

City of Memphis



TENNESSEE

September 22, 2022

Virginia Wilson
Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board
3030 Poplar Avenue
HR-RM L42
Memphis, Tennessee 38111

Re: ISB FILE # I2019-022

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I have reviewed the Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board's findings regarding the above referenced Inspectional Services Bureau investigation ("ISB"). The investigation was conducted based upon a complaint filed by Mr. Kleston Beverly and his brother, Mr. Eddie Richardson regarding an incident that occurred on June 12, 2019.

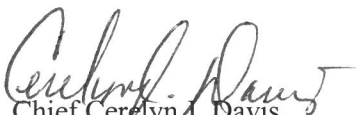
The Board sustained Mr. Beverly's complaint of excessive force by officers during his arrest on June 12, 2019. The Board concluded that at the time of Mr. Beverly's arrest, he did not appear to be engaging in any unlawful activities and should not have been arrested. The Board expressed concern regarding the circumstances that led to his arrest and therefore made the following recommendations to the department.

1. Review its policies and procedures regarding arrests with its members.
2. Review its policies and procedures relating to DR 302 – Excessive Force /Unnecessary Force with its members.

It must be noted that the incident involving Mr. Beverly and Mr. Richardson occurred during rioting in the Frayser community after federal agents shot and killed a fugitive. Protestors bombarded officers with bricks, concrete cinder blocks and bottles, resulting in both injuries to officers and the destruction of property. The night presented a great deal of danger to both citizens and police personnel. Officers arrested Mr. Beverly and Mr. Richardson while attempting to clear the area where their vehicle was parked in an effort to restore order and quell the lawlessness that occurred on that evening.

The Memphis Police Department is committed to providing training on arrests, investigatory stops and use of force to its members on a yearly basis during in-service training. Guidance to officers on such matters are also addressed during roll call discussions. These specific areas of training are critically important, and I am committed to ensuring that all sworn officers are properly trained to operate within the law and the policies and procedures of the Memphis Police Department.

Sincerely,


Cheryl J. Davis,
Division of Police Services

cc: Zayid A. Saleem, Police Legal Advisor