector General, Deputy Inspector General, and/ or designated member(s) of staff, a case will be opened into an investigation of the allegation. The case will then be assigned to an Investigator to investigate the allegation(s) to the fullest extent possible.

III. Inspector General Staff

A. Staff Composition:

- Inspector General (1)
- Deputy Inspector General (1)
- Executive Assistant to the Columbus DIG (1)
- Executive Assistant to the Civilian Police Review Board (1)
- Community Relations Coordinator (1)
- Inspector General Investigator Supervisors (2)
- Inspector General Investigators (6 Filled, 2 Vacant)
- Inspector General Intake Specialist (1 Filled, 1 Vacant)
- Management Analyst II (1)

B. Trainings:

- Civility in the Workplace – Citywide Training
- Columbus DIG SOP
- Criminal Investigations and 4th Amendment Search and Seizure
- D.I.S.C. Assessment
- Ethics Law
- Gang Enforcement Training
- Leadership Training Live2Lead Conference
- Implicit Bias
- Intentional Communications – Citywide Training
- Report Writing
- Strategic Communications: Webinar
- Power DMS Training
- Principles and Standards for Officers of Inspector General (Green Book)

IV. Community Outreach and Engagement

A. Social Media

- Instagram: 176 Followers
- X (formerly Twitter): 115 Followers
- Facebook: 20 Followers
- LinkedIn: 214 Followers

B. Completed Community Events (January 1 – March 31, 2025)

- 20-Jan-25 MLK Breakfast and March
- 28-Jan-25 Meeting with Alaska Coalition for Justice
- 05-Feb-25 Presentation to Alaska State General Assembly Members, - Anchorage Alaska
- 06-Feb-25 Presentation Alaska Black Caucus Summit – Anchorage, Alaska
- 04-Mar-25 Welcome Breakfast for Bishop Stafford Wicker

V. Citizen Complaint Statistics (Quarter 1: January 1 to March 31, 2025):

A. Summary

In the first quarter of 2025, the Columbus DIG received 253 citizen complaints. The vast majority of complaints were received via the DIG Hotline, followed by Email and Agency Referral. 170 complaints were closed at intake, primarily for referral to another agency (75), insufficient information to proceed (37), and withdrawn complaints (16).

The DIG opened 82 complaints into investigation and investigated 210 allegations during the first quarter of 2025. The allegations mostly involved actions taken/ not taken (83 allegations), rude, discourteous, and/ or profanity (19), and the handling of property (16). The majority of allegations were determined to be Unfounded (122), while 35 were Exonerated and 33 were Sustained.

Given the considerable time required for investigative cases to be heard by the Civilian Police Review Board and reviewed by CPD Chain of Command, no cases from 2025 have been returned by CPD COC to the DIG for final recording. As such, the DIG does not have data regarding final investigation outcomes or discipline issued.

B. Source of Citizen Complaints ¹

Citizen Complaint Sources*	Q1 2025	Share of Complaints Q1 2025	Q1 2024	Share of Complaints Q1 2024
Hotline	188	74.3 %	421	83.8 %
Email	23	9 %	26	5.1 %
Website (Smartsheet)	11	4.3 %	19	4.3 %
Mainline	3	1.2 %	11	1.7 %
In-Person	7	2.8 %	3	1 %
Agency Referral	21	8.3 %	6	3.4 %
Mail	0	0 %	2	0.7 %
Board Initiated	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total	253		488	

¹ Only includes complaints received during timeframe identified.

* Matrix Database

C. Breakdown of Citizen Complaints Received

Breakdown of Citizen Complaints*	Q1 2025	Q1 2024
Closed at Intake	170	394
Opened into Investigations	82	59
Pending (Information)	2	24
Admin Hold	21	11
Board Initiated	0	0
Total	275	488

Please note: Chart C displays complaints that were closed at intake, opened for investigation, or are awaiting a decision during the specified timeframe; however, some of these complaints were received prior to the timeframe identified. Consequently, this yields a higher number of complaints compared to Chart B.

D. Breakdown of Closure Reason for Citizen Complaints

Complaints Closed at Intake Reason*	Q1 2025	Q1 2024
Insufficient Information to Proceed with Investigation ²	37	72
Preliminary Investigation Found No Police Misconduct	11	90
No Jurisdiction	10	48
Anonymous/No corroborating evidence	0	4
Exceeded 90 Days from Incident	15	24
Information Only ³	3	11
Referred to Another Agency	75	116
Withdrawn	16	20
Other ⁴	3	9
Total	170	394

E. Citizen Complaints Opened into Investigations and Closed Investigations

Complaints Opened into Investigations*	Q1 2025	Q1 2024
Opened Investigations	82	59
Closed Investigations	72	59
Administrative Hold	21	11

² Complaints closed due to insufficient information are generally due to a lack of information provided by the complainant, particularly contact information, or multiple, unsuccessful attempts by the Columbus DIG to contact the complainant.

³ These callers needed information about an agency, department, or called to compliment or voice an opinion about an officer, CPD, or city department.

⁴ Other contained duplicate or repeated complaints by citizens

F. Allegations Breakdown ⁵

Categories of Allegations Investigated Q1 2025 [†]	
Actions Taken/ Not Taken	83
Rude, Discourteous, and/or Profanity	19
Force	15
Unbecoming Conduct ⁶	1
Search/ Seizure	12
Violation of Police Rules, Orders, etc.	11
Violation of City Work Rules	1
Refuse Name and/or Badge Number	4
Discriminatory Actions	2
Handling of Property	16
Threats or Harassment	9
Operation of Vehicle	1
Use of Authority or Position	1
Investigative Actions – Criminal	4
Display/ Use of Firearms	6
Investigative Actions – Accident	2
Racial Profiling	2
BWC Usage	5
Uniform	0
Arrest	14
Handling of Prisoner	2
Untruthfulness	0
Discretion	0
Total	210

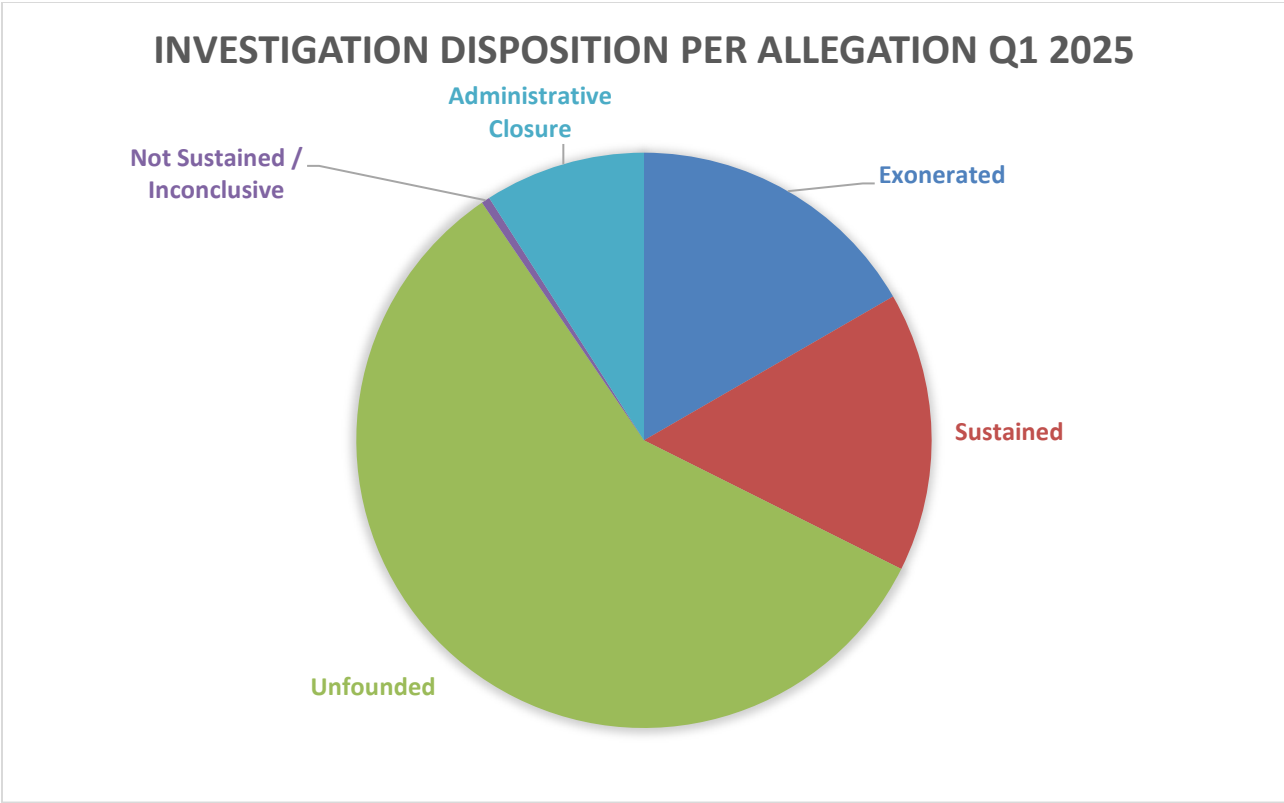
G. Investigation Disposition per Allegation

DIG Investigation Disposition per Allegation Q1 2025 [†]	
Exonerated	35
Sustained	33
Unfounded	122
Not Sustained / Inconclusive	1
Administrative Closure	19
Withdrawn	0
Total	210

⁵ A single citizen complaint may include multiple allegations, and allegations are assigned per officer. The DIG may include additional allegations of misconduct or force discovered during the course of an investigation.

⁶ CPD Directive 1-01 Rules of Conduct 1.15

[†] DIG Database



VI. Summary of 2025 First Quarter Investigations:

Please note: It takes considerable time for the cases to reach CPD and be reviewed by CPD Chain of Command (COC). Consequently, COC dispositions for the listed cases will likely be received later in the year. Additionally, the DIG organizes investigations by the date the investigation closed.

DIG Case 2024-0557

On April 10, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint where the complainant alleged on April 8, 2024 a CPD officer answered a call to service, and when he arrived, he drew his firearm and shot and killed her dog.

On February 12, 2025, the Columbus DIG’s investigation closed with a recommendation for a finding of “administrative closure”. As the Columbus DIG concurs with the CPD’s Firearm/Police-Involved death Review Board (FRB) investigation that the CPD officer’s actions were “Intentional and not in Violation of Policy.”

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged that a CPD officer responded to a call for service	Administrative Closure	Administrative Closure	N/A

at her home and when he arrived, he drew his firearm and shot and killed her dog.			
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DIG Case 2024-1183

On August 9, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct and use of force against a CPD officer. On August 2, 2024, the complainant alleged 1) during a routine traffic stop the officer rushed up to his vehicle with his gun drawn and threatened to shoot him, 2) an officer smashed his face into the rear window of the police wagon, and 3) during the pat-down the officer reached into his pants, under his underwear, and touched his genitals.

On March 11, 2025, the Columbus DIG's investigation closed with a recommendation for a finding of "unfounded" for allegations one, two and three. The complaint was forward to CPD IAB for a criminal investigation into the complainant's allegation an officer reached into his pants, under his underwear and touched his genitals. The Columbus DIG reviewed CPD IAB's investigation and concurred no probable cause to file criminal charges. Furthermore, the Columbus DIG's investigation found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegations.

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officer approached his vehicle with his gun drawn and threatened to shoot him.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged the officer smashed his face into the rear window of the police wagon.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged during the pat down the officer reached into his pants, under his underwear, and touched his genitals.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1276

On August 29, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct by a CPD officer. On August 29, 2024, the complainant alleged an 1) officer in CPD police cruiser 33 harassed him by following him around a McDonald's parking lot and not leaving him alone after he requested the officer leave him alone numerous times. The complainant also alleged 2) the officer attempted to get into his vehicle.

On January 9, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard, to allegation one, the investigation found no evidence the officer harassed the complainant by following him around a McDonald's parking and not leaving the complainant alone after he requested the officer leave him alone numerous times. Therefore, it is recommended this investigation be closed as "unfounded."

In regard, to allegation two, the investigation found no evidence the officer attempted to get into the complainant's vehicle. Therefore, it is recommended this investigation be closed as "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged an officer harassed him by following him around a McDonald's parking lot and not leaving him alone after he requested the officer leave him alone numerous times.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer attempted to get into his vehicle	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1310

On September 5, 2024, Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct by a CPD officer. On September 4, 2024, the complainant alleged that she was stopped on a traffic violation and during the stop, the officer sexually assaulted her by "rubbing on her leg", groping her buttocks, and placed "his fingers up in [her] vagina." The Columbus DIG referred the complaint to the CPD IAB, since the complaint on its face could be criminal in nature. CPD IAB completed their investigation finding no criminality and returned the complaint back to the Columbus DIG for an administrative investigation on February 7, 2025.

On February 19, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The CPD IAB conducted an investigation into the criminal allegation and closed their investigation as "unfounded." Their investigation found no evidence to substantiate the allegation made by the complainant. The Columbus DIG's administrative investigation yielded no evidence to substantiate the allegation made by the complainant and the officers' actions involving the traffic stop were supported by CPD Directives. The Columbus DIG concurs with the finding of "unfounded" by CPD IAB for this complaint. Therefore, it is recommended that the complaint be closed as an "administrative closure."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged that she was stopped on a traffic violation and during the stop, the officer sexually assaulted her by "rubbing on her leg," groping her buttocks, and placed "his fingers up in [her] vagina."	Administrative Closure	Administrative Closure	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1359

On September 16, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct against a CPD officer. The complainant alleged the officer physically assaulted in November 2021, December 2023, and August 2024 and sexually assaulted her in June

2021 and April 2024.

On March 6, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The complainant's allegations were investigated by CPD IAB for criminality and all allegations other than the November 2021 physical assault and June 2021 sexually assault, were closed with a finding of "unfounded." The alleged November 2021 physical assault was not investigated by CPD due to the two-year statutory limitation for a misdemeanor offense. In addition, the alleged June 2021 sexual assault was not investigated by CPD as the alleged incident occurred in another, outside of CPD's jurisdiction. The Columbus DIG reviewed and occurred with IAB's investigation. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends this complaint be closed as an "Unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged an officer physically assaulted her in November 2021, December 2023, and August 2024 and sexually assaulted her in June 2021 and April 2024	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1426

On September 30, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint of misconduct involving Columbus Division of Police (CPD) officers. The complainant alleged that on September 27, 2024, 1) he was racially profiled because officers immediately pointed their weapons at him when they exited their vehicles, 2) a female officer threatened to "tase" him, 3) an officer attempted to slam him to the ground after being placed in handcuffs, 4) the officers took a weapon from his vehicle and placed it in evidence rather than giving it to his mother with his other belongings, and 5) the officer only arrested the complainant because the officer was "angry."

On March 10, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regards, to allegation one, the officers were dispatched to a person with a gun call. Their response to this call was within policy and there was no indication that the officer's drawing their firearms was due to racial profiling. The recommendation would be that this incident did not occur and that the allegation be closed as "unfounded."

In regards to allegation two, the officer transitioned to their Taser when the complainant was initially non-compliant with commands to exit the vehicle. In addition, when the complainant exited the vehicle, he was non-compliant with commands to walk backwards towards the officers. Furthermore, the complainant began moving forward towards the house he was parked in front of and away from the officers. The officer gave a warning that she would tase him if he did not comply. That warning was effective and the complainant stopped moving. The recommendation would be that the warning was not a threat and it would be recommended that this allegation be closed as "unfounded."

In regards, to allegation three, the officer did not attempt to slam the complainant to the

ground while he was in handcuffs. Furthermore, the complainant threatened to “body-slam” the officer to the ground. The complainant, while being escorted to the police vehicle, pulled away from the officer. The recommendation would be that this incident did not occur and that the allegation be closed as “unfounded.”

In regards, to allegation four, the officers removed the weapon from the vehicle during an inventory of the vehicle prior to the complainant’s arrest for driving without an operator’s license. The removal of the firearm and logging of the firearm into CPD’s property room for safekeeping is the correct course of action. The recommendation would be that this incident did occur and was within CPD Policies and Procedures and the allegation should be closed as “exonerated.”

In regards, to allegation five, the officer’s arrested the complainant for driving without an operator’s license. The officer’s confirmed that the complainant did not have an operator’s license and witnessed him operating the vehicle before the arrest. The recommendation would be that this incident did not occur and that the allegation be closed as “unfounded.”

Furthermore, as the investigation of the complaint exceeded 90 days with no extension filed and no occurrence of officer misconduct, it is recommended that the complaint be closed as an “administrative closure.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged he was racially profiled because officers immediately pointed their weapons at him when they exited their vehicles.	Administrative Closure	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged a female officer threatened to “tase” him.	Administrative Closure	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer attempted to slam him to the ground after being placed in handcuffs.	Administrative Closure	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged that the officers took a weapon from his vehicle and placed it in evidence rather than giving it to his mother with his other belongings.	Administrative Closure	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged that the officer only arrested him because the officer was “angry.”	Administrative Closure	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1449

On October 3, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct. The complainant alleged on September 10, 2024, 1) a CPD officer broke into her home in uniform and while on duty, 2) officers ripped a flag from the wall and bent a sign while attempting to remove it from the wall, and 3) an officer threatened her through communication with her father.

On January 2, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard, to allegation one, the CPD IAB conducted an investigation and determined there was no criminality. Based on the lease agreement between the complainant and the officer, and the statements of both the complainant and her husband that the property had been vacated, CPD IAB found no criminality. The Columbus DIG found no evidence that substantiated the complainant's allegation in the subsequent administrative investigation. The property owner, who is also an officer, was off duty at the time of the incident. The second officer, an on-duty uniformed officer, was called to the property at the recommendation of the property owner's attorney to standby as a uniform officer presence when entering the property. Based on the investigation, it is recommended that the allegation be closed as "unfounded".

In regard, to allegation two, the CPD IAB conducted an investigation and determined there was no criminality. There was no evidence that the officers damaged the complainant's property. The Columbus DIG found no evidence that substantiated the complainant's allegation in the subsequent administrative investigation. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed as, "unfounded."

In regard, to allegation three, the investigation found that, while the officer had a conversation with the complainant's father, the officer was advising him of the potential outcome of continued litigation, not making a threat. Furthermore, the complainant's father did not regard this as a threat, and the officer stated she did not intend it as a threat. The Columbus DIG investigation found no evidence that substantiated the complainant's allegation. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed as, "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged that a CPD officer broke into her home in uniform and while on duty.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged the officers ripped a flag from the wall and they bent a sign while attempting to remove it from the wall.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged that an officer threatened her through her father.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1489

On October 11, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging police misconduct. The complainant said on October 10, 2024, officers arrived at her apartment in response to a reported domestic violence incident between her neighbors. The complainant alleged the suspect of the domestic violence went into her apartment and 1) the officer attempted to enter her residence without knocking or asking for permission, 2) the officer was rude and disrespectful by advising that he could do whatever he wanted to do, and 3) the officer was rude when her husband asked for his badge number and he responded "do you want to write it down or just take a picture since

you want to complain?”

On January 2, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard, to allegation one, the complainant’s husband told the Columbus DIG the officer did knock at his door before the suspect exited their apartment. BWC footage from the officer shows the officer knocking at the complainant’s door before entering, which is consistent with the husband’s statement. The investigation found no evidence that substantiated the complainant’s allegation. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation be closed as “unfounded.”

In regard, to allegation two, the investigation found no evidence the officer said he could do whatever he wanted to do during his interaction with the complainants. Additionally, the investigation found no evidence the officers were rude, discourteous, or disrespectful as alleged. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation be closed as “unfounded.”

In regard, to allegation three, the investigation found no evidence the officer was rude or discourteous, and no evidence the officer said “do you want to write it down or just take a picture since you want to complain?” The investigation found no evidence that substantiated the complainant’s allegation. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation be closed as “unfounded.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The officer attempted to enter the complainant’s residence without knocking or permission.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The officer was rude and disrespectful by advising that he could do whatever he wanted to do.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The officer was rude when her husband asked for his badge number and he responded “do you want to write it down or just take a picture since you want to complain?”	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1491

On October 11, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging excessive use of force by a CPD officer. On October 10, 2024, the complainant stated he contacted the police to report that he was poisoned. The complainant alleged 1) the officer used excessive force by twisting his arm, picking him up by his legs, and dropping him on his head, and 2) the officer tried to hurt him after he used a racial slur against the officer.

On January 7, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the Columbus DIG concurs with CPD’s Use of Force administrative investigation findings that the officer’s use of force was within CPD policies and procedures. Additionally, investigation found no evidence to support the allegation that the officer used

excessive force by twisting the complainant's arm, picking him up by his legs, and dropping him on his head. Therefore, it is recommended that allegation one be closed with a finding of "unfounded"

In regard to allegation two, investigation found no evidence that the officer tried to hurt the complainant after he used a racial slur at the officer. A review of the BWC footage showed no evidence the officer took any additional physical measures to gain control of the complainant once secured and placed into handcuffs as alleged by the complainant. Specifically, the officer did not engage with the complainant regarding the racial slurs. Therefore, it is recommended allegation two be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

During the course of the Columbus DIG's investigation, it was brought to our attention that the focus officer resigned from CPD. Since, the officer is no longer with CPD the Columbus DIG recommends this investigation be closed as an "administrative closure."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officer used excessive force by twisting his arm, picking him up by his legs, and dropping him on his head.	Administrative Closure	Administrative Closure	N/A
The complainant alleged the officer tried to hurt him after he (the complainant) used a racial slur.	Administrative Closure	Administrative Closure	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1525

On October 21 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct by a CPD officer via the DIG hotline. On October 18, 2024, the complainant alleged 1) an officer arrived at his residence to give a ticket to an "occupant," 2) tackled the "occupant," 3) punched and kicked the "occupant," and 4) the officer charged the "occupant" with resisting arrest.

On January 17, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation revealed an officer did arrive to the complainant's residence to give a ticket to an "occupant." The officers arrived to the residence to determine who was driving the vehicle that participated in a traffic violation. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as "exonerated".

In regard to allegation two, the investigation revealed an officer used a level 1 technique to take the "occupant" to the ground after he attempted to run away from police officers. The offices' actions were within CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as "exonerated."

In regard to allegation three, the investigation revealed that at no point did an officer punch and kick the "occupant". Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as "unfounded".

In regard to allegation four, the investigation revealed the “occupant” was charged with resisting arrest. The “occupant” attempted to flee multiple times from officers and failed to comply when the officers were attempting to arrest the “occupant.” Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as “exonerated.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged an officer arrived at his residence to give a ticket to an “occupant.”	Exonerated	Exonerated	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer tackled the “occupant.”	Exonerated	Exonerated	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer punched and kicked the “occupant.”	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer charged the “occupant” with resisting arrest.	Exonerated	Exonerated	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1547

On October 25, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging police misconduct. The complainant said on October 23, 2024, officers arrived at his grandmother's residence with a search warrant and 1) officers injured his dog while searching the residence, and 2) after the officers entered the residence, they destroyed various items in his grandmother's home.

On January 17, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Pertaining to allegation one, the complainant and his grandmother advised the Columbus DIG they did not see officers injure the dog, but recognized that the dog was responding to commands differently after the officers left the scene. Neither party was able to provide photos or veterinary records to indicate injury. The investigation found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation that the responding officers injured the complainant's dog while executing a search warrant on the premises. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed as “unfounded.”

Pertaining to allegation two, the investigation found that officers entered the grandmother's residence while executing a high-risk narcotics search warrant for the premises. The investigation found that the officers documented that the Ring Doorbell attached outside of the home was damaged, but BWC footage for the officers did not show the officers caused any damage inside of the residence during the search, as reported by the complainant. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed as “unfounded.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged officers injured his dog during a search warrant at his grandmother's residence.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

The complainant alleged after the officers entered the residence, they destroyed various items in the home.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
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DIG Case 2024-1548

On October 25 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct by CPD officers via DIG hotline. On October 24, 2024, the complainant alleged 1) officers placed one of his brothers in handcuffs, 2) officers pointed weapons at his siblings, and 3) an officer told his sister to “shut the f up.”

On January 21, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation revealed officers were responding to a 10-50 Wanted Person dispatch. According to CPD policy and procedure, it is protocol for officers to arrive on scene with weapons drawn. It is also policy and procedure for officers to detain an individual during this type of run-in order to be able to properly identify the individual. As officers operated within policy and procedure, it is recommended allegations one and two be closed as “exonerated.”

The investigation revealed none of the officers at any time told the complainant’s sister to “shut the f up.” Therefore, it is recommended allegation three be closed as “unfounded.”

The investigation revealed one of the officers present did not activate his BWC during the 10-50 Wanted Person run on October 24th, 2024. As this is a violation of CPD Policy and Procedure it is recommended this allegation be closed as “sustained.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged officers placed one of his brothers in handcuffs.	Exonerated	Exonerated	N/A
The complainant alleged officers pointed weapons at his siblings.	Exonerated	Exonerated	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer told his sister to “shut the f up.”	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
DIG Allegation: One of the officers present did not activate his BWC during the 10-50 Wanted Person run which is a violation of CPD policy and procedure.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1555

On October 28, 2024, the complainants filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging police misconduct. The complainants said on October 26, 2024, officers responded to her residence after her boyfriend was attacked by an alleged homeless person with a machete. The complainants said they traveled to Riverside Hospital for medical attention and a CPD officer arrived at the hospital to take a report. The complainants alleged 1) the officer advised them if the homeless men were to return to their location do not call CPD for assistance, but to call their landlord.

On January 13, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Pertaining to allegation one, the officer responded to Riverside Hospital and advised both complainants the need for a trespass order by the apartment management to prohibit individuals from returning to the property. The investigation found no evidence that substantiated the complainant's allegation that the officer advised both complainants if the homeless men were to return to their location, do not call CPD for assistance but to call their landlord. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation be closed as "unfounded."

During the course of the investigation the Columbus DIG found no BWC footage for the officer during his interaction with the complainants at Riverside Hospital which violated CPD policy and procedures. Therefore, it is recommended that this allegation be closed with a finding of "sustained".

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainants alleged the officer advised them if the homeless men were to return to their location do not call CPD for assistance, but to call their landlord.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
DIG Allegation: The investigation found that the officer did not activate his BWC during his interaction with the complainants at Riverside Hospital.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1559

On October 28, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint that alleged on October 25, 2024 at approximately 8:00pm at 655 N. Nelson Ave, CPD Officers 1) attempted to break into the complainant's residence using a credit card, 2) searched his residence when they were just supposed to be getting a jacket, and 3) took his money bag and placed it into evidence.

On January 23, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the Columbus DIG found evidence that substantiated the complainant's allegation that a CPD Officer attempted to gain entry into his residence using a credit card, when the door was locked. Although the CPD Officer did not gain entry into the complainant's residence, the officer did attempt to get back in without consent or cause to do so. This violates CPD policy and procedure for consent searches and rules of conduct. Therefore, it is recommended that allegation one be closed with a finding of "sustained."

In regard to allegation two, the Columbus DIG found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation that a CPD Officer searched his residence when they were just supposed to be looking for a jacket. The complainant's girlfriend, who lived at the complainant's residence, asked a CPD Officer to go get her jacket from upstairs, which he retrieved in a matter of a minute. No search was ever conducted of the complainant's home during the retrieval of the complainant's girlfriend's jacket. Therefore, it is recommended that allegation two be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

In regard to allegation three, the Columbus DIG found evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation that a CPD officer took his money bag and placed it into evidence. The complainant's residence was under a narcotics investigation and a narcotics detective advised the CPD officer to confiscate the complainant's money bag and place it into evidence. The CPD officer followed policy and procedure while doing what he was asked. Therefore, it is recommended that allegation three be closed with a finding of "exonerated."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged that a CPD officer attempted to gain entry into his residence using a credit card, when the door was locked.	Sustained	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged that CPD officers searched his residence when they were just supposed to be getting a jacket.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged that CPD officers took his money bag and placed it into evidence.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1573

On October 31, 2024, the CPD IAB transferred IAB Case #202410-0011 to the Columbus DIG for administrative investigation of an allegation of sexual misconduct by a CPD officer. On October 21, 2024 the officer was accused by a female arrestee of making inappropriate contact with her breast area during a pat-down check.

On January 28, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation that the officer made inappropriate contact with the arrestee's breast area, the investigation found the officer's actions to be within CPD policy. It is recommended the allegation against the officer be closed with the finding of "unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged inappropriate contact with her breast area was made by Officer when he conducted a pat-down check of her person.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1582

On November 4, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct by CPD officer via DIG email. On November 4, 2024, the complainant alleged 1) an officer

was using “LEADS” for personal reasons to look up information about the officer’s wife and the complainant, 2) an officer called his children’s mother a “whore” in front of his children, 3) violated civil court paperwork in an attempt to provoke his children’s mother, and 4) used his status as a CPD officer to influence a situation involving Delaware County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO) and Delaware Police Department (DPD).

On January 21, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation revealed through information received from CPD IAB that they did not find the officer used LEADS to search any of the officer’s wife’s information or complainant’s information. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “unfounded.”

The Columbus DIG was unable to obtain any additional information from the complainant in regard to allegations two, three, and four. Therefore, it is recommended these allegations be closed with a finding of “administrative closure” due to a lack of information to investigate these allegations.

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged an officer was using “LEADS” for personal reasons to look up information about the officer’s wife and the complainant.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer called his children’s mother a “whore” in front of his children.	Administrative Closure	Administrative Closure	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer violated civil court paperwork in an attempt to provoke his children’s mother.	Administrative Closure	Administrative Closure	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer used his status as a CPD officer to influence a situation involving Delaware County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO) and Delaware Police Department (DPD).	Administrative Closure	Administrative Closure	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1588

On November 5, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct by CPD officers. The complainant stated on November 1, 2024 he was a victim of domestic violence by his spouse, who is a CPD officer. The complainant alleged 1) the officer physically assaulted him while in uniform, 2) the officer provided false information to Springfield Police Department (SPD) officers by telling them specifically, “She was not married to the complainant and the minor children in the residence were not her biological children.” The complainant alleged 3) the officer and her sergeant conducted personal business on CPD time, 4) the CPD sergeant worked as a police officer outside of his jurisdiction. In addition, the complainant stated the sergeant unlawfully held his vehicle hostage at a CPD Precinct.

On January 31, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation

one, the investigation found insufficient evidence to determine that the alleged incident occurred. It is recommended this allegation against the officer be closed as “not sustained/inconclusive.”

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found no evidence the officer provided false information to SFD. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation against the officer be closed as “unfounded.”

In regard to allegation three, the investigation found evidence that the officer and her sergeant conducted personal business on CPD time. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation against the officer and her sergeant be closed as “sustained.”

In regard to allegation four, the investigation found evidence the sergeant worked as a police officer outside of his jurisdiction. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation against the sergeant be closed as “sustained.”

During the course of the investigation, the Columbus DIG found multiple CPD policy violations. The officers failed to activate their BWC. An officer did not complete a “letter of information” to his chain of command informing them of the incident as required per CPD Directives. The officers’ actions violated the officer oath by acting at all times in an ethical and trustworthy manner and by making decisions based on values of the organization as required by CPD Policy. An officer’s actions violated CPD Division Directive 4.06 which states, “Division personnel shall not give special privilege or consideration to any active or former law enforcement employee who becomes involved in a domestic violence situation. Responding personnel shall comply with the “Domestic Violence” directive and applicable sections of the law.” The officers’ actions violated CPD Directive 7.02 which states, “When practical, sworn personnel shall avoid direct enforcement action in situations in which they have a personal interest. If a sworn supervisor is not available, or if time and circumstances require immediate action, sworn personnel shall use their own discretion based upon the Mission and Vision Statements, official Oath, and Code of Ethics to make a good faith effort to handle the situation appropriately.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged Officer F physically assaulted him while in full uniform.	Not Sustained/ Inconclusive	Not Sustained/ Inconclusive	N/A
The complainant alleged Officer F provided false information to SPD officers by telling them specifically, “She was not married to the complainant and the minor children in the residence where not her biological children.”	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged Officer F and Sergeant S conducted personal business while on CPD time.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A

DIG Allegation 1: Officer F and Sergeant S failed to activate their BWC upon initiated contact with the complainant on November 2, 2024	Sustained	Sustained	N/A
DIG Allegation 2: Sergeant S did not complete a "letter of information" to his chain of command informing them of the incident as required per CPD Directives.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A
DIG Allegation 3: Officer D and Sergeant S's actions violated the officer oath by acting at all times in an ethical and trustworthy manner and by making decisions based on values of the organization as required by CPD Policy	Sustained	Sustained	N/A
DIG Allegation 4: Sergeant S's actions violated CPD Division Directive 4.06 which states, "Division personnel shall not give special privilege or consideration to any active or former law enforcement employee who becomes involved in a domestic violence situation. Responding personnel shall comply with the "Domestic Violence" directive and applicable sections of the law.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A
DIG Allegation 5: Officer F and Sergeant S violated CPD Directive 7.02 which states, "When practical, sworn personnel shall avoid direct enforcement action in situations in which they have a personal interest. If a sworn supervisor is not available, or if time and circumstances require immediate action, sworn personnel shall use their own discretion based upon the Mission and Vision Statements, official Oath, and Code of Ethics to make a good faith effort to handle the situation appropriately."	Sustained	Sustained	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1592

On November 6, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by a CPD officer. The allegation stemmed from the complainant's interaction with the responding officer on October 31, 2024 after the complainant reported her daughter had a gun and broke windows in her apartment. The complainant alleged, 1) the officer arrived at her apartment and took her boyfriend's phone and threw it to the

ground breaking it, 2) the officer punched her in the chest as she walked towards the police vehicle, and 3) the officer pushed her head and back into the ground causing her to be injured.

On February 3, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegations an officer took her boyfriend's phone and throw it to the ground, punched her in the chest, pushed her head and back into the ground causing injuries. Therefore, it is recommended a finding of "unfounded" for allegations one, two, and three.

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officer took her boyfriend's phone and threw it to the ground.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged the officer punched her in the chest.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged the officer pushed her head and back into the ground causing her to be injured.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1594

The complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG against CPD officers on November 7, 2024 regarding an incident the day prior. The complainant alleged officers used improper force against her son during an arrest incident.

On January 3, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation that officers used improper force, the investigation found the police response during the arrest to be within CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation against the officers be closed with the finding of "unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged officers used improper force during the arrest of her son.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1601

On November 13, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by CPD officers. The complainant alleged that she was stopped at gunpoint by Westerville Police Department (WPD) officers on November 9, 2024 due to her previously stolen car not being marked as recovered by CPD.

On January 22, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation revealed that the CPD officer who responded to the complainant's

call that the vehicle had been recovered did not follow procedure to properly mark the vehicle as recovered. Once a stolen vehicle recovery report has been completed properly, it triggers a notification to the CPD records department to have the vehicle removed from LEADS (Law Enforcement Automated Data System). The patrol officer is not responsible for removing the vehicle from LEADS as stolen. This responsibility falls on a CPD records tech. However, since the recovery was done incorrectly, no notification went to the records department and the vehicle was never removed from LEADS as stolen. This procedure was confirmed by the officer who originally took the stolen vehicle report the day prior to the recovery and a records tech supervisor. The officer who took the recovery report did not act according to CPD policy and procedures. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed as “sustained.”

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged that she was stopped at gunpoint by WPD officers due to her previously stolen car not being marked as recovered by the CPD.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1608

On November 14, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the CPD IAB via letter. The CPD IAB then referred the complaint to the Columbus DIG. The complainant alleged misconduct by CPD officers. The Columbus DIG made contact with the complainant and the complainant alleged that during an interaction on November 12, 2024 with CPD officers, 1) the officer searched the vehicle without permission or cause, 2) the officer continues to harass the complainant, 3) the officer threatened to handcuff the complainant during a search that had nothing to do with the complainant, and 4) the other responding officer covered his name and badge number in an effort to conceal his identification.

On February 4, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation revealed that the officer did conduct a search of the vehicle. The search aligned with CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended that this allegation be closed with a finding of “exonerated.”

In regard to allegation two, the investigation revealed no evidence to substantiate this allegation. The investigation did not yield any evidence that would indicate the officers treated the individuals in a way that would constitute harassment. The complainant explained that he felt harassed by this officer because he has had several previous interactions with this officer that he felt were similarly unwarranted. When asked for information in regard to the mentioned previous interactions, the complainant was unable to provide the necessary information such as dates, times, locations, etc. for the Columbus DIG to look into the alleged previous encounters with the officer. The stop and overall officer actions were supported by CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed with a finding of “unfounded”.

In regard to allegation three, the investigation revealed the officer’s actions aligned with

CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed as “exonerated”

In regard to allegation four, the investigation yielded no evidence to substantiate the allegation. The officer complied with the request without deception or attempt to conceal the information. The officer’s actions aligned with CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed as “unfounded”.

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The officer searched the vehicle without permission or cause.	Exonerated	Exonerated	N/A
The officer continues to harass the complainant.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The officer threatened to handcuff the complainant during a search that had nothing to do with complainant.	Exonerated	Exonerated	N/A
The other responding officer covered his name and badge number in an effort to conceal his identification.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1621

On November 18, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by CPD officers. The complaint stemmed from the arrest of the complainant’s daughter on November 17, 2024. The complainant alleged 1) the officers took no actions against the adult who provided the alcohol to her daughter and 2) the officers did not read the complainant's daughter her Miranda Rights.

On February 6, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation found that the involved officers did attempt to determine where the alcohol came from, however, they were unable to determine the source. The officers did not have probable cause to make any enforceable actions. The officers did take actions by speaking with the adults present at the incident regarding the alcohol. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation one be closed as, “unfounded.”

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found the officers did not read the complainant’s daughter her Miranda Rights. However, the officers were not required to read her Miranda Rights due to the fact that the officers did not need to conduct any investigative questioning. The officers’ actions were supported by CPD policy and procedure. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation two be closed as, “exonerated.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officers took no actions against the adult who provided the alcohol to her daughter.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged the officers did	Exonerated	Exonerated	N/A

not read the complainant's daughter her Miranda Rights.			
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DIG Case 2024-1626

On November 19, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint against CPD officers. The complainant alleged that on November 18, 2024, 1) officers wrongfully detained, handcuffed, and placed her granddaughter in the back of a police vehicle despite the granddaughter not matching the description of the suspect.

On February 11, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation found the officers' actions for detaining the complainant's granddaughter were within CPD policy. CPD policy states that Division personnel shall stop and detain a person only for an articulable reason and shall not stop or detain a person based solely on a common trait of a group. Therefore, The Columbus DIG recommends this allegation against the officers be closed as "exonerated."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged officers wrongfully detained, handcuffed, and placed her granddaughter in the back of a police vehicle despite the granddaughter not matching the description of the suspect they were looking for.	Exonerated	Exonerated	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1631

On November 20, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by a CPD officer. The complainant said that on November 19, 2024, officers responded to a reported (10-17A), domestic dispute between the child's father, and the child's mother and grandmother regarding a disputed shared parenting plan. The complainant alleged 1) the officer was rude and discourteous with the mother of the child, the grandmother of the child, and with her during the phone conversation with the officer who was at the scene, and 2) the officer harassed and tried to intimidate her client (the child's mother) by stating he was going to write an interference of custody report if her client did not return the child to his father.

On February 7, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Pertaining to allegation one, the complainant alleged the officer was rude and discourteous with the mother of the child, the grandmother of the child, and with her during the phone conversation with the officer who was at the scene. The investigation found no evidence that substantiated the complainant's allegation. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed as "unfounded."

Pertaining to allegation two, the complainant alleged the officer harassed and tried to

intimidate her client by stating he was going to write an interference of custody report if her client did not return the child to his father. While the officer did state that he had to do paperwork for an interference of custody, the investigation found no evidence that the officer harassed or tried to intimidate the complainant's client or her client's mother during his interaction with the involved parties. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed as "unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officer was rude and discourteous with the mother of the child, the grandmother of the child, and with her during the phone conversation with the officer who was at the scene.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged the officer harassed and tried to intimidate her client by stating he was going to write an interference of custody report if her client did not return the child to his father.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1657

On December 2, 2024 the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging on November 27, 2024 the complainant called the CPD for assistance and the CPD officers 1) would not provide their names and badge numbers, 2) would not let her use the bathroom when requested, 3) grabbed her aggressively while she was in handcuffs, 4) treated her like she was the aggressor when she called for help, 5) officers arrested her although she was the victim and 6) would not provide a sergeant when requested.

On March 14, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation found no evidence to substantiate any of the complainant's allegations of misconduct. A review of BWC footage showed both officers provided their name and badge numbers when asked. The complainant refused to identify herself which caused the officers to place her under arrest. A review of BWC footage showed the complainant had to wait to use the bathroom, but she was provided access to use the facilities. The complainant attempted to remove her clothing and the officer briefly touched her hands to place them behind her back which is a part of CPD's transporting policy. Therefore, it is recommended that allegations one, two, three, four and five be closed with a finding of, "unfounded." Furthermore, there is no policy requiring a CPD officer to provide a supervisor upon request therefore, it was not made into an allegation.

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The officer would not provide name and badge number.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The officer would not let the	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

complainant use the bathroom when requested.			
An officer grabbed the complainant aggressively while she was in handcuffs	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant was treated like the aggressor when she called for help	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
An Officer arrested her, although she was the victim.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1658

On December 2, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct by CPD officers via the DIG hotline. The complainant alleged that on November 25, 2024 1) officers responded to his place of business, but did not take a report and 2) when he attempted to have officers come back to take a report, a sergeant advised officers to not come out to do so.

On February 10, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation revealed officers responded to a disturbance run where the complainant requested for an individual to be trespassed from his pawn shop. Officers explained since the individual was no longer present, they were not able to “trespass”, however, if the individual returned to the pawn shop, to call the police again to have him trespassed. The officers also ensured before leaving they had assisted the complainant regarding his concern. The complainant did not, at any time, request for a report to be taken regarding this matter. The allegation did not occur as alleged. Therefore, it is recommended allegation one be closed with a finding of “unfounded.”

In regard to allegation two, the investigation revealed the complainant called back to get assistance with a report, but when officers had the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) Dispatch attempt to reach back out to the complainant, officers learned the complainant was no longer at the location. Therefore, the run was dispositioned as “cleared” and it was not “canceled.” The allegation did not occur as alleged. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as “unfounded.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged officers responded to his place of business but did not take a report.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged when he attempted to have officers come back to take a report, a sergeant advised officers to not come out to do so.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1662

On December 3, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG. The complainant alleged misconduct by CPD officers. The complainant alleged that during a

December 3, 2024 interaction with CPD officers, 1) the officer stated that her disabled son would be punched if he bit the officer, which the complainant deemed rude and inappropriate.

On January 29, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation revealed that the officer named in the complaint did indeed make the alleged comment. The CPD Use of Force Directive defines “punch” as an authorized use of level 4 force. The directive describes “Factors to be considered when determining the reasonableness of a use of force include: A. The severity of the crime at issue. B. Whether the subject poses an immediate threat to the safety of the officer or others.” The complainant’s son was actively attempting to bite the officer which posed an immediate threat to the officer and qualified as a fourth-degree felony assault. The officer’s statement was void of any profanity. The comment was made during a “chaotic” situation. The officer explained that his intent was to deter further attempts by the complainant’s son to bite the officer and alert the parents that the son was attempting to bite the officer. The officer’s statement and hypothetical decision to execute a use of force in the form of a “punch” in response to being bitten would align with CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed with a finding of, “unfounded”.

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officer stated that her disabled son would be punched if he bit the officer, which the complainant deemed rude and inappropriate.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1667

On December 4, 2024, the Columbus DIG received an allegation of misconduct via voice message submission through the Columbus DIG Hotline. The complainant alleged that on November 28, 2024, 1) an officer told her that there was nothing they could do about the assault because it was essentially the same as freedom of speech, and 2) an officer told her that she was yelling, “fire,” in a crowded building.

On February 25, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation found no evidence the officer made this statement. The officer attempted to explain the difference between assault and domestic violence using a freedom of speech analogy. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “unfounded.”

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found no evidence an officer made this statement. The officer attempted to explain the difference between assault and domestic violence using a freedom of speech analogy. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “unfounded.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged an officer told her that there was nothing they could do about the assault because it was essentially the same as freedom of speech.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer told her that she was yelling, "fire," in a crowded building.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1675

On December 9, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG. The complainant alleged misconduct by a CPD officer. On December 6, 2024, the complainant called CPD to report that he had found his stolen vehicle crashed into a telephone pole. The complainant alleged one of the responding officers accused the complainant of being responsible for crashing the vehicle into the pole, which the complainant alleged was rude.

On March 3, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation, the investigation revealed the CPD officer did make the statement, "Go ahead and get your car that you hit the pole with." The investigation revealed that the statement was made at the conclusion of the interaction between the officer and the complainant. The City of Columbus Central Work Rules states officers "...should refrain from any conduct which might be offensive or demeaning to their coworkers or members of the public with whom they come in contact during the performance of their duties." Therefore, it is recommended the allegation be closed with a finding of "sustained".

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The officer accused the complainant of being responsible for crashing the vehicle into the pole, which the complainant alleged was rude.	Sustained	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1682

On December 9, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by CPD officers. The complainant said that officers responded to her residence twice on December 7, 2024 due to her twelve-year-old daughter hitting her and her other children. The complainant also stated that an officer asked her why she called 911 so much. The complainant alleged 1) after she had called the police for help with her daughter, the responding officers were in a rush to leave her home each time they visited her residence.

On February 14, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Pertaining to allegation one, the investigation found that the responding officers followed procedure for

this type of 10-17 Domestic Violence run during both responses to the complainant's residence. The investigation found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation be closed as "unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged after she had called the police for help with her daughter, the responding officers were in a rush to leave her home each time they visited her residence.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1691

On December 12, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct by a CPD officer via the DIG hotline. The complainant alleged on November 23, 2024, 1) the same officer pulled her over twice in a short period of time and did not tow her vehicle or make any mention of a tint violation the first traffic stop, but towed her vehicle for a tint violation after being pulled over the second time on a traffic stop. The complainant explained the officer was only towing her vehicle because she was following them.

On March 10, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation revealed that the officer initiated a traffic stop after observing the complainant driving on the wrong side of the road. During the stop, the complainant's passenger was arrested. Despite the officer's request not to follow the police cruiser to the jail, the complainant did so, leading to a second traffic stop for failure to signal. The officer then cited the complainant and towed her vehicle for a window tint violation.

Based on the ponderance of the evidence and CPD directives, Columbus DIG determined the second traffic stop for failure to signal was within policy, as the violation occurred. However, towing the vehicle appeared retaliatory, as the officer had predetermined to stop and tow if the complainant followed the cruiser. Additionally, while the officer claimed to have used discretion in the first stop, he never informed the complainant of the tint violation or that he was giving her a break. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as "sustained."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged an officer pulled her over twice in a short period of time and did not tow her vehicle or make any mention of the tint issues the first time, but towed her for the tint on her vehicle after being pulled over the second time.	Sustained	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1692

On December 13, 2025 the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging excessive use of force by CPD officers. The complainant called on behalf of her fiancé and alleged CPD officers used excessive force on him on December 11, 2024, causing a broken carpal bone, paralysis in his left hand, a fracture in his right hand, five broken teeth, and abrasions on his scalp, face, and legs.

On March 11, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The Columbus DIG concurred with CPD's use of force investigation findings that the officers' Level 1 use of force was within policy, that the injuries the complainant alleged was caused by the officers did not occur and that some of the complainant's injuries occurred prior to his encounter with CPD. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends this complaint be closed as "unfounded".

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged officers used excessive force on him causing a broken carpal bone, paralysis in his left hand, a fracture in his right hand, 5 broken teeth, and abrasions on his scalp, face, and legs.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1693

On December 13, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG against two CPD officers. The complainant alleged officers failed to verify that an arrest warrant for her was inactive before placing her in police custody on December 9, 2024.

On March 7, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation that officers failed to verify an arrest warrant, the investigation found the police response and handling of the incident to be within CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation against the officers be closed with the finding of "unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged officers failed to verify that an arrest warrant for her was inactive before placing her in police custody.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1694

On December 16, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG. The complainant alleged misconduct by a CPD officer. On December 14, the complainant's son was involved in an incident with a CPD officer assigned to special duty at a movie theater. The complainant alleged that the officer used excessive force for unnecessary

reasons by pushing his son against a wall, taking him to the ground, and pushing his face into the ground.

On February 13, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation, the investigation revealed that the complainant's son did pull away from the officer while the officer attempted to escort the son out of the theater by the arm. The officer stated that he believed the complainant's son to be a flight risk. The officer stated in his interview that flight and chase could cause mass panic in the theater, which could be a danger to others safety. Theater staff and the officer described the complainant's son's behavior during the arrest as behavior consistent with resisting arrest. The officer's decision to use level 1 force to effect an arrest and the subsequent actions taken were within CPD Policy. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded".

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The officer used excessive force for unnecessary reasons by pushing his son against a wall, taking him to the ground, and pushing his face into the ground.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1696

On December 17, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct against CPD officers. The complaint stemmed from a traffic accident that occurred on November 8, 2024. The complainant alleged a father was driving drunk with his five-year-old son when they were involved in an automobile accident. The complainant alleged the father was found to be highly intoxicated per the lab results taken at Grant Hospital being in the 300s. The complainant alleged 1) there were no references in the accident report relating to alcohol usage and 2) no field sobriety test was conducted nor a citation issued to the father for being under the influence of alcohol.

On March 14, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. As it pertains to allegation one, the officer did not make reference to alcohol usage in the accident report. The officer that completed the accident report and her partner advised the Columbus DIG that they did not smell any alcohol or see any indicators of impairment for a reference to alcohol usage to be put in the accident report. The investigation found the officer's actions to be within policy. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation one be closed as "exonerated."

As it relates to allegation two, the investigation found the officers did not complete a field sobriety test or issue a citation to the father for being under the influence of alcohol. The investigation found no indication that the officers should have completed a sobriety test or issue a citation to the father. BWC footage revealed the officers arrived on scene and after a brief interaction with the individual who called 911 about the accident, was approached by the driver involved in the accident bleeding from his mouth and

complaining of pain. The driver needed immediate medical attention and the medics were already on the scene to treat the driver. Also, the officers explained that they did not smell any alcohol or see any indicators of impairment for a reference to alcohol usage and the driver was coherent. The officers were within CPD policy in not conducting a field sobriety test or issuing a citation to the father as medical attention was the priority. Therefore, it is recommended allegation two be closed as “exonerated.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged there were no references that related to alcohol usage in the officer’s accident report.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged the officers did not conduct a field sobriety test or issue a citation to the father for being under the influence.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1700

On December 17, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct of a CPD Officer. The complainant alleged that on December 13, 2024, at approximately 9:00 am, a CPD Officer 1) arrived at Marion Franklin High School to assist on a disturbance and the officer asked, “Where is the little bitch at?” when referring to a student.

On February 11, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation found evidence to substantiate the complainant’s allegation that a CPD Officer arrived at Marion Franklin High school to assist on a disturbance and asked “Where is the little bitch at?” when referring to a student. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends a finding of “sustained” as the officer’s actions violated CPD policy.

During the investigations, the Columbus DIG found two additional violations of CPD Policy. The Focus Officer did not activate her BWC until after she’d already engaged with several people on this run. The Focus Officer also continued to use profanity towards the juvenile that was the center of this call for service. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends a finding of “sustained” for DIG allegations one and two.

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged that a CPD Officer arrived at Marion Franklin High School to assist on a disturbance and asked, “Where is the little bitch at?” when referring to a student.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A
DIG Allegation 1: A CPD Officer failed to turn on her BWC when she was dispatched, but waited until she had already engaged with several people in	Sustained	Sustained	N/A

the run.			
DIG Allegation 2: A CPD Officer was using profanity directed toward a student.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1701

On December 18, 2024, the Columbus DIG received an allegation of misconduct via online submission through the Columbus DIG Website. The complainant alleged on December 17, 2024 1) the officers did not knock on the door of the suspected thief after they declared a possible suspect, 2) the officers turned off their body cameras, 3) an officer used profanity, 4) the officers did not offer to take a report for the stolen property, and 5) the other officer did nothing to intervene.

On February 14, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation found the complainant was able to track his stolen property to a probable location via an AirTag. The officers did not knock on the door of the suspected thief after the officers declared a possible suspect which is a violation of CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “sustained.”

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found the officers turned off their BWCs prior to the conclusion of the encounter with the complainant which is a violation of CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “sustained.”

In regard to allegation three, the investigation found the officer did use profanity during his encounter with the complainant which is a violation of CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “sustained.”

In regard to allegation four, the investigation found the officers did not offer to take a report, nor did they complete one. While the initial call for service was for a Disturbance, which only requires an electronic report as appropriate, that same 10-Code directs officers to refer to other 10-Code sections as the situation dictates. Upon arrival at the scene, the complainant told the officers his property had been stolen. CPD policy requires officers to take an electronic report for this type of incident. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “sustained.”

In regard to allegation five, the investigation found the other officer did not intervene which is a violation of CPD policy. The other officer did not stop the first officer from turning off his BWC and did not stop the first officer from using profanity. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “sustained.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officers did not knock on the door of the suspected thief after they declared a possible suspect.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A

The complainant alleged the officers turned off their body cameras.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer used profanity.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A
The complainant alleged the officers did not offer to take a report for the stolen property.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A
The complainant alleged the other officer did nothing to intervene.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1703

On December 18, 2024, the Columbus DIG received an allegation of misconduct via online submission through the Columbus DIG Website. The complainant alleged that on December 17, 2024 1) the officers would not take any actions after the complainant reported her neighbor being assaulted. The complainant also stated the neighbors' fighting had caused damage to the complainant's home.

On March 13, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation, the investigation found the officers were dispatched to the incident location, conducted their investigation, and departed in accordance with CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officers would not take any actions after the complainant reported her neighbor being assaulted.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1710

On December 23, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by a CPD officer. The complaint stemmed from the officer visiting a fast-food establishment while she was off duty on December 20, 2024. The complainant alleged he asked the police officer to move her vehicle that was parked in a fast-food drive thru lane, but the officer said she would not move her vehicle because she is a police officer and no one is going to do anything because she is a police officer.

On February 13, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation found the officer visited the fast-food restaurant and had a brief interaction with the complainant. Based upon the statements of all the involved parties and the preponderance of the evidence the investigation found the incident did not occur as the complainant alleged. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends this allegation be closed as, "unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged he asked the police officer to move her vehicle that was parked in a fast-food drive thru lane, but the officer said she would not move her vehicle because she is a police officer and no one is going to do anything because she is a police officer.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1719

On December 23, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by a CPD officer. The complaint stemmed from a report of an attempted assault where the complainant was the alleged victim, occurring on December 22, 2024. The complainant alleged 1) the officer “downplayed” her assault and showed no awareness of a “trauma informed approach” and 2) the officer suggested the alleged suspect in her assault could have been joking.

On January 29, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation found there was no evidence to suggest that the focus officer “downplayed” the complainant’s alleged assault or that the officer did not have a “trauma informed approach.” The officer followed appropriate CPD policies and procedures for the alleged incident. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation one be closed as, “unfounded.”

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found the officer did say the alleged suspect in the assault could have been trying to be “funny.” The officer explained that she was attempting to explain the concept of intent to the complainant. During the course of the officer’s explanation of intent the officer stated, “He could have just been dicking around. You know what I’m saying? Believe it or not, some people think stuff like that’s funny. Other people have intentions, some people have no intentions. I mean it’s just hard to predict when he didn’t say anything.” The explanation of the concept of intent was not outside of CPD policy or procedure, however, the officer’s use of the word “dicking around” to the alleged victim in an assault would be considered, “unprofessional.” Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation two be closed as, “sustained.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officer “downplayed” her assault and showed no awareness of a “trauma informed approach.”	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged the officer suggested the alleged suspect in her assault could have been joking.	Sustained	Sustained	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1730

On December 26, 2024, the Columbus DIG received an allegation of misconduct via online submission through the Columbus DIG hotline and through email. The complainant alleged that on December 25, 2024, 1) an officer did not provide a name when asked, 2) an officer was accusatory towards the complainant after only speaking with one of the involved parties, and 3) an officer threatened the complainant with jail time.

On March 12, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation found that the focus officer provided his name three times upon request. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “unfounded.”

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found that the officer spoke to the complainant and one of the involved parties in the same way with no change in demeanor or tone. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “unfounded.”

In regard to allegation three, the investigation found that the officer advised the complainant that when the officers had arrived, they had seen the complainant in the driver’s seat of a vehicle while it was turned on and while the complainant was intoxicated; “Physical Control.” The officer advised that the complainant had violated the law and could be arrested, but was giving the complainant “a break.” The officer advised the complainant of the potential consequences for this situation. The consequences stated were reasonable and viable. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “unfounded.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged an officer did not provide a name when asked.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer was accusatory towards the complainant after only speaking with one of the involved parties.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer threatened the complainant with jail time.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1731

On December 12, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by a CPD officer. The complaint stemmed from the focus officer investigating a burglary alarm on October 15, 2024. The complainant identified himself as a former CPD officer. The complainant alleged 1) he was unlawfully detained for approximately 2 hours and 17 minutes without reasonable suspicion and 2) he was falsely accused of possession of marijuana and criminal trespass.

On March 7, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation found

the officer did detain the complainant during the course of the officer's investigation, however the detainment lasted approximately 38 minutes. The detainment of the complainant was within CPD policy and the officer did have reasonable suspicion to detain the complainant during the course of the officer's investigation. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation one be closed with a finding of, "unfounded."

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found the officer did follow CPD policy as it relates to the complainant smoking marijuana. The complainant was smoking marijuana in public and the officer smelled the odor of burnt marijuana. The complainant also admitted to "smoking" when the officer came in contact with the complainant, this statement was consistent with BWC footage. The investigation also found the officer did have the authority to trespass the complainant from the incident location. Additionally, the complainant was charged with, "Use of marijuana in a public area." Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation two be closed with a finding of, "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged he was unlawfully detained for approximately 2 hours and 17 minutes without reasonable suspicion.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged he was falsely accused of possession of marijuana and criminal trespass.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1741

On December 30, 2024, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by CPD officers. The complaint originated from a 10-16 "Disturbance" call on December 25, 2024. The complainant alleged 1) The officers refused to remove the complainant's ex-boyfriend from her apartment, even though he had a warrant.

On February 19, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation revealed the warrant issued for the complainant's ex-boyfriend was for missing a court date for Driving Under Suspension, a non-violent traffic offense. The investigation revealed the officers did not arrest the complainant's ex-boyfriend, and instead wrote him a summons to court. The officers' actions to write a summons in lieu of arrest were within CPD policy and procedure. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation against the officers be closed with a finding of "exonerated".

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The officers refused to remove the complainant's ex-boyfriend from her apartment, even though he had a warrant.	Exonerated	Exonerated	N/A

DIG Case 2024-1742

On December 30, 2024, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct by CPD officers via the DIG hotline. The complainant alleged that on December 18, 2024, 1) her coworker was assaulted and officers responded but did not take any actions against the responsible individual and 2) officers did not run a warrant check on the individual.

On March 26, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation revealed one officer completed a report for the alleged assault and officers explained to the complainant and her coworkers the process to go to the prosecutor's office to pursue charges. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as "unfounded."

In regard to allegation two, the investigation revealed the officer did complete a warrant check on the alleged suspect. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged her coworker was assaulted and officers responded but did not take any actions against the responsible individual.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged officers did not run a warrant check on the individual.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0002

On January 2, 2025, the Columbus DIG received a complaint via the Columbus DIG hotline. The complainant alleged that 1) on December 4, 2024, he advised Columbus Division of Police (CPD) officers that he was struck by a vehicle, but there was no mention of it in the report.

On March 12, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation revealed that the complainant was struck by a vehicle during an unrelated incident. The driver of the vehicle returned to the scene, no injuries were reported by the complainant, and no report was requested at the time by the complainant or the driver of the vehicle. Therefore, it is recommended that this allegation be closed with a finding of "exonerated."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged that he advised CPD officers that he was struck by a vehicle but there was no mention of it in the report.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0003

On January 2, 2025, the Columbus DIG received an allegation of misconduct via email submission. The complainant alleged that on January 1, 2025, 1) an officer acted like he did not know how to proceed with taking a report because the victim did not speak English, 2) an officer did not obtain all information for the report because of the difficulty communicating with the victim due to a language barrier, and 3) an officer did not get information on the victim's injuries.

On March 12, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one and two, the investigation found the victim was unable to provide information for many of the officer's questions, but the officer followed the relevant procedures and took the report with the information available. While there was a communication barrier, it did not affect the officer's due diligence. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

In regard to allegation three, the investigation found the officers had the information on the victim's injuries captured on their BWCs. Additionally, the officers were told that a medical scan had been conducted of the victim, but the results were not available yet. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged an officer acted like he did not know how to proceed with taking a report because the victim did not speak English.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer did not obtain all information for the report because of the difficulty communicating with the victim due to a language barrier.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer did not get information on the victim's injuries.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0005

On January 3, 2025, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG against two CPD officers. The complainant alleged the officers did not take enforcement action to arrest an individual in violation of a court-ordered stipulation related to the conditions of his bond.

On March 13, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation that officers did not take an enforcement action to arrest, the Columbus DIG investigation found the police response and handling of the incident to be within CPD policy. Officers did not have probable cause to make an arrest. It is recommended the allegation against the officers be closed with the finding of "exonerated."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged officers did not take enforcement action by arresting an individual who was in violation of a court-ordered stipulation related to the conditions of his recognizance bond.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0013

On January 6, 2025, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG against CPD officers. The complainant alleged on January 5, 2025, officers evicted her and her partner from their room at an extended stay hotel and informed her that she could be arrested for a trespassing violation for refusal to leave.

On March 28, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation that officers evicted the complainant and informed her that she could be arrested for a trespassing violation for refusal to leave, the investigation revealed the police response and handling of the incident to be within CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation against the officers be closed with the finding of “exonerated.”

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged officers evicted her and her partner from their room at an extended stay hotel and informed them of possible arrest for a trespassing violation for refusal to leave.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0014

On January 6, 2025, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by CPD officers. The complaint stemmed from an incident on January 3, 2025 resulting in the complainant being hospitalized due to her mental health. The complainant alleged 1) the officer's handcuffing was excessive and there was no reason for the complainant to be handcuffed, 2) their vehicle was impounded for no reason, and 3) their vehicle was improperly searched.

On February 21, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation found that the involved officers did not violate any CPD policy or directive in regard to the complainant's allegations and their actions were supported by CPD policy. In regard to allegation one, the investigation found the focus officer handcuffed the complainant during transporting her to the hospital. When the complainant complained of pain from the handcuffs, the focus officer offered to adjust the handcuffs to which the complainant denied the offer to have the handcuffs be readjusted. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation one be closed as “unfounded.”

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found the involved CPD officer completed the necessary paperwork for impounding and the reason for the impounding was within CPD policy. The complainant was pulled over by law enforcement when she was experiencing a mental health incident and the complainant's vehicle was impounded for "safe keeping." The investigation found the officer's reason for impounding was within CPD policy. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation two be closed as "unfounded." In regard to allegation three, the investigation found the involved CPD officer did not search the complainant's vehicle, however, the officer did complete an inventory of the complainant's vehicle. The inventory of the vehicle is required as part of the impounding process. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation three be closed as "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officer's handcuffing was excessive and there was no reason for the complainant to be handcuffed.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged their vehicle was impounded for no reason.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged their vehicle was improperly searched.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0018

On January 7, 2025 the Columbus DIG received a complaint that alleged on December 21, 2024, a CPD officer 1) did not issue a citation to the at-fault driver on scene, 2) did not mention the other involved driver approached the complainant's vehicle with a weapon in the incident report. The complainant also stated the officer advised her that although he could see the male approaching her vehicle with something in his hand, he could not determine what caused the gentlemen to do so.

On February 14, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegations that a CPD officer did not issue a citation to the at-fault driver and failed to mention that the other involved driver approached the complainant's vehicle with a weapon in the incident report. The officer found that this was an equally at-fault accident that involved road rage after hearing both parties' statements. No one person was more at fault than the other. The officer was not required per policy to write a report for this type of accident, so there was no incident report done. Therefore, it is recommended that allegation one and two be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officer did not issue a citation to the at-fault driver	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

on scene.			
The complainant alleged the officer did not mention that the other involved driver approached the complainant's vehicle with a weapon in the incident report.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0022

On January 8, 2025, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG. The complainant alleged misconduct by a CPD officer. On December 29, 2024, the complainant filed an attempted motor vehicle theft report. The complainant called the CPD Property Crimes Bureau on January 8, 2025 to follow up on the report. The complainant alleged that the detective he spoke tried to brush the incident under the rug using understaffing as a justification even though the complainant provided evidence from the incident.

On March 7, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation, the investigation revealed no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation. The officer explained in his formal statement that during his conversation with the complainant via telephone, he intended to set expectations on how the case will progress. The officer denied that his intent was to brush the incident under the rug. The officer's actions aligned with CPD policy and procedure. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed with a finding of, "unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged a detective tried to brush an incident under the rug using understaffing as a justification even though the complainant provided evidence from the incident.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0023

On January 9, 2025, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by a CPD officer. The complaint stemmed from a purchase of a laptop the complainant made that he was unaware was previously stolen. The complainant explained he purchased a laptop from a pawn shop and after about a year a message popped up on the laptop saying to contact a detective about the laptop being stolen. The complainant alleged on January 5, 2025, 1) he called CPD and was told to disregard the message and said the message was most likely "malware." The complainant explained he took his laptop to Best Buy to get it fixed and when the laptop was in Best Buy's possession, Best Buy contacted CPD and the complainant alleged 2) the detective retrieved the laptop and took the laptop into CPD's possession.

On February 19, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation

one, the investigation found there was no evidence of the complainant calling CPD and a sworn CPD officer telling the complainant to disregard the “malware.” The focus officer denied ever talking to the complainant and giving him that information. The first time the focus officer and complainant spoke was after the stolen laptop had been recovered. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation one be closed with a finding of, “unfounded.”

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found the officer did recover the laptop from Best Buy. However, the detective was recovering stolen property. The recovery of the stolen laptop was within CPD policy. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation two be closed with a finding of, “exonerated.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant explained he purchased a laptop from a pawn shop and after about a year a message popped up on the laptop saying to contact a detective about the laptop being stolen. The complainant alleged he called CPD and was told to disregard the message and said the message was most likely “malware.”	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant explained he took his laptop to Best Buy to get it fixed and when the laptop was in Best Buy’s possession, Best Buy contacted CPD and the complainant alleged the detective retrieved the laptop and took the laptop into CPD’s possession.	Exonerated	Exonerated	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0025

On January 10, 2025, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct against CPD officers. The complainant alleged on January 2, 2025, the responding officers 1) did not complete a crash report, 2) officers did not issue a citation to the other driver, and 3) the female officer was rude and disrespectful by yelling at him.

On March 12, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. As it pertains to allegation one, the investigation found the officers were within policy and not required to file a collision report with no injuries. Therefore, it is recommended allegation one against the officers be closed with a finding of “exonerated.”

As it pertains to allegation two, the investigation found the officers were within policy and not required to issue a citation. Therefore, it is recommended allegation two against the officers be closed with a finding of “exonerated.”

As it pertains to allegation three, the investigation found no evidence that the female

officer was rude or disrespectful or yelled at the complainant. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “unfounded.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged officers did not create a crash report.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged the officers did not did not issue a citation to the other driver.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged the female officer was rude and disrespectful by yelling at him.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0029

On January 13, 2025, the Columbus DIG received an allegation of misconduct via voice message submission through the Columbus DIG Hotline. The complainant alleged on January 13, 2025, officers did not respond when she called and reported a neighbor had pointed a weapon at her.

On March 13, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation, the investigation found that officers did make telephone contact with the complainant and went to the incident location she declared in her call for service. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “unfounded.”

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged officers did not respond when she called and reported a neighbor had pointed a weapon at her.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0032

On January 14, 2025 the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct by a CPD officer via the DIG hotline. The complainant alleged on January 14, 2025, an officer was driving at a high rate of speed without the use of lights or sirens in a construction zone.

On March 14, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation revealed although the officer was traveling at a high speed during the time the complainant alleged, the officer was actively responding to a dispatched run. It is not always required for CPD officers to use sirens or lights depending on the nature of the situation. As the officer operated within CPD policy and procedure, it is recommended this allegation be closed as “exonerated.”

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged an officer was driving at a high speed without use of lights or siren.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0037

On January 15, 2025, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct by CPD officers. The complainant alleged that on December 16, 2024, 1) officers mistreated her by handcuffing her, 2) the officers did not listen to her and adjust her handcuffs when the handcuffs were hurting her pinky finger, and 3) the officers caused her a neck injury from the handcuffing.

On February 25, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation found that the officers did not mistreat the complainant by handcuffing her. The complainant had a warrant and was arrested the complainant was handcuffed by the officer she had the initial contact, and then was handcuffed by the officer who took her to FCMC. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as “unfounded.”

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found when the complainant stated the handcuffs were hurting her pinky, both officers stopped the handcuffing process and made adjustments to how they handcuffed the complainant. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as “unfounded.”

In regard to allegation three, the investigation found no evidence that the officers’ actions of handcuffing the complainant would have caused any neck injury as alleged by the complainant. In addition, the complainant provided no medical records when requested to support their allegation. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as “unfounded.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officers mistreated her by handcuffing her.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged the officers did not listen to her and adjust the handcuffs when the handcuffs were hurting her pinky finger.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A
The complainant alleged the officers caused her a neck injury from the handcuffing.	Unfounded	Unfounded	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0038

On January 15, 2025, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by CPD officers. The complainant said on December 26, 2024, while driving

her vehicle, her son was in a three-car accident at the intersection of Nelson and Fifth Avenues. The complainant alleged 1) the responding officer advised her he cited the alleged at-fault driver, but he did not, and 2) the officer advised her he would complete a police report, but he did not.

On March 11, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Pertaining to allegation one, the investigation found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation the responding officer advised her he cited the alleged at-fault driver. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation be closed as "unfounded."

Pertaining to allegation two, the investigation found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation the officer advised her he would complete a police report. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation be closed as "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the responding officer advised her he cited the alleged at-fault driver	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged the officer advised her he would complete a police report.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0041

On January 16, 2025, the Columbus DIG received a complaint alleging misconduct by CPD officers. The complainant alleged 1) officers have been harassing him since his previous arrest, 2) officers pulled up at his residence while he was in his vehicle with weapons drawn, 3) officers searched his vehicle without consent, and 4) unspecified officers have been sitting near his residence to follow and/or stop people leaving his residence. Specifically, allegations one through three all stemmed from an interaction between the complainant and CPD officers on January 11, 2025. Allegation four was added after the Columbus DIG contacted the complainant on January 29, 2025 and the allegation stemmed from an interaction between the complainant and CPD officers on January 25, 2025.

On March 25, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation revealed no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation. The officers conducted a traffic stop and the investigation was within CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

In regard to allegation two, the investigation revealed at no point did the officers draw their weapons from their holsters during the stop. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

In regard to allegation three, the investigation revealed the officers conducted a traffic

stop that aligned with CPD policy. The officers looked through the complainant's vehicle windows for items in plain view with their flashlights during the stop. An officer articulated to the complainant in BWC footage he can check the car for occupants and possible weapons. The officers' decision to look through the complainant's vehicle windows does not constitute a search and aligned with CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

In regard to allegation four, the investigation revealed officers were not sitting near the complainant's residence to follow and/or stop people leaving his residence. The officers did encounter the complainant's known acquaintance while on patrol at a location away from his residence on January 25, 2025. However, the officers' encounter with the acquaintance, who at that point in time is just a member of the public, was of a consensual nature. The officers made it known to the acquaintance she was not in trouble and they were just trying to talk to her. The officers never indicated or impressed upon the acquaintance that she was not free to leave. Therefore, it is recommended the allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged officers have been harassing complainant since his previous arrest.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged officers pulled up at the complainant's residence while complainant was in his vehicle with weapons drawn.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged officers searched the complainant's vehicle without consent.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged officers have been sitting near the complainant's residence to follow and/or stop people leaving complainant's residence	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0051

On January 22, 2025, the Columbus DIG received a complaint that alleged on January 21, 2025 at approximately 11am a CPD Officer 1) allowed the gentlemen to interrupt the complainant when she was telling her side of the story but yelled at the complainant when she interrupted the gentlemen, 2) went and spoke with the office staff and did not finish his conversation with the complainant, 3) did not get the gentlemen's information and 4) did not complete a report for the incident.

On March 13, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegations that a CPD Officer allowed the other party to interrupt the complainant, but was yelled at when she interrupted the gentleman or that the officer didn't complete his conversation with the complainant. The complainant was never interrupted by the other party, but repeatedly interrupted the other

party and yelled over top of him. The complainant repeated her story to the officer multiple times. Therefore, it is recommended that allegations one and two be closed with a finding of “unfounded.”

The investigation determined that the officer did not get the other party’s information and did not complete a report. The complainant impeded the officer during his investigation, leaving him unable to complete a report or get a statement from the other party. The officer was also informed by staff at the facility that similar instances are frequent for this resident, and that they could handle her concerns. Furthermore, it was determined that the complainant was concerned with something that she believed could happen, not something that had already happened. Therefore, it is recommended that allegation three and four be closed with a finding of “exonerated.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
An officer allowed a gentleman to interrupt the complainant when she was telling her side of the story, but yelled at the complainant when she interrupted the gentlemen.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
An officer went and spoke with the office staff and did not finish his conversation with the complainant.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
An officer did not get the gentlemen’s information to complete a report for the incident she called about.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A
An officer did not complete a report for this incident.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0052

On January 22, 2025, the Columbus DIG received an email through the Columbus DIG email from the CPD IAB. The email alleged that 1) the complainant’s “constitutional rights were terribly violated,” 2) that the complainant was “horribly discriminated against,” and 3) that the force used against her was an “unjustified use of violent force” that caused her to have bruises and incur “\$50k+” in hospital bills.

On March 31, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one and two, BWC showed the interaction between the complainant and the officer did not result in any policy violations. The officer was amenable and courteous throughout the encounter and had the information necessary to administer an involuntary psychiatric evaluation form known as a “pink slip.” Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as “unfounded.”

Regarding allegation three, BWC indicated that no force was used during this call for service. Therefore, it is recommended allegation three be closed as “unfounded.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged that her “constitutional rights were terribly violated.”	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged that she was “horribly discriminated against.”	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged that the force used against her was an “unjustified use of violent force” that caused her to have bruises and incur “\$50k+” in hospital bills.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0054

On January 23, 2025, the Columbus DIG received an allegation of misconduct via phone message on the Columbus DIG Hotline. The complainant alleged on January 20, officers threatened to shoot him although he was not doing anything and had no weapon.

On March 12, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation, the investigation revealed the complainant had a pair of scissors close at hand and had allegedly threatened to use them against other occupants of the residence. The Officers had their weapons unholster and pointed at the ground while they advised the complainant to place the scissors elsewhere and he complied. The officers’ actions were compliant with CPD directives. The officers never threatened to shoot the complaint. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “unfounded.”

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged officers threatened to shoot him although he was not doing anything and had no weapon.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0077

On January 28, 2025, the complainant filed a complaint with Columbus DIG. The complainant alleged misconduct by CPD officers. On January 2, 2025, the complainant’s step-daughter was involved in an incident with CPD officers. According to the complainant, her step-daughter had an active warrant for her arrest on January 2, 2025 during the interaction with officers. The complainant alleged the officers did not arrest the step-daughter for a warrant and instead issued the step-daughter a citation, which she believed to be a violation of CPD Policy.

On March 24, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation, the investigation revealed the warrant issued for the stepdaughter was for missing a court date on an active soliciting case. The investigation revealed the officers did not arrest the step-daughter and instead wrote her a summons to court on the new

soliciting charge out of this interaction. Also, the officers did not arrest the step-daughter on her active court issued order-in warrant. The officers' actions to write a summons in lieu of arrest in this circumstance was a violation of CPD policy and procedure. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed with a finding of, "sustained".

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officer did not arrest the step-daughter for a warrant and instead issued the step-daughter a "citation".	Sustained	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0079

On January 29, 2025, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by a CPD officer on January 27, 2025. The complaint stemmed from the officer, while off-duty, visiting a business that serves liquor. The complainant alleged 1) the business denied the officer entry into the establishment due to the officer having a firearm and the officer's insistence that he was allowed to resulted in the business calling police and 2) the officer made a threat regarding the business' liquor license.

On March 24, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation found the officer visited a business while off-duty and he was denied entry due to the fact he was carrying a firearm. The investigation found CPD policy states, "Full-time sworn personnel shall carry a loaded authorized firearm at all times." Additionally, the policy states, "Justification for not carrying a firearm shall be required. In the State of Ohio, an establishment serving the public cannot prohibit or restrict sworn personnel from carrying an authorized firearm on the premises." Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation one be closed with a finding of, "exonerated."

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found there was a disagreement between the officer and staff members of the business due to the denial of entry. There was a discussion between the officer and the staff members regarding the law and liquor licenses. Based upon the totality of all the statements and the preponderance of the evidence, it was found the discussion regarding the liquor license never met the threshold of a threat. The officer explained he only attempted to explain they (the establishment) were incorrect as it relates to their interpretation of the law regarding having a liquor license and the specific denial of entry. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation two be closed with a finding of, "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the business denied the officer entry into the establishment due to the officer having a firearm and the officer's insistence that he was allowed to resulted in the	Exonerated	N/A	N/A

business calling police.			
The complainant alleged the officer made a threat regarding the business' liquor license.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0087

On January 31, 2025, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG. The complainant alleged misconduct by a CPD officer. On December 7, 2024, the complainant's son was involved in a traffic crash. The complainant arrived to the scene of the crash at a later time. The complainant alleged 1) the officer was untruthful because the officer told the complainant he spoke to a witness who informed him that the complainant's son did not have his headlights on, and then put in the police report that there were no independent witnesses.

On March 24, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation, the investigation revealed no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation, that the responding officer was untruthful. At no time did the officer state that he had personally spoken with the witness. Instead, he informed the complainant that an independent witness had reported both parties involved in the collision did not have their headlights on but that he did not know the witness's whereabouts. The officer further explained that he would need to locate the witness. This information was provided to the officer by the medics at the scene. However, the officer was unable to locate the witness, as they had left before his arrival.

At no point did the officer tell the complainant that he had spoken directly with the witness or that the witness personally provided him with this information. It is possible that the complainant misunderstood the officer or that there was a miscommunication. The details documented in the traffic crash report are accurate. While the complainant alleged misconduct through untruthfulness, the investigation found no evidence of such misconduct. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officer was untruthful and told her he spoke to a witness, told the complainant that the witness told the officer that the complainant's son did not have his headlights on, and then put that there were no independent witnesses in the report.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0098

On February 5, 2025, the Columbus DIG received an allegation of misconduct and force

via phone message on the Columbus DIG Hotline. The complainant alleged that on January 26, 2025, 1) an officer slammed the complainant to the ground, causing injuries to his tooth and arm and said he had a hard time breathing, 2) an officer would not provide his name and badge number, 3) an officer impounded the complaint's vehicle for no reason, and 4) an officer placed the complainant in handcuffs for no reason.

On March 26, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation found the complainant was being detained for failure to comply with directions given by the officer. The complainant resisted being handcuffed and the officer took the complainant to the ground to handcuff him. There is no evidence that the complainant sustained the injuries he alleged. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found the complainant did not ask the officer for his name, but he did ask for his badge number. The officer provided his badge number upon request, giving it to the complainant on the citation. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

In regard to allegation three, the investigation found that the complainant stated he was driving a vehicle, and the officer observed the complainant driving a vehicle while his license was expired. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "exonerated."

In regard to allegation four, the investigation found the complainant was being detained for failure to comply with directions given by the officer. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged an officer slammed the complainant to the ground, causing injuries to his tooth and arm, and said he had a hard time breathing.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer would not provide his name and badge number.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer impounded the complaint's vehicle for no reason.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer placed the complainant in handcuffs for no reason.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0101

On February 5, 2025, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by a CPD officer. The complaint stemmed from the execution of a search

warrant on January 22, 2025. The complainant explained the officers had a search warrant for his residence to look for weapons and ammunition, however, the complainant alleged the officers disconnected his interior security cameras while conducting the search.

On March 5, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation found the officer did disconnect the complainant's interior security camera during the execution of the search warrant. However, the officer's disconnection of the complainant's interior security camera is supported by CPD policy and procedure. Additionally, the officers involved in the search were equipped with BWC and were recording during their search. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends the allegation be closed as, "exonerated."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant explained the officers had a search warrant for his residence to look for weapons and ammunition, however, the complainant alleged the officers disconnected his interior security cameras while conducting the search.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0103

On February 6, 2025, the Columbus DIG received an allegation of misconduct via voice message submission through the Columbus DIG Hotline. The complainant alleged on February 5, 2025, 1) an officer called the complainant and advised him to stop calling for wellness checks on his son, and advised him that they wouldn't keep responding, and 2) an officer was rude and would not allow complainant to speak to express concern for his son's safety.

On March 13, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation found an officer did call the complainant and told him to stop calling for wellness checks, and that she wouldn't keep responding. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "sustained."

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found the officer and complainant spoke over each other repeatedly. City employees, to include CPD, are expected at all times to conduct themselves in an appropriate professional manner, being polite, courteous, and considerate of members of the public. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "sustained."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged an officer called the complainant and advised him to stop calling for wellness checks on	Sustained	N/A	N/A

his son, and advised him that they wouldn't keep responding.			
The complainant alleged an officer was rude and would not allow complainant to speak to express concern for his son's safety.	Sustained	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0104

On February 6, 2025, the Columbus DIG received an allegation of misconduct via voice message submission through the Columbus DIG Hotline. The complainant alleged on February 4, 2025, the officers did not take witness information or look at videos and were instead more concerned with who was in the vehicle with her.

On March 26, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation, the investigation found the officers were dispatched to the incident location, conducted their investigation, and departed in accordance with CPD policy. There was no witness information to take, an officer watched the video as presented by the complainant, and both the complainant and her passenger were asked once each, by different officers, if they were the only occupants of the vehicle. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged the officers did not take witness information or look at videos and were instead more concerned with who was in the vehicle with her.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0126

On February 13, 2025, the Columbus DIG received an allegation of misconduct via the Columbus DIG Hotline. The complainant alleged on February 12, 2025, 1) an officer opened his driver's side car door without permission and 2) an officer would not provide his name and badge number when the complainant requested. Additionally, the complainant alleged an officer would not call for a supervisor when the complainant requested. however, there is no policy requirement for Columbus Division of Police (CPD) officer to call a supervisor upon request.

On March 27, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to allegation one, the investigation found that an officer did open the complainant's driver's side car door without permission; however, the complainant's vehicle had tinted windows, the window was lowered only a small amount, and the complainant refused to lower the window further upon the officer's order. Officers are authorized to order a driver from the vehicle during a legal traffic stop and may open the vehicle door and then issue the order if they so choose. The officer elected not to order the complainant from the vehicle and

advised the complainant that he could do so, exercising discretion. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “exonerated.”

In regard to allegation two, the investigation found no evidence the complainant requested the officer’s name or badge number. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of “unfounded.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged an officer opened his driver’s side car door without permission.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A
The complainant alleged an officer would not provide his name and badge number when the complainant requested.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0130

On February 14, 2025, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG. The complainant alleged misconduct by CPD officers. On February 11, 2025, the complainant was stopped for a traffic violation. During the stop and investigation by the officers, the complainant was found to be driving the vehicle without a valid driver’s license. The complainant had a passenger, who is later identified as her son. The son was asked for identification, asked to exit the vehicle, and patted down for weapons. The complainant’s son was not in possession of a valid driver’s license and the officers made the decision to impound the complainant’s vehicle. The complainant alleged that the officers’ identifying the complainant’s son and subsequent “search” of the son were conducted outside of CPD policy and procedure.

On March 21, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation, the investigation revealed no evidence to substantiate the complainant’s allegation. The investigation revealed the officers had valid reasons for the traffic stop. The officers’ actions aligned with procedure2 for this type of run. Procedure, policy, and case law support the officer’s identification and subsequent pat down of the complainant’s son. Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed with a finding of “unfounded.”

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged that the officers’ identifying the complainant’s son and subsequent “search” of the son were conducted outside of CPD policy and procedure.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0138

On February 19, 2025, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by CPD officers. The complaint stemmed from an alleged aggravated robbery. The complainant alleged her son was falsely arrested on January 30, 2025.

On March 21, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation found the victim of the alleged aggravated robbery positively identified the complainant's son from the alleged incident. Based upon the evidence reviewed, the officers had reasonable suspicion to detain and then arrest the complainant's son. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends the allegation be closed as, "unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged her son was falsely arrested.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0197

On January 31, 2025, the complainant filed a complaint with the Columbus DIG alleging misconduct by CPD sworn personnel. The complaint stemmed from the execution of a "high-risk narcotics search warrant" on January 29, 2025 by the Investigative/Tactical (IN/TAC) Unit. The complainant alleged CPD conducted a search at the wrong address.

On March 17, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. The investigation found the IN/TAC Unit conducted a search of the correct address. The involved personnel followed all appropriate CPD policies and procedures. The IN/TAC Unit executed a search of an address based upon a signed search warrant from a judge. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends the allegation be closed as, "unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged CPD conducted a search at the wrong address.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

DIG Case 2025-0201

On March 3, 2025, the Columbus DIG received an allegation of misconduct via the Columbus DIG Hotline. The complainant alleged on February 27, 2025 an officer spoke with his juvenile daughter without a parent/guardian present or parental consent.

On March 26, 2025, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. In regard to the allegation, the investigation found that a custodial interrogation requires officers to notify and consult with a juvenile's parent(s) and allow the juvenile to consult an attorney; however, there is no law or policy requiring a parent/guardian to be present or to provide consent for an officer to question a juvenile witness or victim. Additionally, at the time of questioning, the adult female present declared herself to be the stepmother of the

complainant's daughter and did not reveal her divorced status from the complainant until the questioning was completed. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Allegation	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
The complainant alleged an officer spoke with his juvenile daughter without a parent/guardian present or parental consent.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

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