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Office of Police Accountability and Transparency Stephanie Everett, Executive Director

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD - CASE #9

DATE OF INCIDENT: January 16, 2022

DATE OF FILING: January 20, 2022

ALLEGATION OF MISCONDUCT: Harassment by an Officer

PRECINCT: Boston Police District C-6, South Boston

INVESTIGATOR: Tastery Reed Jr

CRB MEETING DATE: November 15, 2022

DISPOSITION: Insufficient Evidence to Make a Finding

SUMMARY OF FACTS:

Document list

Police report/Incident report from Boston Police Department	Attendance/payroll record of BPD Officer Wynne (Badge #1621)	
Surveillance footage from Longwood Security of incident		

On January 20, 2022, the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT) received an allegation from Jessica Malone, (the "Complainant") regarding Boston Police Department Officer Ryan Wynne (Badge #1621). The complainant alleged that on January 16, 2022 at 07:13 AM, their partner's Black Chevy Silverado pickup truck was parked in front of 20 Rev Burke Street, South Boston, MA 02127. The complainant alleges that Officer Wynne threw a beverage at their partner's vehicle. The complainant allegedly

reported this incident to Justin Foreman, a Longwood Security Guard. Longwood Security is the contracted security company for the complainant's residence. Mr. Foreman was able



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to obtain the apartment's surveillance footage of the alleged incident. Mr. Foreman observed the surveillance footage and shared that in it, a Black Ford Explorer vehicle with what appeared to be plate readers on the roof and unknown registration pulled up beside the complainant's partner's vehicle. Mr. Foreman then observes an unknown suspect on surveillance footage throw a "beverage" at the passenger side window and drive off afterwards.

INVESTIGATION:

On January 24, 2022, Intake Specialist Cherry, and Deputy Director Steies made initial contact with the complainant to gather more information about this incident. This is the last time that contact was able to be made with the complainant.

Attempts to reach the complainant by phone were made on February 1st and February 4th, 2022. On February 10, 2022, the complainant was contacted by email. On February 25, 2022, a letter was mailed to the address on file for the complainant. In all attempts, the complainant failed to respond to the request to provide more information about their complaint to OPAT. However, although the complainant failed to respond to OPAT staff, there was enough information that had been provided in the initial intake for the case to proceed to investigation.

On February 3, 2022, Investigators Reed and Toney went to the scene of the incident, 20 Rev Burke Street, South Boston, to observe the area and to locate additional information and possible other video/surveillance cameras that could assist in the investigation. Investigators identified surveillance cameras discovered to be owned by the Boston Housing Authority. Furthermore, Investigators Reed and Toney went to Longwood Security located at 429 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02115 to meet with Anthony Rizzuto, Operations Manager, to obtain surveillance footage of the incident. Investigator Reed was referred to a third party, Beacon Residential Management to secure the footage.

On March 2, 2022 Investigator Toney received surveillance footage from John Connelly, President of Longwood Security and attorney. The footage shows that a Black Ford SUV slowly pulls up to a stop sign at the end of 20 Rev Burke Street where the complainant's partner's vehicle was parked. Between the 0:08 and 0:14 second mark, it could be seen that an object was thrown at the vehicle. However it is unclear what the object was and who was driving the vehicle. The Black SUV continues on its way and nothing is clearly left on the ground nearby. Additionally, there is no time/date stamped on the footage.



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On March 3, 2022, attempts to retrieve additional surveillance video from Boston Housing Authority for cameras located at 20 Rev Burke St were unsuccessful as they do not operate them.

On April 4, 2022, Investigator Reed requested duty roster information from Attorney Megee to verify if Officer Wynne was working on the day of the incident. On April 20, 2022, Attorney Megee reached out to Investigator Reed and sent a screenshot of Officer Wynee's attendance/payroll record for January 16th and 17th, which indicated that Officer Wynne worked an 8 hour shift for those two days, though the time does not overlap with the incident.

On May 9, 2022 at 11:56am, Investigator Reed contacted Attorney Megee to inquire about the type of vehicle that was identified by the complainant. Attorney Megee stated that the Boston Police Department does not have any unmarked black SUV matching this make and model with plate readers on the roof.

On May 16, 2022, Investigator Reed submitted a request on Boston Housing Authority's Resource Request Form page in regards to obtaining additional surveillance footage, but was informed that BHA does not have access to the cameras at the Old Colony Apartments because of the development of a private management company on site.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

OPAT staff recommends to the CRB that this case be considered **Insufficient Evidence to Make a Finding.** BPD does not possess vehicles that match the description of the Black

SUV that was identified on the surveillance footage and the video obtained from

Longwood Security doesn't depict the date or time that the incident occurred. Additionally, duty rosters provided by BPD upon request suggest that the officer named in the complaint was not on duty at the time of the alleged incident.