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Mr. QuanTez Pressley, Chairperson  
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**SUBJECT: Responses to Inquiries Made By The BOPC During The May 30, 2024 Meeting**

Dear Chairperson Pressley:

Please accept this correspondence as a follow-up to inquiries made by Board members during the May 30, 2024 meeting.

- **During the August 20, 2023, BOPC meeting, Chief White promised the Board an update on the Porcha Woodruff facial recognition case within 14 days. When will the Board receive an update?**

At this time, Commercial Auto Theft (CATS) has not received a return call from Mr. Laurence Walker (the complainant). CATS has made multiple attempts to contact him with negative results. Based on the complainant's lack of cooperation, we have not appealed the case dismissal because the victim does not wish to move forward. Additionally, while attempting to make contact with the complainant, CATS discovered that Mr. Walker no longer lives at the address provided to us.

Ms. Woodruff sent a request to have her record cleared of this matter; however, she sent an unsigned form for the destruction of her prints and arrest record clearance. Judge King stated that Ms. Woodruff and her attorney have to file a motion to have the form signed by a judge and then sent to the police department.

- **Does DPD Secondary Employment have an account with Genesis House Shelter?**

DPD Secondary Employment does not have an account with Genesis House Shelter.



- **What is the evidence release process for guns?**

Firearms Release : Evidence Property Policy 306.1

Once the Officer In Charge (OIC) of a case determines that a seized firearm no longer has any evidentiary value they shall complete the tasks detailed below to determine if the weapon can be returned to the registered owner or disposed of.

- A. Determine if the firearm is legal. Per the Detroit Police Department Manual 306.1-7 Machine guns, machine pistols, automatic rifles with selector switches permitting fully automatic firing, pistols having attached or accompanying shoulder stock extension, shotguns with barrels measuring less than 18 inches or rifles with barrels measuring less than 16 from the back of the chamber to the end of the muzzle, shotguns or rifles measuring less than 26 inches in overall length, any firearms equipped with a silencer device, or any firearm which has had the serial number defaced, altered, or removed are illegal firearms.
- B. Determine if the firearm is registered. Per the Detroit Police Department Manual 306.3- 12 (1) Persons attempting to claim confiscated handguns which were not previously registered shall be notified by the officer in charge of the case that the weapon has been forfeited.
- C. Determine if the registered owner can legally possess a firearm.
- D. Ensure that the registered owner has not made an admission of guilt to illegally possessing a firearm or pled guilty to a Firearms Charge and received HYTA or a Diversion Program.
- E. Check to see if there was a conviction where the person possessed, used or carried a firearm in violation of Chapter 17 MPC.
- F. Ensure that the weapon does not have any National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) Leads.
- G. Once this information is gathered and the OIC determines that the firearm can be returned or disposed of, the OIC shall complete the Firearms Return/Dispose of Form and submit to their respective Captain/Commander for approval.
- H. Once the Firearms Return/Dispose of Form is signed, the OIC shall complete a task in TRACKER and attach the Firearms Return/Dispose of Form to the task.
- I. The task will then be routed to the OIC's immediate supervisor for task approval.
- J. The immediate supervisor will ensure that the procedures were followed and either approve or deny the task. In TRACKER.
- K. An approved task will be sent to Property Control for release or disposal of the firearm.



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- **When will Homicide schedule a meeting with Ms. Rella Capre Landfair regarding an update on the death of her son, Michael Doss II?**

On June 6, 2024, at 2:13 pm, Commander Rebecca McKay, Lieutenant Timothy Jones, Sergeants Matthew Gnatek and Samuel Mackie, and Captain McCord met with Ms. Rella Landfair the mother of the victim, Michael Doss Jr., regarding the case investigation and our findings.

During the meeting, we discussed the details of the scene and the investigation findings with Ms. Landfair.

Following the presentation of our findings through a PowerPoint display, it should be noted that Ms. Landfair expressed disagreement with our investigation conclusions. She continues to request that the swabbed items be sent to the Michigan State Police for DNA analysis and that the case be treated as a Homicide. Ms. Landfair disagrees that her son's diagnosed depression and schizophrenia condition may have resulted in his self-inflicted gunshot wound.

To summarize, our investigation indicates that the victim's death was a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. We shared with Ms. Landfair that the case records and photos will be shared with the Michigan State Police for an independent review.

- **Please give special attention to Lafayette Park regarding quality of life issues.**

The Seventh Precinct has been directed to provide special attention to Lafayette Park and to report their results to the Office of the Chief of Police for the next seven days. Additionally, Seventh Precinct units will continue to provide special attention to Lafayette Park after the seven day reporting period.

- **There is a power line down in the area of Larned and McDougall.**

On May 31, 2024, the Public Lighting Department (PLD) was notified of a power line being down in the area of Larned and McDougall. The PLD removed the power line later the same day.



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Should you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Commander Michael Parish, Office of the Chief of Police, at (313) 596-1803, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or by email at [parishm796@detroitmi.gov](mailto:parishm796@detroitmi.gov).

Sincerely,

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