

19. Police Officer Thomas Lattanzio

Summary of Police reports and statement of Officer Thomas Lattanzio summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira, Officer Lattanzio stated the following among other things:

Summary of Police Report 171021-297 authored by Officer Thomas Lattanzio for the same incident.

Officer Lattanzio stated that while on patrol, he responded to 316 Colorado Avenue for what was described as a house party and while en route, Officer Lattanzio heard the incident was upgraded to a 10-32, "Officer Needs Assistance" incident. Officer Lattanzio states that upon his arrival, he quickly entered onto the premises of 316 Colorado Avenue, walking towards the rear of the property, where he discovered adults engaged in some kind of melee with police officers.

Officer Lattanzio relates that his intention to walk up the rear stairway into the dwelling was short-lived when a Mr. Jose Alvarado deliberately blocked him from approaching the rear entry door. Officer Lattanzio indicates that he issued him verbal warnings to move away from the stairway of the deck (platform), but that Mr. Alvarado refused to follow his verbal instructions, complaining out aloud that he was filming the incident and that he didn't need to leave the area. Officer Lattanzio notes that he asked him two more times to walk towards the front of the residential structure and Mr. Alvarado refused again. Officer Lattanzio related that Mr. Alvarado postured up with his upper body and he decided to place Mr. Alvarado under lawful custodial arrest.

Officer Lattanzio documents that Mr. Alvarado was safely and properly handcuffed (double-locked) and transported to booking at 300 Congress Street. According to Officer Lattanzio, Mr. Alvarado's eye-glasses came off when he was being escorted out through the driveway of the property. Officer Lattanzio explained that Mr. Alvarado continued to posture and act mildly combative in what he considered to be his willingness to escalate more problems with the other party goers. Officer Lattanzio states that he searched for the eye-glasses, but they were ultimately not recovered.

Officer Lattanzio reported that after Mr. Alvarado was placed in his marked patrol vehicle, he apologized and was cooperative and admitted that his acting out against the police was not needed and that it was "stupid". Officer Lattanzio reports that Mr. Alvarado was clear of any warrants and/or holds.

Summary of Police Report 171021-326 authored by Officer Thomas Lattanzio for the same incident.

Officer Lattanzio states that he was at 300 Congress Street attempting to process an arrested male for an incident which had occurred at 316 Colorado Avenue that involved numerous custodial arrests. Officer Lattanzio relates that when he entered booking, he was processing a male prisoner when a Mr. Peter Diaz, who was standing in booking to his left side, began to deliberately taunt him with simple body nudges and/or by merely brushing his left side with his right arm.

Officer Lattanzio explains that after allowing this to continue for only a short time, he told Mr. Diaz to give him space after he nudged him again in what he believed was a deliberate attempt to physically contact his body. According to Officer Lattanzio, Mr. Diaz became verbally abusive towards him. Officer Lattanzio imparts that the simple nudging technique escalated and that he pushed him away from his personal space and verbally instructed him to stop.

Officer Lattanzio articulates that during Mr. Diaz's being issued verbal instructions, he spit mucous directly towards his face and the mucous entered his right eye and on his face right above his nose area.

Officer Lattanzio documents that he reacted by executing a light tap with a closed fist towards his face to protect himself from further contamination. Officer Lattanzio notes that his right eye was blurry, but that his face was fine after he wiped the mucous from off his nose area. Officer Lattanzio states that as a result, Mr. Peter Diaz Mr. Diaz was processed and charged with Assault of Public Safety Officer 53a-167c.

Summary of statement given by Officer Thomas Lattanzio summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira, Officer Lattanzio stated the following among other things:

This interview was conducted by Sergeant Santiago Llanos and present was Sergeant John Burke and Union Steward Daniel Gerardi on October 31, 2017. This interview utilized audio taped log # 5954. The interview was conducted at the Office of Internal Affairs located at 999 Broad Street Bridgeport, Connecticut. This interview is regarding an internal investigation initiated by the Chief of Police Armando J. Perez involving an incident at 316 Colorado Avenue on October 21, 2017 at approximately 2200 hours.

During the interview, Officer Lattanzio stated that he was assigned to Blue 16. In the night in question, Officer Lattanzio stated that he was far away, and it took a while for him to get there. Officer Lattanzio related that upon his arrival, he went to the backyard he saw a bunch of people and the atmosphere was chaotic and that he was trying to determine how he could get into the house to help whoever had called out the 10-32.

Officer Lattanzio remembers seeing Officer Ryan Mullenax there with his K-9 and that the lighting was good in the backyard. Officer Lattanzio stated that the people at the party were screaming and yelling and that it was a chaotic scene and that everyone were holding out their cell phones and videotaping.

Officer Lattanzio related that his primary intention was to get inside the house to see if any officers were in a physical fight. Officer Lattanzio then disclosed that the individual that he had arrested, Mr. Jose Alvarado, was barring him from doing that because there was a stairwell that lead up to a deck. According to Officer Lattanzio, when he approached Mr. Alvarado he had his cell phone out and saying, "Oh this is fuckin' ridiculous, you know what you can't be here." (Lattanzio 353-354)

Officer Lattanzio indicates that he told him three or four times that he was going into the house and that he needed to move, and that Mr. Alvarado responded by saying that he was checking on his aunt. Officer Lattanzio claims that he told him that he was not checking for anybody and that he had to go.

Officer Lattanzio stated that Mr. Alvarado started posturing with his body and his upper body and that last thing he needed was a physical fight. Officer Lattanzio imparted that he told Mr. Alvarado that he had to go or he would be arrested for interfering, but that Mr. Alvarado continued to posture. Officer Lattanzio stated that it was at this point, that he told Mr. Alvarado to put his hands behind his back and that he was under arrest. Officer Lattanzio revealed that he did not know if he should have done that because now he could not have helped the other officers but considering that there was other officer on the way, Officer Lattanzio believed that Mr. Alvarado would have started something if he did not arrest him.

Officer Lattanzio conveyed that after he placed Mr. Alvarado under arrest, he started to posture and tug on him with his body weight and that at that point, he stated that the last thing he needed was a foot chase since he didn't know if he was trying to get away. Officer Lattanzio indicated that Mr. Alvarado might have slipped and was pulling so hard that he was leaning over that he slipped too and tapped him on the neck and told him, "Cut the shit, what the fuck man." (Lattanzio 433-434) Officer Lattanzio states that Mr. Alvarado's glasses then came off which he claims that he didn't know until it was told to him by Mr. Alvarado. Officer Lattanzio claims that Mr. Alvarado's glasses fell off because, "he tried to tug away from him and he gave him a slap on the neck and I guess one of my fingers must have hit the left, uh, part

of the, uh, the handle that's around his left ear." (Lattanzio 553-555) Officer Lattanzio stated that he did not remember any one bumping him while he attempted to place Mr. Alvarado under arrest.

Officer Lattanzio disclosed that the "controlling maneuver" worked exceptionally well because Mr. Alvarado stopped doing what he was doing. Officer Lattanzio states that he told Mr. Alvarado that he was going to put him in the car and come back to look for his glasses and that he was apologetic all the way to the car. Officer Lattanzio imparted that Mr. Alvarado even said that, "This is silly, this didn't have to happen." (Lattanzio 441-442) Officer Lattanzio stated that he looked for his glasses right after he was placed under arrest and then had someone watch the car with Mr. Alvarado inside and went back to look for the glasses but that he could not find them. Officer Lattanzio stated that Mr. Alvarado did not complain of any injuries and that Officer Douglas Bepko was in the area when he was arresting Mr. Alvarado.

Officer Lattanzio states that he then transported Mr. Alvarado to Booking. Officer Lattanzio goes to say that once at Booking he walked through the door and began to process Mr. Alvarado at the Booking desk. Officer Lattanzio described Booking being chaotic and very unnerving and unusual and that it is something you see two to three times a year.

Officer Lattanzio relates that as he was processing Mr. Alvarado, Mr. Diaz who was to his left, started to nudge him and that they started to exchange words and Mr. Diaz was saying, "suck my dick, all that stuff." (Lattanzio 1267-1268) Officer Lattanzio indicates that he started to entertain Mr. Diaz trying to patronize him and make light of the situation to appease him. Officer Lattanzio notes that Mr. Diaz kept on doing it a little harder and that he turned to his left and told Mr. Diaz to, "Cut the shit man. Stay away from me man, gimme my space man" (Lattanzio 1272-1273, 1277). Officer Lattanzio disclosed that Mr. Diaz kept nudging him a little harder and that's what prompted him to turn around and say, "Hey listen man, get away from me man" and he, "pushed him with open hands." (Lattanzio 1405 & 1409)

Officer Lattanzio continues that he started doing his paperwork when Mr. Diaz spit in his face which went right in his left eye, nose, and a little in his mouth which caused him not to see for a few seconds. Officer Lattanzio states that his reaction was a fight to flight and that he was afraid something else was going to happen or if Mr. Diaz was going to stab him with a pen and that the last thing he wanted to do was get into an altercation where they are going at it. Officer Lattanzio claims that he did not see Mr. Diaz handcuffed or if he had any injuries on him.

Officer Lattanzio imparts that his reaction / natural instinct was to reach over and lightly tap Mr. Diaz in the face. Officer Lattanzio exclaims that he, "gave him a tap to alert him, like that ain't happening' in here man." (Lattanzio 1577) When asked if he had deliberately struck Mr. Diaz in the face, Officer Lattanzio further explained, "That's where my closed fist touched his left cheek and it wasn't even a strike it was just a little push." (Lattanzio 2007-2008) Officer Lattanzio disclosed that he remembers seeing Officer Daniel Faroni in the back of him. Officer Lattanzio explains that it's not like he punched him and that he is not sugar coating anything and states that he is not a physical guy and his reaction was the result of being assaulted.

Officer Lattanzio articulates that he took recourse to protect himself since he did not know what was going to be followed up by Mr. Diaz and that he was protecting himself from being further assaulted. Officer Lattanzio expressed that he was also scared because he did not know what was going to happen next. Officer Lattanzio relates that he did not kick Mr. Diaz at any time during their altercation.

Officer Lattanzio states that he remembers that he looked at Mr. Diaz and he looked right at him and started finger pointing and advised him that is an assault on a police officer. Officer Lattanzio related that

he did not remember Mr. Diaz falling to the ground and explained that he was temporarily blinded and that if Mr. Diaz did fall to the ground he does not remember.

Officer Lattanzio stated that he called the medics for himself, but that during the chaos and commotion and after he saw them in booking, he decided to go get tested. During his interview, Officer Lattanzio relates that he believed that he had acted in a professional level and acted the way he did to protect himself.

Officer Lattanzio states that he spoke to Lieutenant Robert Sapiro and filled out the medical forms. Officer Lattanzio also stated that he completed an addendum for the arrest of Mr. Alvarado and did a separate file for the arrest of Mr. Diaz for assaulting him.

In conclusion of his interview, Officer Lattanzio expressed that he didn't think it was unnatural for him to react in the way he reacted and that he didn't punch him. According to Officer Lattanzio, if he punched him, he would have punched him and again pronounced that he only gave Mr. Diaz a tap.

Summary of Video Footage provided by Mr. Carmelo Mendez capturing the conduct of Officer Thomas Lattanzio.

Upon reviewing the video footage provided by Mr. Carmelo Mendez from his cell phone, the viewer can see Mr. Alvarado recording the incident with his cell phone. At approximately 1:39 into the video, the viewer can observe Mr. Fernando Morales, who has been arrested and is handcuffed, push Officer Lattanzio as he is being escorted out. Note that in his statement, Officer Lattanzio explained that he did not remember any one bumping him while attempting to place Mr. Alvarado under arrest. At the same time, a viewer can see Officer Lattanzio grab a hold of Mr. Alvarado's left arm. After a few seconds a viewer can see Officer Lattanzio with Mr. Alvarado at the entrance to the driveway with Mr. Alvarado, however, you do not see anything else relative to Mr. Alvarado.

Summary of Mr. Alvarado's Cell phone video footage capturing the conduct of Officer Thomas Lattanzio.

By reviewing Mr. Alvarado's cell phone footage, it does not show his interaction Officer Lattanzio. The footage ends at around the same time Officer Lattanzio makes contact with Mr. Alvarado.

Summary of Video Footage provided by Attorney Robert Berke capturing the conduct of Officer Thomas Lattanzio.

In this video footage under Channel 7, Officer Lattanzio is observed walking to the house at 10:27:27. At approximately 10:28:47, Officer Lattanzio walks out of the backyard with Mr. Alvarado who is already handcuffed. The video shows Mr. Alvarado's hat and glasses go flying right off his head as soon as he enters the camera view. Officer Lattanzio walks a few steps and then walks back to the same area where Mr. Alvarado's hat came off his head. Officer Lattanzio is holding Mr. Alvarado with his right hand and his flashlight on the left and a viewer can see both Officer Lattanzio and Mr. Alvarado looking at the ground.

Officer Lattanzio then walks Mr. Alvarado to his patrol vehicle. A few minutes later (10:33:39), Officer Lattanzio pulls up in front of the house with his patrol vehicle and again is observed looking for Mr. Alvarado's glasses for several minutes. Officer Lattanzio then returns to his patrol vehicle and is then seeing pulling forward and reversing several times before leaving by driving South on Colorado Avenue. By reviewing Channel 6, the viewer can observe Officer Lattanzio walking in the backyard at 10:27:48 and immediately walk over the deck area. Officer Lattanzio is then seen pointing and speaking to Mr.

Alvarado while at the same time that Mr. Fernando Morales is being walked out by Officer Michael Stanitis and Officers Todd Sherback. Under this channel, a cannot see Mr. Morales bump Officer Lattanzio. Officer Lattanzio then grabs Mr. Alvarado by the left arm and walks him over to the entrance of the driveway.

Officer Lattanzio then pulls his left arm behind his back and starts to handcuff him. Officer Sherback at this point assists Officer Lattanzio in handcuffing Mr. Alvarado. It is at this time, that Officer Lattanzio strikes Mr. Alvarado in the back of the neck twice with an open hand. Note that Officer Douglas Bepko is standing right next to Officer Lattanzio and has a clear view of this incident. Officer Lattanzio walks Mr. Alvarado to the front of the house who is still wearing his glasses.

Summary of Booking Video capturing the conduct of Officer Thomas Lattanzio.

In the Booking video, Officer Lattanzio is seen walking up the ramp at 10:43 with Mr. Alvarado while at the same time several officers are bringing in Mr. Diaz who is in the sally port. Officer Lattanzio and Mr. Alvarado walk around Mr. Alvarado and proceed to the Booking processing area. Officer Lattanzio removes the handcuffs off of Mr. Alvarado at which point Mr. Diaz is brought to the processing area. Inside the Booking processing area, Officer Daniel Faroni is standing to the far left, Mr. Diaz is directly to his right, then Officer Lattanzio who is to Mr. Diaz's right, and Mr. Alvarado to the right of Officer Lattanzio. Note that the viewer can clearly see that Mr. Diaz is handcuffed to the front.

Officer Lattanzio continues to process Mr. Alvarado and his belongings while Officer Faroni processes Mr. Diaz. During this process, Officer Lattanzio seems to be just focused on processing Mr. Alvarado and does not pay any attention to Mr. Diaz.

At 10:49:04, Mr. Diaz who is talking to the other parties that have been arrested, turns to his left and appears to brush Officer Lattanzio on his left arm. Officer Lattanzio reacts by pushing Mr. Diaz with his left arm. Note that Officer Lattanzio does not say or interact with Mr. Diaz at any time before this. Mr. Diaz reacts by telling Officer Lattanzio that he has a broken leg. Officer Lattanzio is then observed talking to Mr. Diaz, however, a viewer cannot hear what is said, but it causes Mr. Diaz to respond that he will punch Officer Lattanzio right back and continues to yell profanities at Officer Lattanzio. Officer Lattanzio ignores Mr. Diaz's comments and continues to process Mr. Alvarado and Officer Faroni continues to process Mr. Diaz.

At 10:51:08, Officer Lattanzio and Mr. Diaz start to speak to each other and are observed laughing together. The initial conversation cannot be made due to the other prisoners talking at the same time, but you hear Mr. Diaz tell Officer Lattanzio that, "I am fuck you in your nose." At this time, Officer Lattanzio and Mr. Diaz are still only a few inches away from each other.

At 10:52:32, Mr. Alvarado looks over at Mr. Diaz and tell him to relax and now they are talking to each other. Officer Lattanzio turns to Mr. Diaz and says something to him, but again a viewer cannot hear due to the other prisoners speaking at the same time.

At 10:52:46 Mr. Diaz then taps Officer Lattanzio on the left shoulder which causes Officer Lattanzio to turn around and push him with his right hand. Officer Lattanzio starts pointing his finger at Mr. Diaz and a few seconds later, again pushes Mr. Diaz. Mr. Diaz reacts by swiping Officer Lattanzio's hand out of the way and they continue to argue.

Officer Stephen Silva then steps in the middle of Officer Lattanzio and Mr. Diaz who continues to yell profanities at Officer Lattanzio. A few seconds later, Mr. Diaz spits at Officer Lattanzio who then stops the processing of Mr. Alvarado, puts his pen away in his left chest pocket and strikes Mr. Diaz in the left

side of his face with a closed fist using his right hand. Mr. Diaz immediately falls to the ground right at the entrance which leads up to the cells while Officer Lattanzio continues processing of Mr. Alvarado. Mr. Diaz stays in the ground for several minutes and is later placed in cell number 7 by several detention officers and officers. Mr. Diaz is later transported to the Hospital. Once Officer Lattanzio is finished processing Mr. Alvarado, he goes into the report writing room and starts typing. Officer Lattanzio leaves Booking at 01:58 hours.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined, a finding of "Separated from Service" as a requirement of Bridgeport Police Department Policy and Procedure Order, number 4.02 which states in part: "In the event an Officer separates from service through (death, retirement, resignation, etc.) while their actions are subject to an open Internal Affairs investigation, any such investigation shall immediately cease if there are no other respondents in said investigation. If an investigation occurs in which the separated officer is not the only respondent, the investigation will continue and the disposition relative to the separated officer will be "Separated from Service."

20. Civilian Detention Officer Angelique Cruz

Summary of statement given by Civilian Detention Officer Angelique Cruz summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira, Civilian Detention Officer Angelique Cruz stated the following among other things:

This interview was conducted by Sergeant Milton Johnson and present was Sergeant John Klesyk and Union Steward Detention Officer Michael McCargo on October 31, 2017. This interview utilized audio taped log # 5955. The Interview was conducted at the Office of Internal Affairs located at 999 Broad Street Bridgeport, Connecticut. This interview is regarding an internal investigation initiated by the Chief of Police Armando J. Perez involving an incident at 316 Colorado Avenue on October 21, 2017 at approximately 2200 hours.

During the interview, Detention Officer Cruz stated that she has been with the Bridgeport Police Department for four months and has been working in Booking for about a month and half.

Detention Officer Cruz indicated that the Booking Sergeant that night was Sergeant Mark Belinkie. Detention Officer Cruz described her responsibilities as marking down inmate's times as they come in, writing down the inmate's first and last names, making sure their paperwork are all in line, reading them their charges and bonds and finishing their inventory paperwork.

Detention Officer Cruz stated that on October 21, 2017 they had multiple parties come into Booking at multiple times all at the same time. Detention Officer Cruz stated that there were two females and she didn't remember how many males. According to Detention Officer Cruz, one of the combative parties that came in was unable to walk. Detention Officer Cruz described the scene as chaotic

Detention Officer Cruz indicated that she started to pat down Mr. Jose Alvarado and that there was one of the combative parties in the holding cell that was yelling and screaming the whole time. Detention Officer Cruz relates that there was one other male in the front desk and she continued to pat him down. Detention Officer Cruz stated that while patting down Mr. Alvarado she turned and saw the officer to the left of her (Officer Thomas Lattanzio) strike the inmate (Mr. Peter Diaz). Detention Officer Cruz continues that the party was brought down to the floor and according to Detention Officer Cruz, she did not see Mr. Diaz spit on the Officer, however, she did note that Mr. Diaz was handcuffed when he was struck.

Detention Officer Cruz conveyed that she stayed with her inmate she was working with and continued to calm him down because she did not want to get him involved since he was not handcuffed. Detention Officer Cruz states that she finished with Mr. Alvarado and then escorted him to the cell. Detention Officer Cruz adds that while she was escorting Mr. Alvarado to the cell, she also helped escort Mr. Diaz to his cell who was in the cell block entrance door area. Detention Officer Cruz noted that she Mr. Diaz was placed in cell number 7. Detention Officer Cruz stated that during the academy they prepared her to expect situations like this but that she has not been in a situation like this before.

Detention Officer Cruz stated that she left approximately at 11:10 pm and that she made some notes on the blotter before leaving. Detention Officer Cruz indicated that she spoke to Detention Officer Jose Figueroa and Detention Officer Sylvia Firpi.

Detention Officer Cruz states that when she came in to work the next day, she was instructed by Detention Officer Louise May to make a late entry into the blotter with a summary of what had occurred the night of the incident.

Summary of Booking Video Capturing Detention Officer Cruz

In the Booking video footage, Detention Officer Cruz is observed opening the door of the sally port for Mr. Diaz at 22:42 hours. Detention Officer Cruz holds the door also as Mr. Jose Alvarado is being walked in to Booking with Officer Thomas Lattanzio. Detention Officer Cruz immediately starts to process Mr. Alvarado. A few minutes later the incident involving Officer Lattanzio occurs where he punches Mr. Diaz occurs and Detention Officer Cruz is standing next to Mr. Alvarado.

The viewer can see that Detention Officer Cruz is only a few feet away and can clearly see the incident. Note that she reports this in her statement. Detention Officer Cruz also appears to be talking to Mr. Alvarado trying to calm him down and to keep him away from the other Officers. At approximately 22:55 hours, Detention Officer Cruz walks Mr. Alvarado to his cell and then places him inside. At the same time, Mr. Diaz is being placed inside the cell and Detention Officer Cruz is observed standing by.

Detention Officer Cruz goes back out to the Booking desk and assists the Officers as they are taking the prisoners out of the holding cell. Detention Officer Cruz then assists Officer Mirtsopoulos in the processing of Mr. Ramon Davila. Detention Officer Cruz goes back out to the Booking desk and makes notations on the Booking Blotter and appears to be talking to Detention Officers Figueroa and Detention Officers Firpi. Detention Officer Cruz leaves Booking at 23:16 hours with Detention Officers Humphrey and Detention Officer May.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Civilian Detention Officer Angelique Cruz has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

21. Police Officer Hugo Stern

Summary of Police Report authored by Officer Hugo Stern.

Responded to the area of 316 Colorado Ave on a report of a large party/ festival with spot lights and loud music. Officer McLaughlin (B11) requested backup and any other available units to assist at this time. Upon arrival, I observed several non-compliant individuals that were being escorted out by officers from the said dwelling. An individual later identified as Carmelo Mendez (S1) who was videotaping the incident with his cell phone as officers were attempting to clear the large party became uncooperative and defensive as I placed my hand on his arm in an attempt to guide him out. Said individual (S1) who appeared intoxicated at this time swung his arm at me in an outward motion in order to prevent any further contact, stated "don't touch me, this is my house" and continued the hostility towards the officers that were attempting to control the situation. It should be noted that Mendez (S1) did not inform the officers at any moments that he was in possession of a firearm nor did he state that he had a Ct State Pistol Permit. Assisting officer Szeps (PK) immediately approached Mendez (S1) who was interfering at this time and advised him that he was under arrest. Mendez (S1) refused to cooperate and was subsequently subdued by assisting officer. It should be noted that Mendez (S1) was found to be in possession of a firearm that was seized by officer Szeps (PK) and that the said firearm was quickly handed out to myself for safe-keeping at this time. See officer McLaughlin's file and addendum from officer Szeps (PK) for further details on this incident.

Summary of statement given by Officer Hugo Stern, summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira, Officer Hugo Stern stated the following among other things:

On October 31, 2017, Sergeant Santiago LLanos and Sergeant John Burke conducted a taped interview of Officer Hugo Stern in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Stern's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Stern has been employed with the Bridgeport Police Department for fifteen and a half years. Officer Stern stated that when he heard the call for the 10-32 (Officer needs Assistance) he was coming from Fairfield Avenue and Broad Street. Officer Stern indicated that when he arrived on scene he observed several individuals being escorted out from the house by assisting officers. Officer Stern remembered Officer Daniel Faroni escorting some one out and described seeing a lot of Police cars on scene.

Officer Stern stated that he then proceeded to the backyard by a gate that was open which lead to the backyard. Officer Stern conveyed that there was a lot of non-compliant individuals that were creating a disturbance and that they were attempting to gain control of the situation and attempting to clear the backyard.

While in the backyard, he observed an individual identified as Mr. Carmelo Mendez videotaping the incident. Officer Stern relates that he told whoever was back there that they had to leave. According to Officer Stern, Mr. Mendez was non-compliant, and he then placed his left hand on his arm and told him that he had to leave. Officer Stern explains that Mr. Mendez swung at his arm in an outward motion to get his hands off him and said, "Don't touch me. This is my house." Officer Stern indicates that Mr. Mendez was hostile and appeared intoxicated.

Officer Stern reports that Officer Adam Szeps was observing what was going on as they were trying to gain control of the situation and he told Mr. Mendez that he was under arrest and to place his hands behind his back. Officer Stern continues that Mr. Mendez refused to cooperate by not putting his hands behind his back when he was told. Officer Stern states that Officer Szeps subdued Mr. Mendez by taking him to the ground.

Officer Stern indicated that Officer Szeps then screamed gun and retrieved a firearm from Mr. Mendez. Officer Stern points out that Mr. Mendez never stated that he was in possession of a firearm nor that he had a pistol permit. Officer Stern relates that he believed that he saw one other Officer assisting Officer Szeps, but he can't recall who. Officer Stern added that he would have possibly arrested Mr. Mendez when he flipped his arm at him for Interfering.

Officer Stern states that Officer Szeps handed the firearm to him since he was right behind him and that he made it safe off to the side near the deck area. Officer Stern expresses that by the time he cleared the gun, Mr. Mendez was handcuffed and that they stood him up and escorted him out.

Officer Stern expresses that he did not see any Officers strike Mr. Mendez while he was on the ground. Officer Stern also stated that he did not see anyone strike Mr. Mendez after he was already handcuffed. Officer Stern conveys that he observed Sergeant Jeffrey Long and told him what had transpired. Per Officer Stern, Sergeant Long stated that Sergeant Ivan Delgado was the West Side Sergeant and to express his concerns with him. Officer Stern stated that he later gave the firearm back to Officer Szeps out in the street.

Officer Stern stated that he then went to Booking and spoke to Sergeant Ivan Delgado who informed him that a Use of Force was not necessary. Officer Stern indicates that he then completed an addendum.

Summary of Video Footage provided by Mr. Carmelo Mendez

Upon reviewing the video footage provided by Mr. Carmelo Mendez from his cell phone, it shows Officer Stern walk in at approximately 2:52 minutes into the video. As soon as Officer Stern walks in he says, "Let's Go". Officer Stern then walks directly towards Mr. Mendez and as soon as he approaches him, he again says, "Let's go, party is over let's go" and Mr. Mendez replies by saying, "Don't touch me." Note that this matches Officer Stern's statement.

Officer Stern again tells Mr. Mendez, "Let's go" and Mr. Mendez says, "This is my sister house". Officer Stern repeats, "Let's go" and then a viewer can hear Officer Szeps say, "You are going" and the camera goes blurry. The viewer can hear someone say, "What are you talking about" but it cannot be determined who says it. At this point, the cell phone is still recording, however, a viewer cannot see the video clearly. You then hear people screaming and then Mr. Mendez say, "Yo, he just hit me" and the viewer can hear a struggle going on in the background. Right after that Officer Szeps yells, "He's got a gun, he's got a gun." The video ends after this point.

Summary of Video Footage provided by Attorney Robert Berke

In this video footage under Channel 6, Officer Stern walks in to the backyard at 10:28:37 hours. And starts to walk towards the rear of the driveway. Note that this video footage does not have audio. Officer Stern then walks right towards Mr. Mendez who can be seen recording the incident with his cell phone. Mr. Mendez is then observed raising his arm right after Officer Stern approaches him. Note that this matches what Officer Stern states in his statement.

It is at this point (10:29:35) that Officer Szeps walks up to Mr. Mendez and grabs him by his left arm and takes him to the ground. Once Mr. Mendez is on the ground, several Officers now converge on Mr. Mendez. Officer Stern, however, is not seen in the with the Officers dealing with Mr. Mendez and he is out of camera view. Officer Stern is then observed a few minutes later at which time, Mr. Mendez is up on his feet and being walked away by Officer Szeps and Officer Silva. Officer Stern walks behind them and they walk to the front of the house.

Officer Stern is observed under Channel 4 walking behind the Officers and they then go out of camera view. At approximately 10:46:09, Officer Stern comes into the camera view and is observed walking towards his vehicle and then leaves after that.

Summary of Booking Video

In the Booking video, Officer Stern is seen walking in to the report writing room at 11:09:33 where he remains for the remainder. Officer Stern does not enter the Booking area when any of the incidents involving Officer Lattanzio or Sergeant Scillia take place and he leaves Booking at 12:48:30am on October 22, 2017.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Hugo Stern has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

22. Police Officer Anthony Gianpoalo

Summary of statement given by Officer Anthony Gianpoalo, summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira, Officer Anthony Gianpoalo stated the following among other things:

On November 1, 2017, Sergeant Fabio Pereira and Sergeant Lawrence Lazaro conducted a taped interview of Officer Anthony Gianpoalo in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Gianpoalo's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Gianpoalo has been employed with the Bridgeport Police Department for five years. Officer Gianpoalo stated that on October 21, 2017, he was assigned to Saint Vincent's Hospital on overtime in the ICU which is located on the eight-floor. Officer Gianpoalo indicated that he was in the Hospital the entire shift and only left the Hospital for a lunch break at approximately 1900-2000 hours to go to Vazzy's. Officer Gianpoalo stated that he was relieved by Officer Hugo Stern and that he did not go at any time to 316 Colorado Avenue.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Anthony Gianpoalo has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

23. Police Officer Juan Hernandez

Summary of statement given by Officer Juan Hernandez, summarized by Sergeant Lawrence Lazaro, Officer Hernandez stated the following among other things:

On November 1, 2017, Sergeant Lawrence Lazaro and Sergeant Fabio Pereira conducted a taped interview of Officer Juan Hernandez in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Hernandez's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Juan Hernandez has been employed with the Bridgeport Police Department for ten years. Officer Hernandez states on the night of October 21, 2017 he and his partner Officer Diez were assigned to car Green 36. They were assisting car Green 39, Officer Christie on a call on Central Avenue when they heard a 10-32 transmitted on the Police radio followed by another call for cover to the same location. Upon hearing the second call for cover Officer Hernandez and his partner completed the call on Central and headed over to Colorado Avenue to assist.

By the time Officer Hernandez and his partner Officer Diez arrived on scene the situation was already under control. Most of the street was blocked with Police cars causing him to park his vehicle at Fairfield Avenue and Colorado Avenue and walk down. As he and his partner approached the driveway he could see that their assistance was no longer needed. He observed a woman in the front yard in custody. He also observed Sergeant Scillia and Officer Sherback on scene. Officer Hernandez spoke with Officer Sherback briefly before departing.

Officer Hernandez states that once he was comfortable that everything was under control, he walked back to his Police vehicle and resumed patrol until the end of his shift. He did not report to booking and he did not complete any reports.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Juan Hernandez has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

24. Police Officer Freddy Neil

Summary of statement given by Officer Freddy Neal, summarized by Sergeant Jessi Pizarro, Officer Neal stated the following among other things:

On November 2, 2017, Sergeant Lawrence Lazaro and Sergeant Jesse Pizarro conducted a taped interview of Officer Freddy Neal in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Neal's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Neal stated he has been employed with the Bridgeport Police Department since February 2014. Officer Neal states on the night of October 21, 2017 he was assigned to housing with his partner Officer Jesse Meade. They were patrolling the Greene Homes when the 10-32 was transmitted so they started heading over. They didn't make dispatch aware they were heading over because usually you try to keep the radio clear. He believed Officer Natalie McLaughlin called out the 10-32.

Officer Neal stated when they got there, it was pure chaos, loud music and people screaming. He stated he parked a few houses back because there were a bunch of Police cars already there. Officer Neal stated when he got about midway down the driveway, there was a Hispanic male wearing a red t-shirt scuffling and Officers were trying to get him under control and trying to take him to the ground. Officer Neal stated the Hispanic male's hands were behind his back as they got him to the ground, so Officer Neal grabbed his wrists and another Officer handcuffed him, but he can't remember the Officers he assisted.

Officer Neal stated while he was holding the subject's wrist, he stood up, when he heard someone shout, "He's got a gun". "He's got a gun". He turned around and there was another Hispanic male on the floor with a bunch of Officers surrounding him, he believes trying to gain access or trying to grab the gun. He stated he did not know what Officers were surrounding the other Hispanic male, he was trying to get in and help but he couldn't, shortly after he was handcuffed.

Officer Neal stated he could hear the suspect say, "I didn't do anything", "I didn't do anything" as the Officers were yelling out "Gun" and stating to the suspect, "Stop Resisting". Officer Neal said that at the time, there were people running around so he was trying to make sure he didn't get hit and trying to do crowd control. Officer Neal stated he didn't talk to anyone but there were others there who were screaming the whole time saying, "I'm going to fuck you up". "You guys get the fuck off him". So, he was making sure they weren't going to jump because it was a big crowd and a bunch of people around it.

Officer Neal was asked if he saw any Officer get assaulted and he stated no. He was asked if he saw anyone resisting and he stated the male he assisted holding his wrist and the suspect that supposedly had a gun. Officer Neil was asked if he observe any Officers use a weapon or tool from their belt to subdue the suspect and he stated that he did not. He was asked if anyone gave him or did he give anyone tools to use on any suspects and he stated no. He said he could not see because there were too many Officers with their backs towards him. He stated he couldn't even see the suspect on the floor. He was asked to describe the suspect and Officer Neal stated he was a thicker Hispanic male with spiked hair, but he only saw him from behind.

Officer Neal was asked if he remembers seeing any supervisors on scene and he stated he did not. He was then asked if anyone gave him instructions on what to do while he was there, and he stated he acted on his own. Officer Neal was asked if he made any arrest and he stated that he did not. He was asked if he had to use force and he said he just guided his hands to be handcuffs.

Officer Neal was asked to estimate how many people were there when he arrived, and he stated 12-15. He stated they were shouting, recording and some would get in Officers faces with the cameras saying, "Get

the fuck back", *"fuck you"*, *"Get off my fucking property"*. Officer Neal stated he cannot say for sure if they were intoxicated but he was able to see bottles on the ground.

Officer Neal stated he stayed in the yard the whole time, he never approached the porch area, nor can he see the porch from his vantage point. He was concerned with the people in his immediate area. He was asked did he see any kids outside and he stated that he did not. Officer Neal was asked while on scene what Officers did he see, and he stated he did see Officer Natalie McLaughlin, his partner Officer Meade and he believes that everyone for the most part was there. He stated that he was dealing with the suspect, so he can't say with confidence who was there and who was not. Officer Neal was asked if he saw injuries to anyone arrested and he stated that he did not. He was then asked did he call for medics or did he see any medics on scene. He stated as he was leaving he believed he saw medics two house down.

Officer Neal was asked if he placed anyone in his vehicle and he stated that he did not. He was asked if he spoke to any citizens on scene and he stated that he did not. He was asked he completed any reports such as incident, use of force and he stated that he didn't think he needed too because all he did was assist in handcuffing. He was asked if he was given any instructions by any supervisor and he stated no one ever spoke to him.

Officer Neal stated once they were walking the subject with the gun towards the patrol cars, he found his partner and they cleared 316 Colorado Avenue. He and his partner went back to the Greene Homes.

Officer Neal was asked while on scene did he observe a civilian in a wheelchair. He stated when he arrived on scene he saw a male in a wheelchair in front of the house. He was just parked there. He did not see him after they cleared the scene. Officer Neal was asked once they headed back to their patrol car did they notice a wheelchair in the middle of the road and he stated that he did not. He was then asked did he see any officer kick a wheelchair to the curb and he stated he did not.

Officer Neal was asked once they were in their patrol car, did he discuss the incident with his partner and he stated they talked about how crazy it was and how people were not listening, so they discussed everything. He was asked if he spoke to his partner concerning on what he did and went and he said Officer Meade told him that he was making sure everyone was good, that's about it. Officer Neal was asked if there were guys still left on scene when they left, and he stated they were the first ones to leave and they had to reverse out because the streets were still full. He further was asked if anyone was being placed in police vehicles when he was leaving the scene and he stated no. He stated that he remembers a male and female civilian standing behind a table, but he doesn't remember seeing anyone else.

Officer Neal was asked once he left the scene did they go to booking at all or was he or his partner called to assist in booking for any reason and he stated they were not. He was asked did anyone supervisor asked them to write a report and he stated no they were not asked. He was asked the next day did anyone talk about the incident in line up he stated yes, they did. They were talking how 10-32 are bad and how crazy it was. He was finally asked if there was any other incident that was big that night and he stated no.

Upon reviewing the video provided of 316 Colorado Avenue Officer Neal is observed entering the driveway of 316 Colorado Avenue. He walks past the gate midway along with his partner Officer Jesse Meade down the driveway where the first set of tables were situated. The viewer see other Officers begin to arrest someone near the gate catching Officer Neal's attention. He heads in that direction with his partner following him and he disappears from camera view.

Officer Neal then walks back into the yard along with his partner, moments later, Mr. Mendez is taking down by other officers as Officer Neil and Meade watched. According to Officer Neil's sworn statement, he was in the process of assisting other Officers with a different suspect when he heard gun and turned

back to see someone getting arrested by a bunch of Officers. There are inconsistencies based on the video and his statement. The video then shows he attempts to assist but was unable to because of the number of Officers already dealing with the suspect. He circles the bunch of Officers as he moves from the view of the camera.

Moments later, he appears in the view of the camera from the back as they are lifting the suspect from the ground as he watched with his partner Officer Meade along his side. Officer Neal then stands by the table for a moment next to Officer McLaughlin and Officer Remy. You then see

Officer Meade walk towards the front of the house out of view of the camera as his partner stays in the backyard standing next to Lieutenant Sapiro. Officer Meade and Officer Neil then stand in the driveway at the front of the house for a few minutes and then walk towards the street away from the view of the camera.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Freddy Neal has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

25. Police Officer Jesse Meade

Summary of statement given by Officer Jesse Meade, summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira, Officer Meade stated the following among other things:

On November 2, 2017, Sergeant Santiago Llanos and Sergeant John Burke conducted a taped interview of Officer Jesse Meade in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Meade's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Meade stated he has been employed with the Bridgeport Police Department since February 2014. Officer Jesse Meade stated he was working on October 21, 2017 and was assigned to Housing Vehicle (HA # 2) with his partner Officer Freddy Neil. Officer Meade stated that they were in the Greene Homes when they heard the call of a 10-32 (Officer Need Assistance). Officer Meade described a 10-32 when an Officer needs emergency assistance and there are not enough officers on scene.

Officer Meade stated they responded to 316 Colorado Avenue and they observed a line of police cars. They parked approximately 6-7 police cars back. Officer Meade indicated that he walked towards the address to make contact with the Officer that called the 10-32 to ensure that they were okay and stated that it appeared to be a house party that was out of control. Officer Meade explained that there was loud music, children, and alcoholic beverages and that an individual in a wheel chair was being wheeled out by Officer Daniel Faroni, but he was unsure if he was under arrest or just being wheeled out. Officer Meade he did see anyone else being walked out at that time.

Officer Meade stated he walked down the driveway which was on the side of the house and continued towards the backyard through a gate that was wide open. According to Officer Meade, the music was still playing, and he saw a lot of Officers and the crowd was being hostile towards the police and were yelling lots of obscenities. Officer Meade stated that there was a Hispanic woman that was in the driveway sitting on a chair on the right-hand side yelling, *"You don't have the right to be here, it's just a party for our kids."* Officer Meade stated that he was unsure if she was the owner of the house.

Officer Meade was asked if he was aware if the property had surveillance cameras and he stated he had no knowledge. Officer Meade that while on scene he noticed once person that was recording who he described as a male approximately 5'9"-5'10" and heavy set. Officer Meade stated the male recording was saying, *"You can't be here, this is a kid's party, you need to leave"*. He stated he continued walking into the backyard and he walked past by approximately 6-7 officers.

Officer Meade was asked if when he arrived if he felt that he was in danger. Officer Meade answered that he initially did no because he did not know what was going on, but when he got to the driveway where the incident occurred he did feel a little bit worried because there were a lot of people and the police did not have control of the scene. Officer Meade described it as a 360-degree threat because it was not under control. Officer Meade stated that he didn't make it too far into the driveway and that never made it to the porch area because he didn't go that far.

Officer Meade related that he observed Officer Joseph Cruz trying to arrest a suspect and that Officer Cruz had brought the suspect to the ground and was struggling to get him in cuffs.

Officer Meade conveyed that a few Officers, which included him and his partner Officer Neil, kneeled on the suspect to hold him down while at the same time watching the crowd behind them to his right. Officer Meade indicated that the suspect was then handcuffed, and Officer Cruz took him away. Officer Meade stated he did not strike nor did he see any of the Officers strike the suspect while he was being arrested nor did the suspect have any injuries.

Officer Meade states that Officer Adam Szeps decided to place the subject under arrest that was videotaping. Officer Meade reveals that the subject, Mr. Carmelo Mendez, resisted Officer Szeps efforts and was then brought to the ground by him. Officer Meade articulates that while Mr. Mendez was being brought to the ground, Officer Szeps started screaming, "Gun, Gun, Gun" and more Officers tried to help but that there was not enough room and other Officers were in the way. Officer Meade articulates that as Mr. Mendez was going down and simultaneously with Officer Szeps saying, "Gun, Gun, Gun", he tried to get at him to control his hands but there were too many Officers in the way.

Officer Meade states that at one point he was standing over Mr. Mendez's left and that there were other Officers standing around. Officer Meade indicates that after the Officer got up, he was watching both Mr. Mendez and the Officers back.

According to Officer Meade, he did not know what had initially happened to cause Officer Szeps to take Mr. Mendez to the ground. Officer Meade explained that Mr. Mendez was belligerent and yelling, "Why are you doin' this to me?". Officer Meade indicates that there was a lot of Officers and since it was dark, he does not remember specifically who the other Officers were.

Officer Meade then discloses that he observed Detective Kenneth Fortes assisting with the arrest of Mr. Mendez. Officer Meade notes that Detective Fortes was on Mr. Mendez's torso trying to help. Officer Meade states that Mr. Mendez was placed under arrest fairly quick after he was taken to the ground and that he tried to help but there were other Officers in the way, so he stayed back for the others that were still there.

Officer Meade states that he did not observe any Officers strike, kick, use a baton or a taser on Mr. Mendez nor did he observe any injuries on him. Officer Meade conveys that once Mr. Mendez was picked up and brought down the driveway, he was just standing around for the rest of the people that were there. Officer Meade states that at that point the scene was calm, and he and Officer Neal left and went back to patrolling.

Officer Meade indicates that while at Colorado Avenue he did not drop anything nor was anything handed to him. Officer Meade also noted that that during the incident with Mr. Mendez, he did not receive anything from any of the other Officers. Lastly, Officer Meade remembered seeing Sergeant Stacey Lyons in the backyard area after the arrest of Mr. Mendez.

Summary of Video Footage provided by Attorney Robert Berke capturing the conduct of Officer Jesse Meade.

By reviewing Channel 7, the viewer can observe Officer Meade walking towards the driveway at 10:28:21 at which point, Officer Daniel Faroni is pushing Mr. Peter Diaz, who is in a wheelchair, onto the street. Officer Meade then walks to the driveway.

Under Channel 6, at 10:28:40 a viewer can see Officer Meade standing around and then Officer Cruz is seen taking Mr. Ramon Davila to the ground. Officer Meade walks over to the area; however, the video footage does not capture Mr. Davila being placed under arrest.

Officer Meade is then standing around again and Mr. Mendez is taken to the ground by Officer Szeps (10:29:35). A few seconds later, a viewer can see Officer Meade as well as other Officers converge on Mr. Mendez at the same time. Officer Meade attempts to assist; however, he is blocked by other Officers and then stands over the other Officers as well as Mr. Mendez. At 10:29:44,

Officer Meade is observed reaching over Mr. Mendez, however, it cannot be determined if he is handed something or he grabs an object.

At 10:30:31 everyone stands up and clear back and Officer Meade is looking at both Mr. Mendez and towards the backyard area where there are two civilians sitting down.

Officer Meade states that he does not remember any other Officers on scene, but while he is standing over Mr. Mendez, Sergeant Paul Scillia is right next to him. Also, Lieutenant Robert Sapiro and Sergeant Delgado walk right in front of him after the incident involving Mr. Mendez.

Officer Meade walks out of the backyard at 10:32:05 to the front of the house. Officer Meade eventually leaves the scene at 10:34:35 where he is seen walking back to his car.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Jesse Meade has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

26. Police Officer Julio Diez

Summary of statement given by Officer Julio Diez, summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira Officer Julio Diez stated the following among other things:

On November 2, 2017, Sergeant John Klesyk and Sergeant Milton Johnson conducted a taped interview of Officer Julio Diez in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Diez's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Diez stated he has been employed with the Bridgeport Police Department approximately 10 years. Officer Diez stated on October 21, 2017 he was in car Green 36 with Officer Juan Hernandez Jr. covering Green 39 on Central Avenue. According to Officer Diez, they were on the tenth floor of the building when the call for the 10-32 (Officer needs assistance) came out over the radio. Officer Diez continues that it took them a while to get to the elevator and once at their car, they headed to Colorado Avenue.

Officer Diez indicated that they parked on Fairfield Avenue and Colorado Avenue because of all the cars that were parked on the street. Officer Diez reveals that when he exited his car he took out his baton out fearing that there still might be a crowd since there had not been any updates over the radio. Officer Diez reports that he walked down Colorado Avenue about mid-block and noticed where all the Officers were and then walked into the driveway into the rear to make sure nothing was going on. Officer Diez points out that at that point there was nothing going on and observed a couple sitting in the back.

Officer Diez relates that there was one suspect already in handcuffs that was being placed into a police car. Officer Diez states that a female came up to him and asked if she could check on her six-month niece. Officer Diez noted that he put his baton away during his interaction with the female. Officer Diez indicates that he escorted her to the back and that the same couple told her that her niece was fine and that she was inside the house. Officer Diez then stated that he escorted her back to the street and found his partner, Officer Juan Hernandez Jr, and went back to the car and resumed patrol.

During the course of the interview, Officer Diez stated that he did not go hands on with anyone nor did he observe anyone go hands on with anyone at the location. Officer Diez also indicated that he did not make any arrests or assist any Officer to make an arrest. Officer Diez added that he did not see anyone resisting during his time at Colorado Avenue which he approximated to be 5 to 10 minutes.

Summary of Video Footage provided by Attorney Robert Berke capturing the conduct of Officer Diez

By reviewing Channel 1 which faces the North side of Colorado Avenue, a viewer can see Officer Diez walking towards the house. As Officer Diez is walking, he takes out his baton and snaps it open. Under Channel 7, Officer Diez is observed walking to the backyard of the house with his baton on his left hand. Note that Officer Diez indicated in his statement that he took out his baton out fearing that there still might be a crowd since there had not been any updates over the radio. Officer Diez then speaks to a woman and escorts her to the backyard.

Under Channel 6, Officer Diez is observed in the backyard, but at this time there is nothing significant that occurs while he is on scene. Officer Diez walks back out to the front of the house and then is seen walking back to his patrol car (Channel 1) which is out of camera view at 10:35:00. Officer Diez is not seen at any time in Booking.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Julio Diez has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

27. Police Officer Mark Blackwell

Police Report authored by Officer Mark Blackwell

While on patrol at above time and date, I, P/O M. Blackwell was assigned to P8 and responded to assist B-11 – P/O N. McLaughlin who came over our Channel 1 airway requesting for additional units.

As I arrived on scene, I began walking towards the residence when P/O M. Mazzacco called out a 10-32 which is our ten code that an Officer Needs Emergency Assistance and all available units to respond. As I walked up the driveway, P/O M. Mazzacco was being confronted by a female party / Suspect #1, Wanda Mendez, who was being argumentative and aggressive and yelling at him directly in his face and preventing him from going into the backyard. Mendez was completely uncooperative and kept stating that Officers can't be on her property without a warrant and "To Get The Fuck Out Of Here."

P/O M. Mazzacco then advised Officers on scene that he was going to have multiple arrests. As P/O Mazzacco began to walk towards the back of the residence, Mendez shoved P/O Mazzacco in his chest area using both of her hands and he immediately detained her and placed her in handcuffs with another assisting Officer.

I then observed another elderly female / Suspect #4, Sara Deida, who was extremely angry and kept yelling and screaming at Officers and disregarded any verbal command to "back away." Deida then threw a crumpled a plastic cup and threw it on the ground towards P/O M. Mazzacco. I then took into consideration that Deida was an elderly female and I asked a young female party if she could Deida take inside the residence and the female party escorted her away. As I tried to calm people down and to wait for more Officers to arrive on scene to gain control of the situation, another male party in a wheelchair / Suspect #3, Peter Diaz, had positioned his wheelchair just before the bottom porch steps and a table to prevent anyone passing to assist other Officers.

I then began to move the wheelchair backwards toward the fence at which time P/O Mazzacco advised me that Diaz was going to be arrested and bring him to the front of the residence. As I was standing next to Deida, Deida was now standing on the back porch and threw liquid possibly water down on us from the back porch which went all over my face and duty uniform and equipment - radio mic.

As I looked up, Deida was now screaming and waving both of her arms. I immediately went up the porch steps through a crowd of people to prevent Deida from throwing anymore liquid or possibly objects at us. I then quickly detained Deida by turning her around facing away from me and P/O M. Johnson and myself held both of her arms as she tried to pull away and P/O N. McLaughlin handcuffed her without incident.

P/O Johnson then removed his handcuffs from her right wrist as he attempted to handcuff her. Deida continued to yell and scream at Officers and the only thing I understood her say was that she didn't speak any English. Myself and P/O Johnson then escorted Deida from the back porch and down the driveway to the front of the residence where she was then patted down by P/O L. Castillo for weapons which checked cleared, Deida was then placed in the back seat of a marked patrol car. PLEASE REFER TO P/O N. MCLAUGHLIN INCIDENT REPORT FOR ARREST DETAILS.

Summary of statement given by Officer Mark Blackwell, summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira, Officer Mark Blackwell stated the following among other things:

On November 2, 2017, Sergeant John Klesyk and Sergeant John Burke conducted a taped interview of Officer Mark Blackwell in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Blackwell's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Blackwell stated he has been employed with the Bridgeport Police Department approximately 11 years. Officer Blackwell stated that on October 21, 2017 he was assigned as Post 8 and was on Chapel Street when he overheard Officer McLaughlin request more assistance at 316 Colorado Avenue. Officer Blackwell went on to state that after parking his patrol vehicle, and approaching on foot, Officer Mazzacco called out a signal 32, causing Officer Blackwell to hurry his pace.

Officer Blackwell stated that as he walked up the driveway, he observed a female confronting Officer Mazzacco and "being aggressive and belligerent" and preventing Officer Mazzacco from going into the rear yard and telling him to get off of her property. Officer Blackwell went on to state that Officer Mazzacco then communicated to him that there was going to be multiple arrests, at which time the female shoved Officer Mazzacco in his chest. Officer Blackwell then stated that Officer Mazzacco then detained that female with the aid of another officer.

Officer Blackwell stated that he also observed an older female subject on scene that was "angry, irate, screaming" and disregarding verbal commands. Officer Blackwell went on to state that he managed to get a younger female party to escort the older female into the house.

Officer Blackwell stated that he observed numerous open liquor bottles as he made his way toward the rear yard. Officer Blackwell went on to state that he also observed a male party that was in a wheelchair that was blocking Officers' path from proceeding further. Officer Blackwell added that he moved the wheelchair out of Officers' path. Officer Blackwell also added that Officer Mazzacco said that the person in the wheelchair (Mr. Peter Diaz) was under arrest.

Officer Blackwell stated that at that time, the elderly female (Ms. Sara Deida) came out onto the porch and threw an unknown liquid down onto them. Officer Blackwell went on to state that he immediately went up and onto the porch and detained Ms. Deida by grabbing her arms. Officer Blackwell continued, stating that Ms. Deida was attempting to pull away, and Officer Matthew Johnson came to assist him. According to Officer Blackwell, Officer Johnson was only able to get Ms. Deida's right handcuffed, however, Officer McLaughlin also came to assist and was able to get both of Ms. Deida's hands, handcuffed. Officer Blackwell added that Ms. Deida was escorted out to the street where she was pat down by Officer Linette Castillo, and then placed in a patrol car.

Officer Blackwell stated that he was then headed back to get Mr. Diaz when he observed that Officer Faroni had already escorted Mr. Diaz to his patrol car. Officer Blackwell went on to state that he went over to assist in getting Mr. Diaz into Officer Faroni's car, and Mr. Diaz was belligerent, uncooperative and appeared to be extremely intoxicated. At that point, according to Officer Blackwell, Officer Mazzacco came over and advised that Mr. Diaz's arrest was going to be custodial in nature. Officer Blackwell continued on, stating that Mr. Diaz eventually let into the patrol car.

Officer Blackwell stated that Officer Faroni then placed Mr. Diaz's wheelchair into the trunk of his patrol car, however, as he pulled off to transport Mr. Diaz to booking, the wheelchair fell out of the trunk and onto the roadway. Officer Blackwell went on to state that another officer, possibly Officer Joseph Cruz, returned the wheelchair to the family.

Officer Blackwell stated that as he was about to return to the rear yard, he overheard a Sergeant Paul Scillia, issue an order that everyone that was handcuffed is to be transported to booking.

Officer Blackwell went on to state that it appeared to him as though the scene was clearing up, so, at that time, Officer Blackwell got into his patrol car, headed over to patrol, and then went home in order to clean up. Officer Blackwell stated that he was contacted by Sergeant Delgado and ordered to complete an addendum upon his return, which was completed the following day.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Mark Blackwell has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

28. Police Officer Daniel Faroni

Police Report authored by Officer Daniel Faroni (Verbatim)

R/O while working car B17 on Saturday 10/21/2017 a little after 2200 hours responded to a call for assistance from Unit B11 P/O McLaughlin at the location of 316 Colorado Avenue. R/O responded lights and siren and just on getting on Colorado Avenue radio called a 10-32 (all units go). On arrival R/O found police units in the rear and side of house 316 Colorado Avenue where Unit B12 (P/O Mazzacco) was trying to arrest female who was resisting arrest. R/O helped P/O Mazzacco (B12) where the female was detained and placed in the rear of a patrol car.

R/O and other units then went back to the house where the party goes were unruly and challenging and interfering with police and non-compliant. R/O was told by P/O Mazzacco (B12) another suspect was under arrest as well who was in a wheel chair. R/O advised the party he was under arrest who was later identified as Peter Diaz (Suspect). As R/O was wheeling Peter Diaz (suspect) down the driveway R/O was doused with water by an older female from the back porch. R/O wheeled Peter Diaz (suspect) out to the patrol car where he was detained (cuffed).

R/O searched Peter Diaz for weapons and or contraband. Peter Diaz was non-compliant and using profanities telling officers to "suck his dick, fuck all you niggers". R/O was asking for help to get Peter Diaz (suspect) in the rear of the patrol car. Peter Diaz (suspect) then stated "help me out of the chair I'll get in the car myself. Before Peter Diaz (suspect) got in the vehicle he was making threats to P/O Mazzacco (B12), his wife and family. R/O helped him out where Peter Diaz (suspect) got into the rear of the vehicle. Peter Diaz (suspect) was still challenging police and stating, "come see me out of uniform at my house". R/O called in the transport over the radio.

On arrival at the booking ramp Peter Diaz (suspect) became more belligerent and once out of the car refused to stand and was playing games and just sat down refusing to help get walked in. While on the ramp there was Stratford Police Officer (unknown name) helped R/O pick Peter Diaz (suspect) up and get him into booking. Peter Diaz (suspect) was not helping and wouldn't walk and was pulling down on R/O. R/O along with other police had to drag Peter Diaz (suspect) to the booking doors. Peter Diaz (suspect) kept saying "I'm getting my attorney Fitzpatrick he got me off a murder rap". Once inside he then began to help. R/O finally got Peter Diaz (suspect) to the booking counter to get him inventoried where he was still argumentative and making a joke out of everything.

While R/O was trying to fill out an arrest card and inventory Peter Diaz (suspect) remained cuff doing to his anger and threatening behavior. While questioning Peter Diaz (suspect) he spit in P/O T. Lattanzio's eye and shoved at P/O T. Lattanzio. At this the sergeant and booking staff said to just put Peter Diaz (suspect) in a cell until he calms down and is compliant.

R/O was on scene where medics were called to evaluate Peter Diaz (suspect) where he was later transported to the hospital.

Summary of the statement given by Officer Daniel Faroni summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira, Officer Faroni stated the following among other things:

On November 2, 2017, Sergeant Santiago LLanos and Sergeant Milton Johnson conducted a taped interview of Officer Daniel Faroni in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Faroni's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Faroni stated he has been employed with the Bridgeport Police Department approximately 19 ½ years. Officer Faroni stated that on October 21, 2017 he was assigned as Blue 17. Officer Faroni stated that he responded to 316 Colorado Avenue in response to a female Officer calling out over the radio for additional cover. Officer Faroni also stated that while he was en route, he heard "all units respond" over the air. (Page 4, line 149-150)

Officer Faroni went on to state that when he arrived, there were already a few patrol cars on scene and Officers were attempting to locate the house. Officer Faroni stated that when he got to the rear yard, "there's just a melee in the backyard, like a circus, several of them screaming." Officer Faroni added that he observed Officer Mazzacco attempting to affect arrests, and "the whole family's pretty much... fighting and all" (Page 4, line 148-150)

Officer Faroni described the scene as "chaotic", as "everyone was yelling and screaming" obscenities at the Officers to get off of the property (page 5, Lines 218-9). Officer Faroni estimated there to have been at least twenty civilians in attendance, and he was able to recall observing at least four to five children. Officer Faroni stated that "not one person was complying with us" (page 6, Line 237).

Officer Faroni stated that Officer Mazzacco arrested a female suspect who was "yelling and screaming" telling him to get off of their property, Officer Faroni went on to state that he assisted in escorting this female party to the front of the driveway, and when he got back to the rear yard, Officer Mazzacco began pointing out people and advising Officers of who is getting arrested.

Officer Faroni also stated that Officer Mazzacco pointed to a guy in a wheelchair (Mr. Peter Diaz), and Officer Faroni volunteered to transport him. Officer Faroni continued on, stating that as he was wheeling Mr. Diaz from the rear yard, he was doused with water by an elderly female. Officer Faroni added that he believes another officer arrested the elderly female for throwing water on the Officers. Officer Faroni stated that he continued to wheel Mr. Diaz to his patrol car in order to transport him to booking.

Officer Faroni stated that because Mr. Diaz was in a wheelchair, he handcuffed Mr. Diaz in the front; as such it would enable Mr. Diaz to assist in getting in and out, and in the event that Mr. Diaz was to fall, he would be able to catch himself.

Officer Faroni stated that aside from wheeling Mr. Diaz to his patrol car, he used no physical force with anyone on scene at 316 Colorado Avenue. Officer Faroni also stated that the only Officer that he observed using force, while at 316 Colorado Avenue, was Officer Mazzacco during his arrest of Ms. Wanda Mendez. Officer Faroni also stated that he did not see any supervisors while at 316 Colorado Avenue.

Officer Faroni stated that once he got Mr. Diaz to his patrol car, he sought assistance in getting Mr. Diaz inside. Officer Faroni also stated that Officer Mazzacco and Officer Blackwell came over to assist, however, Mr. Diaz got himself into the car. Officer Faroni added that after Mr. Diaz got into the police car, he put Mr. Diaz's wheelchair in the trunk, and transported Mr. Diaz to booking.

Officer Faroni stated that when he arrived at booking, he went to the trunk to retrieve Mr. Diaz's wheelchair, and discovered that it was not there. Officer Faroni also stated that he was unaware that the wheelchair had fallen out of the trunk of his car, and he was not informed as such over the air. Officer Faroni went on to state that his focus became getting Mr. Diaz into booking.

Officer Faroni continued on, stating that Mr. Diaz was uncooperative with him, as he and a Stratford Police Officer attempted to aid Mr. Diaz in getting up the booking ramp. As such, Officer Faroni stated, Mr. Diaz was dragged part-way up the booking ramp, to a distance of which Officer Faroni estimated to

have been only a few feet (*Page 21, Lines 941-43*). Officer Faroni added that Mr. Diaz was given several opportunities to sit and rest as they were getting him into the booking area.

Officer Faroni described the scene in booking as "congested". Officer Faroni stated that he and Mr. Diaz went to the far-left end of the booking counter because the other space was already occupied. Officer Faroni went on to state that Mr. Diaz was not being cooperative during the booking process and was belligerent.

Officer Faroni stated that Officer Thomas Lattanzio was also at the counter inventorying the property of another prisoner. Officer Faroni stated that while he was attempting to get Mr. Diaz's information, that Mr. Diaz and Officer Lattanzio were engaged in a "confrontational argument" (*Page 23, Line 1090*). Officer Faroni went on to state that he recalls Officer Lattanzio having pushed Mr. Diaz one time.

Officer Faroni stated that he continued to try and get Mr. Diaz to focus on him and get through the prisoner intake, when he heard Mr. Diaz make a spitting noise. Officer Faroni went on to state that once he heard the spitting noise, "there was like, a commotion" and before he knew it, there was an altercation between Officer Lattanzio and Mr. Diaz, resulting in Mr. Diaz bumping into Officer Faroni.

Please note that Officer Faroni had difficulty recalling if he actually saw Officer Lattanzio strike Mr. Diaz, although he knows that Officer Lattanzio did strike Mr. Diaz.

Officer Faroni stated that he did not see spit on Officer Lattanzio's uniform or face, and he did not see Officer Lattanzio attempt to clean any spit from his body. Officer Faroni went on to state that once the altercation ensued, the other Officers "rushed in" and he was told by Detention Officer May not to continue inventorying Mr. Diaz's property.

Officer Diaz continued on, stating that Mr. Diaz was on the ground at that point, and Detentions Officer May told them to just get Mr. Diaz into a cell. Officer Faroni stated that he did not assist in getting Mr. Diaz up to a cell as he left the booking area and returned to Colorado Avenue to search for the missing wheelchair.

Officer Faroni stated that when he got back to the area of 316 Colorado Avenue he inquired with people who were still on scene about the wheel chair. Officer Faroni also stated that he was informed that the wheelchair fell out of his trunk when he pulled off, and that it was returned to the family.

Officer Faroni stated that he returned to the booking report writing area and wrote an addendum report of what actions he took. Officer Faroni went on to state that he completed a Use of Force report the following day as directed by Sergeant Delgado. Officer Faroni added that the Use of Force was completed due to him having dragged Mr. Diaz part of the way up the booking ramp.

Summary of Video Evidence captured relative to the conduct of Officer Daniel Faroni

During a subsequent review of the surveillance videos that were provided to the Office of Internal Affairs over the course of this investigation, there were violations of the Bridgeport Police Department's Policies and Procedures, with regard to Officer Faroni's physical treatment of a knowingly injured prisoner.

Officer Faroni acknowledged several times during his statement that he was aware of the fact that Mr. Diaz was injured (*Pages 14-5, Lines 629-31*), (*Page 17, Line 751*), (*Page 30, Line 1312*), however, Officer Faroni, absent any exigency and while aided by at least one additional Officer (from another agency), opted to drag Mr. Diaz up the booking ramp and into the sally port area.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined, based on the statement of Officer Daniel Faroni coupled with the facts and circumstances revealed and obtained during the course of this investigation, that the preponderance of evidence has been substantiated to conclude Officer Daniel Faroni has violated Bridgeport Police Policy and Procedures/Rules and Regulations.

29. Police Officer Faith Tyghter

Summary of statement given by Officer Faith Tyghter, summarized by Sergeant Jessi Pizarro, Officer Tyghter stated the following among other things:

On November 6, 2017, the undersigned Sergeant conducted a taped interview # 5969 of Officer Faith Tyghter at the Office of Internal Affairs located at 999 Broad Street Bridgeport, Connecticut. The interview was conducted by Sergeant Lawrence Lazaro and Fabio Pereira.

Officer Faith Tyghter stated she was working on the day of the incident but she as assigned to the front desk. She did not response to 316 Colorado Avenue. She stated the only time left the front desk probably for lunch or to use the bathroom. She said the only time she left the build was to go home at the end of her shift.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Faith Tyghter has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

30. Sergeant Jeffrey Long

Summary of Official Explanatory Report authored by Sergeant Jeffrey Long (Dated 10/21/7)

I was advised by Sgt. P/ Scillia involving the prisoner in cell 7 and that Internal Affairs needs to be notified. Peter Diaz D.O.B. [2 - CGS S...] was the second prisoner involved with the 10-32 at 316 Colorado Ave. Diaz was in the process of being transported to the Hospital for claimed injury. Sgt. Scillia advised me that while assisting AMR he was attempting to tighten seat belt for Stair chair when his right hand slipped from the belt and contacted the chin of Peter Diaz. See report by Sgt. Scillia attached. Diaz was then transported to [4 - HIPAA] Lt. Dickerson was then notified to assist and pull the tape for Cell 7. Lt R. Sapiro was notified.

I was also advised by Sgt. Scillia that accidental contact was made with his feet and Peter Diaz's feet as he was being transported down the ramp coming down from cell 7. Sgt. Scillia advised me he lost his step thinking that the chair was going one way but ended up going into another direction. Sgt. Scillia stated that Diaz was accusing him of kicking him.

Summary of Official Explanatory Report authored by Sergeant Jeffrey Long (Dated 10/21/7)

On 10/21/17, a male prisoner named Carmelo Mendez D.O.B. [2 - CGS Se...] was in the main holding cell. Medics were on scene and were in the process of getting him set to go to the hospital for treatment for injuries sustained at the 10-32 house party at 316 Colorado Ave. Mendez was by himself in the main holding cell next to the booking desk. P/O S. Silva was inventorying his personal belongings at approximately 2340 hours. I was at the booking desk and could hear what sounded like a person fall to the ground in the main holding cell.

At this point, AMR staff with P/O Silva entered the main holding cell and Mendez was removed and taken to [4 - HIPAA] for treatment. I then contacted and advised you of the incident as well as O.I.A. Lt. B. Dickerson. Attached to my report are additional reports of P/O S. Silva, D/O J. Figueroa and D/O S. Firpi. From my position, I was not able to see Mendez fall but was advised by P/O Silva that Mendez had fallen straight backwards after losing consciousness. Lt. Sapiro was notified.

I attempted to retrieve the camera footage to add to the packet but was advised by Lt. Dickerson that he would send someone out.

Summary of statement given by Sergeant Jeffrey Long summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira, Sergeant Long stated the following among other things:

On November 6, 2017, Sergeant Santiago LLanos and Sergeant Jesse Pizarro conducted a taped interview of Sergeant Jeffrey Long in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Sergeant Long's complete statement for specific details.*

Sergeant Long stated he has been employed with the Bridgeport Police Department approximately 15 years. Sergeant Long stated that on October 21, 2017 he was assigned as the Amber Sector Sergeant. According to Sergeant Long, he was in Patrol when the call for the 10-32 (Officer needs Assistance) came out. Sergeant Long relates that he jumped in a car with Sergeant Ivan Delgado and headed over to Colorado Avenue.

Sergeant Long states that upon their arrival, there was approximately 10-15 cars in the street and that he was not able to park in front of the house. Sergeant Long indicates that as he was walking towards the house, he remembers someone being placed in a police car.

Sergeant Long conveys that he entered the house on the sidewalk side and observed a guy jumping on a motorcycle really quick and that his immediate response was to detain him.

Sergeant Long relates that he found out that this party just wanted to leave.

Sergeant Long conveyed that he then turned around and could see the driveway entrance and that there was a party, but that he cannot recall if there was music playing at the time. Sergeant Long stated that as he walked in he observed five or six people hanging off the side of the house and asked them to move, which they complied and then moved to the back of the house.

Sergeant Long noted that as he was walking to the driveway, he heard someone yell out, "Gun" and then observed a pile of officers who looked like they were struggling with somebody.

Sergeant Long stated that at that point, he felt that he was in danger because he did not know what type of party it was. Sergeant Long notes that it was dark, and it looked like the officers were trying to get someone under control and that he wasn't complying and that the officers were trying to get his hands out so that they could place him in custody. Sergeant Long indicates that he then heard Officer Hugo Stern say, "I got the gun" and it was then that he felt safe. (Long Line 353)

Sergeant Long states that at that point, there was a guy to the rear of the officers that was screaming and yelling and that he feared that at any moment he was going to jump on the pile and that is when he intervened because he did not feel comfortable turning his back on him.

Sergeant Long imparts that his part was to de-escalate that party and to get him to sit down and relax. Sergeant Long revealed that under the circumstances and with everything that was going on, he could have been probably arrested, but under the situation he did not because of the chaotic scene. Sergeant Long continues that once the party sat down he felt that he did not pose a threat anymore and he went over to the corner and discovered that the male was the DJ for the party and that he told him to pack up his belongings.

Sergeant Long states that he then walked around the porch and knocked on the door since he did know the full extent of what type of party this was, however, no one answered the door.

Sergeant Long articulates that at that point, the officers were bringing, Mr. Carmelo Mendez, to the front of the house. Sergeant Long stated that he did not observe any injuries on Mr. Mendez nor did he observe anyone strike him. Sergeant Long added that he did not observe anyone pull a baton or a taser while on scene.

Sergeant Long indicated that he remembered Sergeant Scillia being involved in the takedown of Mr. Mendez. Sergeant Long also remembered seeing Sergeant Ivan Delgado on scene, however, he does not recall if he was involved in the arrest of Mr. Mendez. Sergeant Long described the scene as being dark and that he could not make out people faces and only remembers hearing the voices of Officer Adam Szeps and Officer Hugo Stern. Sergeant Long added that he observed Lieutenant Robert Sapiro on scene as well but only at the tail end of the incident.

Sergeant Long then stated that Sergeant Stacey Lyons was also on scene and that she showed up in the end. Sergeant Long relates that he then went down the driveway to the front of the house and while standing in the street with Sergeant Lyons, he could hear a pickup truck running and flying down the street which almost hit them. Officers and police cars were still in the road and the pickup truck was flying through at a high rate of speed. Sergeant Long indicates that Officer Joseph Pires stopped the truck and made an arrest as a result of the stop because of the driver's reckless driving. Sergeant Long

explained that he had Officer Pires draw a separate file and they determined that the suspect was not part of the party.

Sergeant Long estimated that he was on scene for about 15-20 minutes and went back to Congress with Sergeant Delgado because he had been hired to work Booking as a midnight sergeant. According to Sergeant Long, he noticed that Sergeant Delgado had a fat lip and Sergeant Delgado stated that he did not know how he got hit.

Sergeant Long stated that he went in to Booking through the report writing room which he explained was full and was assigned to work from 10:30 to 0230. Sergeant Long related that when he first got there he saw Officer Thomas Lattanzio who told him that one of the suspects, Mr. Peter Diaz, who he had brought in had spit in his face. Sergeant Long stated that he advised Officer Lattanzio to draw a separate file and if he needed to go to the Hospital, however, he denied any medical attention.

Sergeant Long noted that as he walked through the door and into Booking, it was chaotic and that he immediately observed two females in Halloween costumes who appeared to be drunk. Sergeant Long also articulated that there were several males in the bull pen who were screaming and yelling. Sergeant Long noted that the medics were also on scene and that Sergeant Scillia and Sergeant Delgado were already in Booking when he got there.

Sergeant Long stated that Sergeant Scillia advised him that he was involved in an incident with Mr. Peter Diaz when he was trying to get him into a medical chair. According to Sergeant Long, Sergeant Scillia explained that he was trying to tighten his strap and his hand hit him and that while he was trying to bring him down, he made contact with his feet and that he had documented all in his report. Sergeant Long explained that he advised Sergeant Scillia to contact Lieutenant Sapiro and let him know about the incident.

Sergeant Long continued that there was an incident in Booking where Mr. Mendez and a Fernando Morales were in the bull pen and the medics were trying to get Mr. Mendez to go to the Hospital. Sergeant Long states that Mr. Morales kept telling Mr. Mendez to not go to the Hospital and that he was going to bail him out. Sergeant Long reveals that he looked at Mr. Mendez and he observed a swelling to his head which he described as half the size of a golf ball.

Sergeant Long explains that because of Mr. Morales behavior, he had him removed from the bull pen and brought up to a separate cell since he was an agitator. Sergeant Long states that he had to get processed first and had to count his cash which took 10 -15 minutes. According to Sergeant Long, Mr. Morales was aggressive and belligerent towards any officer and that he could clearly tell that he was drunk.

Sergeant Long indicated that while he was behind the desk, he heard the sound of someone falling in the cell in the immediate area. Sergeant Long stated that they got the door opened and the medics went in and he was transported to the Hospital. Note that the party that fell inside the cell was Mr. Mendez.

Sergeant Long conveyed that after about an hour, Lieutenant Sapiro came up to Booking to talk to him about what was going on and he informed him about the incident involving Mr. Mendez and Officer Lattanzio. In addition, Sergeant Long, informed Lieutenant Sapiro about the incident involving Sergeant Scillia and that he had documented everything.

Sergeant Long stated that he did not find out that Officer Lattanzio had to strike Mr. Diaz until later that night when he had gone down to patrol and saw him speaking to Lieutenant Sapiro with an Use of Force report. Sergeant Long explained that Officer Lattanzio only told him that Mr. Diaz spit in his face when

he brought him in and that he had tapped him in his face to get him away from him. Sergeant Long continued that he wrote a report involving his actions.

Sergeant Long related that Sergeant Scillia approached him and let him know what had happened and to call Internal Affairs so that Mr. Diaz does not make accusations that he kicked him and that is when he called Lieutenant Brian Dickerson to pull the tapes so that it can be documented. Sergeant Long discloses that he was able to review the video footage before, however, he could not at the time.

Sergeant Long expresses that in hindsight, he felt that under the circumstances with the 10-32 he could of probably may have gotten somebody up in Booking to cover the flow of people that were coming in. Sergeant Long stated that he was relieved in a face to face by Sergeant Joaquim Barros.

Summary of Video Footage provided by Attorney Robert Berke capturing the conduct of Sergeant Jeffrey Long

By reviewing this video footage, Sergeant Long is observed walking to the driveway under Channel 6 at 10:29:42 at the same time that Mr. Mendez is being taken down to the ground. Sergeant Long then walks over and stands over Officer Natalie McLaughlin and watches as the Officers struggle with Mr. Mendez. Sergeant Long does not intervene at any point.

Sergeant Long then walks to the backyard and out of camera view. Note that in his statement, Sergeant Long indicates that there was a guy to the rear of the officers that was screaming and yelling and that he feared that at any moment he was going to jump on the pile and that is when he intervened because he did not feel comfortable turning his back on him. Sergeant Long imparts that his part was to de-escalate that party and to get him to sit down and relax.

By reviewing the video footage, a male and a female can be seen behind the Officers and that they appear to be agitated; however, it is Sergeant Stacey Lyons that actually approaches these two individuals and have them sit down in their chairs and have them calm down. Sergeant Long does not interact with these individuals at any time.

Sergeant Long is out of camera view for a few minutes then emerges from the backyard, at which point Mr. Mendez has already been taken away by the Officers on scene. Sergeant Long then stays in the driveway for a few minutes and is seen speaking to the officers and then eventually walks to the front of the house.

Under Channel 7, Sergeant Long is seen in front of the house standing in the street with Sergeant Lyons at 10:38:40 when the incident with the pick-up truck occurs. Sergeant Long then leaves the scene with Sergeant Delgado at approximately 10:44:40.

Summary of Booking Video capturing the conduct of Sergeant Jeffrey Long

By reviewing the Booking footage, Sergeant Long is observed walking through the report writing area at 10:59:26 and then walks in to Booking (processing area). Sergeant Long then starts to get everyone processed and walks over to the bull pen and sees who needs medical attention.

When Mr. Mendez falls in the bullpen, Sergeant Long is assisting in the processing of Mr. Morales money, which took several minutes due to the large amount of money in his possession. Mr. Mendez is then transported to the Hospital.

Sergeant Long then stays in the processing area and make sure that all paperwork is completed for the prisoners. Sergeant Long leaves Booking at 02:48:40 hours.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Sergeant Jeffrey Long has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

31. Police Officer Andrew Christie

Summary of the statement given by Officer Andrew Christie summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira, Officer Andrew Christie stated the following among other things:

On November 7, 2017, Sergeant Fabio Pereira and Sergeant Milton Johnson conducted a taped interview of Officer Andrew Christie in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Christie's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Christie stated he has been employed with the Bridgeport Police Department approximately 1½ years. Officer Christie stated that on October 21, 2017 he was assigned to car Green 36 and believes that Sergeant Geremia was his immediate supervisor. Officer Christie went on to state that when the signal 32 was called, he was clearing the scene of a Domestic Violence call in an apartment building on 3 - Federal ... and was being assisted by Green 36.

Officer Christie continued, stating that he exited the building and travel to the corner of Fairfield Avenue at Colorado Avenue, where he parked his vehicle, due to the number of cars that were already on scene.

Officer Christie described the scene upon his arrival as slightly chaotic, but it appeared as if everything was coming to an end, and the officer appeared to be safe. Officer Christie stated that he believes that he was the last car to arrive. Officer Christie went on to state that he also observed officers who were just standing around, indicating to him that the situation was coming to an end. Officer Christie continued, stating that he saw and spoke with Officer Stern, who had a prisoner in his car. (That prisoner was Mr. Carmelo Mendez). Officer Christie also stated that he recognized the prisoner in Officer Stern's car as someone that he had a previous call for service with. Officer Christie stated that he could observe that the party in Officer Stern's vehicle (Mr. Carmelo Mendez) was visibly injured and was bleeding from a cut on his forehead.

Officer Christie added that he did not proceed any closer to the house than where Officer Stern's vehicle was parked, which was near the corner of Colorado Avenue at Fairfield Avenue, as it appeared to be calming down, which was evidenced by the fact that officers were simply standing around. Officer Christie went on to state that he felt that it was safe for him to leave and took it upon himself to do so. Officer Christie continued, stating that he did not respond to booking after departing from Colorado Avenue, and that he simply went home.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Andrew Christie has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

32. Police Office Natalie McLaughlin

Summary of the statement given by Officer Natalie McLaughlin summarized by Sergeant Jessi Pizarro, Officer Natalie McLaughlin stated the following among other things:

On November 7, 2017, Sergeant Santiago Llanos and Sergeant Fabio Pereira conducted a taped interview of Officer Natalie McLaughlin in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer McLaughlin's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Natalie McLaughlin has been employed with the City of Bridgeport as a police officer for approximately 2 years. She is currently assigned to the second shift also known as "C" shift. Her vehicle assignment is Blue 11 as a solo car on the west side of the city.

On October 21, 2017, Officer Natalie McLaughlin stated she was dispatched to respond to check two areas, the intersections of State Street and Colorado Avenue and Fairfield Avenue and Colorado Avenue on a report of a noise complaint. As she arrived in the area she took a left onto Colorado Avenue from Fairfield Avenue she started hearing music coming from a house from the left side of the street. She saw lights and a speaker, so she immediately made dispatch aware of the location and gave the address, 316 Colorado Avenue.

Officer McLaughlin stated once she was at the location, her cover car B14 (Officer Bobby Hernandez) was immediately there. She stated Officer Hernandez was alone because his partner went home for the evening. She stated as she parked, she noticed individuals came out from the house and noticed that they arrived. She said the music was loud and she could see a speaker which was situated on a stand from her vehicle.

Officer Natalie McLaughlin stated the individuals that first saw them arrive must have alerted the homeowners because when they exited their patrol vehicle they were greeted by at least 15 people in the driveway area. At this point, she had not made it to the back yard yet. After the conversation began, people just came in and out from the back yard towards the front. She was immediately able to smell an odor of alcoholic beverages, and she observed drinks on the tables in the backyard.

While interacting with the individuals that came out to the driveway, they began to say several times, "Oh, don't shut the party down". People were shaking her hand as they continued to plead with her. Officer McLaughlin stated she asked several times to speak with the homeowner when finally, a woman who appeared to be intoxicated dressed up in a *Wonder Women costume* stated she was the homeowner. As she proceeded to tell the homeowner she was on a noise complaint, the homeowner said, "This is the first time she has had a party and she needed to worry about the down the street, because they have parties every weekend until 3:00-4:00 am in the morning and She doesn't understand why the police are being called". (Page 5, line 218-221)

Officer McLaughlin explained when the neighbors have their parties she has the right to call and make a complaint but today she was there to address the noise from her residence. Officer McLaughlin stated to the homeowner, that all she needed to do was turned down the music. She stated the homeowner started to give her a tough time, but she understood. She wasn't hostile she just kept repeating, "*I don't know why you are here*" and that we needed to get of her property. Officer McLaughlin stated the homeowner was more worried about the house down the street, but she kept addressing that she was there due to her loud music. Officer McLaughlin stated that during this conversation they were yelling over the loud music.

Officer Natalie McLaughlin stated she attempted to separate the homeowner but before she could do that a man dressed in a *superman costume* came forward and said to her, *"Get the fuck off my property, we are not doing anything"*. The male continued to say, *"We are not committing crimes, you don't need to be here. I'm the owner of the house"*. (Page 6, line 248-254) Officer McLaughlin stated at this point, Officer Hernandez stepped in and told the guy to calm down. He looked at officer Hernandez and told him to, *"shut the fuck up, get off his property and not to tell him what to do"*. At this point she observed the guy put his hands in Officer Hernandez's face so that is when she called for more cover.

Officer Natalie McLaughlin stated she attempted to calm the guy (Fernando Morales) down and at one point told him to relax. (Page 6, line 253-261) He said, *"There is no relaxing"*. She even placed her hand on his chest because he came so close to her and it appeared he was kissing her. He never touched her, but she requested for him to back up a little. He then told her, *"Get the fuck off me, get the fuck of my property. I am not committing any crime, you don't need to be here"*. (Page 6, line 253-261)

Officer McLaughlin stated at one point, party goers were trying to calm Mr. Morales down telling him to relax and grabbing him, this showed how aggressive he was acting. Even Wonder Women (Wanda Mendez) held him back also telling him to relax and calm down. She stated that this was what ignited the crowd. Officer McLaughlin stated at this point, she could hear the crowd yelling towards them, *"Yeah, get the fuck out of here, you don't need to be here"* as they became aggressive and hostile towards them. (Page 9, line 397-400)

Officer McLaughlin further stated that at this point, she said all I want to do is speak to the owner of the house. She stated she remembers Mr. Morales looking at Ms. Mendez and say, *"Excuse me, bitch! This is my house too"* and continue to talk to her in Spanish. (Page 10, line 421-422) She is not sure what he was saying to her, but he got aggressive toward her because he was claiming ownership. This is one of the reasons she could not separate them.

Officer Natalie McLaughlin while this was happening, she could feel someone pulling at her leg. She thought it maybe was a child, so she ignored it, but it continued for a minute. When she finally looked down it was Peter Diaz, the man in the wheel chair who appeared intoxicated. He was pulling on her pants on her gun side. She asked him what he was doing, and he said, *"I just want to talk to you, Officer."* She told him, *"Not right now, you have to back up, your too close to me"*. (Page 10, line 422-446) She remembers his broken leg hitting the back of her thighs a few times that how close he was to her. He looked at me with a confused face and said, *"He doesn't have to go anywhere, he's not committing a crime, and he can't do anything because he is in a wheel chair"*. (Page 10, line 449-451)

Officer McLaughlin stated she disregarded him, but he continued to tug on her pants at the same time she observed a few gentlemen come behind and to the side of her. She told them to get back into the crowd, but they stated they don't have to because they were not committing a crime. So, now, she grabbed her partner and began to back up just a little because she wanted to get an overview of everyone. Officer McLaughlin stated she feared that the crowd could at any moment attack them, so she wanted to make sure she could see everyone. She stated she could hear the crowd continue to yell, *"Fuck you", you can't do that, police brutality"* just all different types of stuff of that nature. (Page 12, line 530-533)

Officer McLaughlin stated that she was asked if she felt at this point was she able to leave and she stated that with Peter Diaz pulling on her pants and the crowd starting to come out from the back surrounding them, there was no space in this situation. She felt threatened even after giving several commands to the crowd to back up. She felt she couldn't leave now.

Officer Natalie McLaughlin was asked if at any point did she call for a supervisor and she stated it was very hectic she just wanted to call more cars because she figured if would have seen more cars this would

calm the situation. She did think of calling a supervisor at that moment. She was asked did anyone leave the property and she stated that she remembers seeing people pass by her saying, they are just leaving. She also saw a few kids go into the house with a few grown-ups.

Officer Natalie McLaughlin stated she remembers Officer Sherback and Officer Mazzacco arrive as cover cars. At this point, there was four of them on scene. If other officers arrived she does not recall seeing them. Officer McLaughlin stated she remembers Officer Mazzacco coming to the crowd and telling them to relax and calm down but before he could say anything else, Superman (Fernando Morales) said to him, Shut the fuck up, he'll kill him and his family. This is when Officer Mazzacco called a 10-32 (Page 16, line 679-681)

At this point the crowd became very aggressive yelling, "We don't have to listen to them", "They don't have to listen to us", They could do whatever they want, this is their property". Officer McLaughlin was asked if she called a "10-32 and she stated she did not. She was asked why not, and she explained that the crowd was aggressive, and she thought if she called for more cover the crowd would come down. She didn't think at that point it wasn't a "10-32" situation.

Officer Natalie McLaughlin was asked at what point did the first arrest happen? She stated what she recalled after the 10-32, she doesn't remember who showed up all she remembers is seeing blue. They attempted to arrest Superman (Fernando Morales). The crowd grabbed Superman and began dragging him towards the backyard. Fernando Morales was freaking out, flaring his hands everywhere. As they are dragging him back, she remembers hearing Fernando Morales say, "Where is my cell phone? Where is my shit"? (Page 18, line 780-783) She stated she didn't know what he meant by, "Where is my shit" but she didn't want him going to grab a weapon, so she went halfway into the backyard to as she watched him, but she gave him some space.

Officer Natalie McLaughlin stated when they brought Fernando Morales to the back, she remembers everyone show up and someone asked Officer Michael Mazzacco who was being arrested. As Officer Mazzacco pointed to Superman (Fernando Morales) she remembers Wonder Women (Wanda Mendez) got into Officer Mazzacco's face and told him, "You can't arrest him, he did nothing, back the fuck up" and she then shoved officer Mazzacco. (Page 19, line 829-831) After she shoved him, other officers grabbed her which she resisted the whole time by punching, kicking and telling everyone to get off her and she was then brought to the front. She didn't know what happened to her after that. Officer Natalie McLaughlin was asked if she see anyone her up or sustain any injury and she stated she did not. As far as she recalled, she saw approximately 3-4 officers grab her, but she can remember who they were.

Officer McLaughlin stated after that she remembers seeing Officer Todd Sherback, people are running, going into houses, and screaming saying, "You can't do that, Police Brutality". (Page 20, line 872-873) She stated that Officer Sherback asked her who was being arrested at which she pointed to Superman (Fernando Morales). Mr. Morales observing that his girlfriend, Wanda Mendez was being arrested, began walking towards her area. Officer Sherback told him that he was under arrest several times and attempted to grab him. Mr. Morales flung his arms and bumped into Officer Sherback and he walked by.

Officer McLaughlin stated at this point, Mr. Morales was headed in her direction and from dealing with him earlier and how uncooperative he was, she decided to pull her tazer point it at him and shouted several commands. She told him to get down, "Get the fuck down". (Page 20, Line 890) She told him to not take another step or he would be tazed. He stopped in his tracks and went down slowly, like he was thinking, but he eventually complied. He was resisting a little saying, "Get the fuck off me, I'm not resisting".

Officer McLaughlin stated Officer Sherback then placed him in handcuffs. She stated Wanda Mendez was arrested for pushing an officer and Fernando Morales was arrested for threatening an officer. Officer McLaughlin was asked if Mr., Morales was struck at any time either by her or Officer Sherback and she stated no. She was asked did she observe any injuries to Mr. Morales and she stated she did not. She did say he was definitely the aggressor who started the chaos with the crowd.

Officer Natalie McLaughlin stated after Fernando Morales was handcuff, she could hear faint screaming. She looked up and saw Officer Mark Blackwell running up the stairs of the porch. She met Officer Blackwell and Officer Johnson who were arresting an older lady (Sara Deida) next to the steps. She did not know why at the time, but the older lady was actively resisting. She kept saying, "I speak no English" several times. (Page 22, line 972) Because she was actively resisting, she took her handcuffs and placed it on her. Later she was told that the older lady threw water on Officer Blackwell while trying to diffuse the crowd.

Officer McLaughlin was asked if she struck or slapped Mrs. Deida and she stated that she did not. She was asked if the music was still on at this point and she stated that she believed it was off. She said because she could faintly remember seeing the DJ walking by her and saying, "I don't want any problems, I just want to leave. I am the DJ and I am packing up". She said it was loud because of the angry crowd screaming, "You can't do that, she's an older woman, get the fuck off her, Police Brutality, you're hitting her for no reason". (Page 23, line 1026-1032)

Officer Natalie McLaughlin stated once she placed handcuffs on Sara Deida she did not physically escort her to the car, but she did not remember who did. She was asked if she remembers who was on the porch with her and she stated she only remembers Officer Blackwell and Officer Johnson. If they were more she did not see them. She was asked if she remembers anyone blocking the steps of the porch. She stated she did not remember seeing anyone blocking the steps but was later told that Peter Diaz was blocking the steps with his wheel chair. According to what she was told, he was being aggressive and not complying with anything with the offices. She again mentioned that he (Peter Diaz) pulled on her pants for about 3-4 minutes on her gun side. She stated she keeps emphasizing her gun size because that is how close he was to her. She had to continue addressing him, so she is not surprised that he was blocking the steps.

Officer Natalie McLaughlin stated she left the porch and she saw officers telling people to leave and back up. She remembers seeing Officer Hugo Stern moving people along, stating it was time to leave. Officer Stern then placed his hands on a couple of people and guided them out. As he attempted to guide one of the gentleman's (Carmelo Mendez), he swung his arm as to prevent

Officer Stern from guiding him away. She heard Carmelo Mendez tell Officer Stern, "get the fuck off me, I don't have to go anywhere", "this is not your property". (Page 27 Line 1214-1217) She then observed officers bring him to the ground.

The officers were giving him commands to stop resisting. He was under arrest and he resisted the whole time. Officer McLaughlin stated Carmelo Mendez is a big gentleman, she saw multiple officers attempting to handcuff him, but she could not remember all of them. She stated she remembers Officer Szeps yelling, "Gun" and everyone repeating it, so she jumped in and grabbed onto his legs holding on to his calves. She then turned her head to the side because she didn't want to get hit because there was a lot of things going on.

Officer McLaughlin stated the gun was removed and given to another officer. At the same time, Carmelo Mendez kept repeating, "Get the fuck of me". (Page 28, line 1245-1227)

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Officer McLaughlin was asked did she ever hear Carmelo Mendez say, this is my sister's property" and she stated that she did not. (Page 28, line 1254-1255) All she remembers him saying was "He's not fucking going anywhere" and to "Get the fuck off of him". She was asked if she remember anyone using, asking for or extending a baton and she stated that she did not. She couldn't go any further because there were a lot of officers attempting to restrain Carmelo Mendez. Officer McLaughlin was then asked did she ever hear Carmelo Mendez scream, "They are hitting me" and she stated she did not hear that. She was asked did she see anyone strike Carmelo Mendez with a baton and she stated she did not. The only Officer she saw strike Carmelo Mendez was Officer Szeps as he gave Carmelo Mendez commands to stop resisting and to place his hands behind his back.

Officer McLaughlin stated it took about a couple of minutes after the gun was taken to handcuff Carmelo Mendez. She couldn't remember who handcuffed him. Once she saw officers getting up, she also stood up. She then stayed in the backyard to help clear the crowd and monitor the back where there were people recording. Officer McLaughlin stated she was trying to catch her breath at this point as people were saying they lived there, (sister, cousins etc.).

Officer Mazzacco then asked some people if they could go into the house to check on the children to ensure they were okay. Officer McLaughlin stated the doors were locked and no one would let them in, but she could remember when they arrested Mrs. Deida earlier the same door was opened. Officer McLaughlin stated that after, a young couple came out and approach her in the backyard telling her that they were going to stay with the kids and they were okay.

Officer McLaughlin was asked once she left the backyard and went towards the street did she see a wheel chair in the middle of the road and she stated she did not. She was asked if she saw any supervisors on scene and she stated not that she was aware. She was asked again did she ever see any injuries on Carmelo Mendez and she stated she did not. She only saw him from behind when they were walking him away to the front.

Officer McLaughlin stated once she went towards the front, she got into her patrol vehicle and headed to patrol to write her report in booking. She stated at that point, almost everyone was gone, but there were still some patrol vehicles on scene.

Officer McLaughlin stated once in booking writing her report, along with many other officers, Sergeant Delgado who is her supervisor reminded everyone involved to make sure they complete their use of force report. She said she was exhausted because she worked a double and she asked if she could complete her use of force the next day. She was granted permission, but to make sure her incident report was completed.

Officer McLaughlin was asked while in booking did she intake any prisoners and she stated she did not. She was asked did she see any interaction in the prisoner booking area and she stated she did not. She stated she heard chaos because there were multiple people being brought in, but she didn't see anything that happened in the booking area.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined, based on the statement of Officer McLaughlin coupled with the facts and circumstances revealed and obtained during the course of this investigation, that the preponderance of evidence has been substantiated to conclude Officer McLaughlin has violated Bridgeport Police Policy and Procedures/Rules and Regulations.

33. Police Officer Douglas Bepko

Summary of the statement given by Officer Douglas Bepko, summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira, Officer Bepko stated the following among other things:

This interview was conducted by Sergeant Edward Rivera and present was Sergeant Fabio Pereira and Union Steward Danny Gomez on November 7, 2017. This interview utilized audio taped log # 5973. The interview was conducted at the Office of Internal Affairs located at 999 Broad Street Bridgeport, Connecticut. This interview is regarding an internal investigation initiated by the Chief of Police Armando J. Perez involving an incident at 316 Colorado Avenue on October 21, 2017 at approximately 2200 hours.

Officer Bepko states he was assigned to car CP2 and was patrolling the East Side of the city on this night when he heard a noise complaint on 316 Colorado Avenue come in over his vehicle's Police radio. Shortly after he heard a 10-32 (Officer needs assistance) come over his radio for the same location. Officer Bepko proceeded to respond to the location.

Upon arrival at 316 Colorado Avenue, Officer Bepko states he observed multiple police cars parked on the street in front of the residence and it appeared to him as if the whole C-shift had responded and was on scene. Officer Bepko states that he then exited his vehicle, locked, and secured his doors and walked to the house, down the driveway and into the back yard where he observed multiple Officers who seemed to have the scene under control. While on scene, he observed Officer Thomas Lattanzio and Officer Todd Sherback handcuffing an older male (Mr. Alvarado). Officer Bepko relates that the party was civil and that both Officer Lattanzio and Officer Sherback were professional. Officer Bepko indicated that he observed Sergeants Paul Scillia and Sergeant Ivan Delgado on scene as well.

Officer Bepko articulates that he was only on scene for a few minutes and that, "I walked in. I looked around. And when I was leavin' I, saw Sherback. I said, I'm out of here." (Bepko 221) Officer Bepko reveals that he heard about a situation involving a firearm and that someone had a gun on them. According to Officer Bepko, he heard about the incident after it had already happened. Officer Bepko contends that he did not see any officer go hands on with anybody from the party while he was on scene. According to Officer Bepko, everybody (civilians) were videotaping the incident at the time and that he did not talk or have any contact with any of them.

Officer Bepko states that after remaining on scene briefly, Officer Bepko made his way back to his vehicle where he observed his windows down and a suspect wearing a Superman cape (Mr. Fernando Morales) sitting in his back seat. Officer Bepko states the suspect was visibly upset, however, he was being cordial to him. Officer Bepko relates that he asked Sergeant Scillia who put the suspect into his vehicle and why. Officer Bepko relates that he then recommended to Sergeant Scillia that if there were going to be multiple arrests they may want to consider calling the Booking Van. Officer Bepko reports that Sergeant Scillia then ordered him to transport the suspect to booking at 300 Congress Street. During this time, several other Officers were preparing to leave to booking also so he joined the convoy and transported his suspect to Booking without incident.

According to Officer Bepko, while on scene he did not observe anyone being assaulted, or any officers strike anyone, or any party resisting and that he only observed officers walking people to their cars. Officer Bepko added that he did not feel in any immediate danger and did not have to assist in any crowd control because there was no crowd.

Upon arrival his at Booking, Officer Bepko states he parked his vehicle and walked his prisoner inside and stated that in the processing area of Booking, there were several prisoners and Officers. Officer

Bepko states he stood his prisoner up against the wall and walked to the back of booking where he spoke to Sergeant Delgado. Officer Bepko noted that he observed that Sergeant Delgado had a fat lip and he made sure he was okay.

Officer Bepko stated that then observed a prisoner (Mr. Carmelo Mendez) with marks on his face and a swollen eye and advised Sergeant Jeffrey Long who was also on scene in Booking. Shortly after speaking to Sergeant Long, medics arrived at booking. Officer Bepko discloses that he knew Mr. Peter Diaz as one of the parties that was arrested. Officer Bepko states that he knew him for about 20 years. Officer Bepko states that in report writing area there were several Officers writing reports and talking about the incident. Officer Bepko states that he only remembers Officer Lattanzio in the report writing room typing his report.

Officer Bepko states that he was in Booking only for a few minutes and that he did not witness any altercations or disturbances. When asked if he had observed an altercation between Officer Lattanzio and another prisoner, Officer Bepko stated, "No", and that he was gone by that time. Officer Bepko later claims that he was in the back when the incident occurred. Officer Bepko explained that he had heard about someone spitting on Officer Lattanzio. Officer Bepko indicated that he did not process anyone and was not instructed to complete any reports regarding the incident.

Summary of Video Footage provided by Attorney Robert Berke capturing the conduct of Officer Bepko

By reviewing the video footage provided by Attorney Berke under Channel 7, Officer Bepko is seen walking towards the backyard at 10:27:58. Officer Bepko later comes out at 10:30:49. Note that under this channel, Mr. Fernando Morales is walked out of the backyard by Officer Michael Stanitis and Officer Gerardo Ortiz.

Under Channel 6, a viewer can see Officer Bepko walk in at 10:28:17 to the backyard and stand right next to Officer Thomas Lattanzio and Officer Todd Sherback as they are handcuffing Mr. Jose Alvarado. Note that Officer Bepko is standing only a few inches away from Mr. Alvarado. Once Mr. Alvarado is handcuffed, Officer Lattanzio walks him to the front of the house and Officer Bepko walks to the rear towards the deck area.

At 10:29:36, when Mr. Carmelo Mendez is taken to the ground by Officer Adam Szepe, Officer Bepko is standing right behind him. At this point, there is an unidentified female who is standing to Officer Bepko's left videotaping the incident. Officer Bepko sees this and jumps right in front of her to prevent her from videotaping (10:29:41). The female moves away and Officer Bepko again goes in front of her. Officer Bepko then turns his back to the officers who are dealing with Mr. Mendez for a few seconds and sees that the female is still videotaping the incident. This time Officer Bepko shines his flashlight directly in the lens of the camera to block her from videotaping (10:29:58).

Sergeant Stacey Lyons then approaches the female who is with another male and starts talking to them. Officer Bepko then starts to walk away towards the front of the house, however, he stops for a few seconds (10:30:27) and looks directly at the officers who are dealing with Mr. Mendez and then walks back out to the front of the house. Channel 3 which would have captured Officer Bepko's vehicle, does not work.

Summary of Video Footage provided by Mr. Carmelo Mendez capturing the conduct of Officer Bepko

By reviewing this video footage, a viewer can see Officer Bepko standing by the fence while Officer Lattanzio is handcuffing Mr. Alvarado (02:01). Officer Bepko is again observed walking right past him before he is approached by Officer Hugo Stern (02:21).

Summary of Booking Video capturing the conduct of Officer Bepko

Officer Bepko walks into the Sally port at 10:46:28 with Mr. Fernando Morales. They both proceed to the Processing area in Booking and Mr. Morales stands next to the wall and Officer Bepko is next to him. A few seconds later, Mr. Mendez is walked in by Officer Stephen Silva and a viewer can see Officer Bepko looking at Mr. Mendez and his injuries.

Officer Bepko then starts talking to Mr. Diaz at which point he brushes Officer Lattanzio's arm causing him to push Mr. Diaz (10:48:50). Note that Officer Bepko is looking directly at Officer Lattanzio and Mr. Diaz when this occurs.

Officer Bepko then goes to the Booking desk to open the door for another prisoner that is coming in. While Officer Bepko is standing in the Booking desk, Officer Lattanzio is arguing with Mr. Diaz as he is processing Mr. Alvarado. Officer Bepko then advises Detention Officer Paul Humphrey and Detention Officer Louise May that Mr. Mendez is bleeding and that he needs the medics. Officer Bepko walks towards the rear of Booking and appears to call for the medics over his radio.

At 10:52:49 when Officer Lattanzio pushes Mr. Diaz for a third time, Officer Bepko is at the Photo area, however, he walks over closer to the gate that leads to the report writing room and looks over in the direction of the Booking desk. When Officer Lattanzio strikes Mr. Diaz, Officer Bepko is still in the photo area and not looking in the direction of Officer Lattanzio. Officer Bepko later looks in the direction of the Booking desk, however, after the incident has already happened.

Officer Bepko then stays by the photo area for several minutes where Mrs. Wanda Mendez and Mrs. Sara Deida are being processed. At 10:59:36 Officer Bepko walks in to the report writing area where there are several officers and they all start talking. Note that there is no audio in the report writing room.

While in the report writing room, Officer Bepko points to the right side of his temple as he is talking to Sergeant Paul Scillia and Officer Ryan Mullenax and has his fingers shaped in the form of a circle. (11:00:55) Officer Bepko repeats this motion again a few seconds later, but only this time taps his temple with his fingers shaped in a circle several times to the right side of his temple. Officer Lattanzio is in the report writing area and is observed typing his report. Note that Mr. Mendez is the only suspect that has injuries consistent with what Officer Bepko is describing. Officer Bepko then walks back to the photo area at 11:11 and sits down in a chair. Sergeant Delgado walks to the photo area where Officer Bepko is sitting and points to his lip. Lieutenant Sapiro is also in the photo area. (11:19:35) Officer Bepko again motions to this temple as he is talking to Officer Todd Sherback. (11:22:49)

At 11:31, Mr. Mendez is in the holding cell and falls to the ground. When this happens, Officer Bepko is over at the photo area looking through the computer with Officer Adam Szepe and Sergeant Delgado, but it appears that they do not realize what has occurred. Officer Bepko then walks over to the Booking desk and then back to the report writing area. Officer Bepko finally leaves booking at 11:42:00 through the sally port.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined, based on the statement of Officer Douglas Bepko coupled with the facts and circumstances revealed and obtained during the course of this investigation, that the preponderance of evidence has been substantiated to conclude Officer Douglas Bepko has violated Bridgeport Police Policy and Procedures/Rules and Regulations.

34. Police Officer Todd Sherback

Police Report authored by Officer Todd Sherback

On today's date I was assigned to unit UB-1 from 1600-2400hrs. At approximately 2125hrs I overheard a transmission over Channel 1 by Officer McLaughlin, unit B11, call for cover units to 316 Colorado Ave. While enroute I overheard Officer Mazzacco, unit B12, who was now on scene, call for a 10-32 (Officer needs assistance, all units respond). I arrived on scene on scene a short time later and could hear a loud commotion coming from the rear of this address. I approached the driveway and observed a large group of individuals in the rear of this address screaming and yelling at officers who were already on scene.

I walked ran down the driveway and observed a Hispanic male, later identified as (S)Morales, Fernando, yelling very loudly at Officer McLaughlin saying, "Get the fuck off my property, this is my fucking house." Officer McLaughlin immediately informed me that Morales was going to be under arrest for interfering with an officer, I acknowledged to Officer McLaughlin I had heard her and understood and began to approach Morales. As I neared Morales I loud and clearly order him to place his hands behind his back because he was under arrest. It was at this time that Morales clenched his fists, walk toward me and bumped me in an attempt to get past me while saying, "Get the fuck out of here, you ain't arresting no one." I then grabbed Morales' left arm in order to gain control of him. Morales continued to pull away from me.

It was at this time that Officer McLaughlin order Morales to get on the ground or he would be tazered. After several commands by Officer McLaughlin to get on the ground Morales complied where he was then handcuffed from behind and double locked for safety without further incident. Morales was then escorted by Officer Stanitis to a marked patrol car in the front of this address while I remained in the rear of this location for the safety of other officers who were dealing with many other unruly attendees of the party. Please refer to Officer McLaughlin's report for complete details regarding this incident.

Summary of the statement given by Officer Todd Sherback summarized by Sergeant Jessi Pizarro, Officer Sherback stated the following among other things:

On November 8, 2017, Sergeant Santiago Llanos and Sergeant John Burke conducted a taped interview of Officer Todd Sherback in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Sherback's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Todd Sherback has been employed with the City of Bridgeport as a police officer for just over 17 years. he is currently assigned to UB 1 to patrol University of Bridgeport. Officer Sherback stated on October 21, 2017, he heard Officer Natalie McLaughlin calling for cover at 316 Colorado Avenue for a noise complaint. He stated that he started making is way over to her location when he then heard Officer Mazzacco call on the radio a 10-32 (Officer Needs Assistance) which is not a common occurrence.

Upon arrival, he pulled onto Colorado Avenue from Fairfield Avenue. He initially overshot the house because that's where the 3-4 police cars were. He stated he pulled up behind those cars, stepped out of his vehicle and he could hear about 2-3 house down lot of yelling and screaming coming from the rear of said location because there was really no one in front of the house.

Officer Sherback stated once he turned onto the driveway of the house, he observed a huge mass of people in the back with maybe four officer's half way down the driveway and they were backing off a little, keeping their distance. The crowd was screaming and yelling saying, "You don't have the right to be on the property". "Go check the other house down the street". "They have parties until 3 o'clock in

the morning". He stated he jogged up towards the officer McLaughlin and asked her, *"What the hell is going on?"* She replied saying, "This is crazy, these people are out of control". He asked her, what did she need him to do and she pointed towards a Hispanic male with a superman Halloween costume who wasn't towards the front of the crowd but like in the back yard about 30 feet away. She stated to him that he was under arrest because he got in her face, Officer Bobby Hernandez and Officer Michael Mazzacco's face. (Page 8, line 318-320)

Officer Sherback stated he told Officer McLaughlin, let's go get him and as she pointed to him, it grabbed the Mr. Fernando Morales's attention. He stated it seemed that he heard what she was saying but he didn't know how he could because it was so loud, but they made eye contact as she was pointing at him.

Officer Sherback stated that he started heading toward the Hispanic male as Officer McLaughlin walked behind him. He stated as he approached the male, he told him he was under arrest. Mr. Fernando Morales clenched up and said, "Get the fuck out of here". "You're not arresting me". "No one is arresting me" as he still approaching him hoping that Officer McLaughlin was still walking behind him. Officer Sherback stated Mr. Fernando Morales tensed up as he came towards him and bumped him trying to go past him.

Officer Sherback stated he thought the male was going after Officer McLaughlin because the male didn't even make eye contact with him, it was like he was looking over his shoulder. He said at that point he grabbed his left arm, as he told the male, *"You're under arrest, just stop, it isn't worth it, you're under arrest"*. (Page 8 line 328) Mr. Morales stated, *"Get your fucking hands off of me, assholes, get the fuck off me"*. (Page 8 Line 339) Officer Sherback stated he told him again, to knock it off, when Officer McLaughlin comes from his right side with her Taser out. Officer McLaughlin gave him commands to get down to the ground several times. She kept repeating, *"I don't want to Tase you"*. (Page 8 line 344)

Officer Sherback stated at one point, Mr. Morales looked at her and Officer Sherback stated he told the male she is going to Tase you. This is when he eased up a little and laid down on the ground. Officer Sherback stated that he cuffed and patted him down at that point. Officer McLaughlin helped picking him up from the ground. Officer Sherback stated he started walking Mr. Morales through the crowd and there were drunks everywhere swearing and pushing each other.

Officer Sherback stated as he walked him through the crowd something happened on the deck because there was a lot of yelling. He stated a whole bunch of water, alcohol, beer came spraying down and at that point the male looked up there and tried to break free from him attempting to go up to the deck. Officer Sherback stated he pulled Mr. Morales several times and when he turned his head, he saw Officer Stanitis running down the driveway, so he asked him to give him a hand.

Officer Sherback stated he was then able to get Mr. Morales out of the crowd without further incident. He then saw Officer Pires come running up as they requested that he also helped with the male in custody. Officer Sherback stated he let go of the male as he leaned against the house and asked Officer Stanitis and Officer Pires to place the male in the police vehicle. He told Officer Stanitis and Officer Pires that he wanted to stay at the house, because there were officers still there and they were outnumbered.

Officer Sherback was asked was the music still playing when he arrived, and he stated he did not believe so. There was just a lot of swearing. He was then asked how many people he saw at the party and he stated that if he had to guess there were approximately 50-60. He stated the whole backyard was wall to wall with people. He was asked if he saw any alcoholic beverages on the table or did anyone smell like alcohol and he stated everyone there was intoxicated as far he could tell.

Officer Todd Sherback was asked did he feel he was in immediate danger and he stated just prior to engaging Mr. Morales, the way he was starting to come at him, this is one guy and if he started fighting him, he knew there was going to be problems because they were completely outnumbered. Officer Sherback was asked if he ever heard Mr. Morales say, *"I have to get my cell phone, I gotta get my shit"* and he stated he did not. He was then asked did he see any officers get assaulted and he stated that he did not.

Officer Sherback was asked if he saw anyone videotaping with cell phones and he stated he did not. He said he heard people saying, "Get your cell phones out" but he didn't see anyone. He was then asked if he heard any officers saying to get off the property and he stated he did. He stated but they were not complying.

Officer Todd Sherback was asked if he remembers another situation that was happening. He stated that 30 seconds after he handed off Mr. Morales to the other officers, he turns around and sees approximately 7-8 officers struggling with one guy. They take him to the ground and all he sees is blue uniforms on the guy. He stated he was some distance away and he couldn't place hands on the guy if he wanted to because there were several officers on him. He was asked if the individual was fighting with the officers and he stated he heard officers say several times to give up his hands. Officer Sherback stated he assumed that the guys hands were under him because he was not complying. That's what it sounds like, but he could not see anything between the darkness and the officers.

Officer Todd Sherback was asked did anything alert him further and he heard the male saying either he has a gun, or he was armed but he wasn't exactly sure because he was still dealing with Mr. Morales at that point. He then heard officers say, *"Gun, gun, gun"* and believes it was Officer Szeps that was able to get the gun off him. Officer Sherback stated that he was about 5 feet away from them and the male's head was facing towards him, facing down the driveway.

He was asked if he saw what officers were trying to subdue him and he stated, Officer Bobby Hernandez, Officer Szeps, and Detective Fortes. Detective Fortes was the one closest to him. Officer Sherback stated during the process of the male being arrested, Detective Fortes said, "Who has a baton". Officer Sherback stated Detective Fortes looked at him, but he doesn't carry an ASP. Officer Sherback stated Officer Hernandez's ASP was facing him so he bent over and stated he has one. Detective Fortes grabbed the ASP, extended it and used it as a lever, telling the guy to give up his arms. He stated he believed at that point they were able to get his arms because Detective Fortes dropped the ASP.

Officer Todd Sherback was asked did he see any officer use force on the individual other than taking him down and he stated he did not. He was then asked if he saw Detective Fortes strike the individual with the baton and he stated that he did not. He was also asked if he saw any other officer strike the individual and he stated he did not.

Officer Todd Sherback was asked if he remembers seeing any supervisors on scene and he stated that it was chaotic and there were so many officers there he couldn't tell you who they were outside of the initial officers because there was too much going on. He was then asked when Mr. Carmelo Mendez was taken to the ground did he strike him, and he stated that he did not. He was asked at any point did he bend down for any reason and he stated that he did not. He was asked about how long it took from the time they took the individual down to the time he was handcuffed, and he stated about 20 seconds. He stated that he never saw the gun on scene. Once the individual was handcuffed, he backed down the driveway towards the street.

Officer Todd Sherback was asked again at any point, did he see Sergeant Scillia. He stated he did, back towards the deck driveway area. He was also asked if he saw Sergeant Scillia near Mr. Mendez and Officer Sherback stated that he didn't recall. He was then asked if he carries a Taser and he said yes. He

stated he didn't use it or nor did he pull it out. He was asked if he dropped, pick up or hand anything to anyone and he stated he did not.

Officer Todd Sherback was asked if he made an arrest that night and he stated he handcuffed Mr. Morales but it was Officer McLaughlin arrest. He stated that he did not have any charges on anyone, it was only the information relayed to him by Officer McLaughlin. He was asked if he completed a Use of Force Form and he stated that he did not. He was asked did he conduct crowd control and he stated verbally. He said he believes he transmitted on the radio, stating to keep the cars coming to Colorado Avenue, something to that affect. He stated the only person he spoke with and had an encounter with was Mr. Morales.

Officer Todd Sherback was asked if he transported anyone to booking and he stated he transported Sara Deida. She was crying and speaking Spanish she didn't speak English and he does not speak Spanish, but he was trying to tell her to calm down. He didn't know why she was under arrest, but Officer McLaughlin said she was also under arrest.

Officer Sherback stated once he got to booking he went up the booking ramp had her step out of the car and he believes they were the first ones in booking. He stated he spoke to Detention officer May and told her that more were coming. He told Detention Officer May that Mrs. Deida was not causing any problems and he didn't know what happened and asked her to take Mrs. Deida to the back because he knew the guys were coming. Officer Sherback stated they took her towards the back where the fingerprint machine was located, and she was processed there.

Officer Sherback was asked if he observed any injuries on Mrs. Deida and he stated he did not. He was asked did she complain of any injuries or did she say that she was slapped, and he said he did not know because she did not speak any English. He was then asked was she asked if she needed medical attention and he said there was someone translating for her, but it did not appear that she needed medical attention, but she was visibly upset and crying.

Officer Sherback was asked while in booking did he see or hear any altercations. He said that he heard something going by the holding cells / desk area, but he was dealing with Mr. Deida, so he didn't know what was going on. Officer Sherback stated that they brought the other people in at the same time which he believed was a mistake. He said there were about three to four men in the front yelling and going back and forth. He said he was trying to process Mr. Deida and he could not hear anything because of the screaming.

Officer Sherback stated he went to the front, after, to place Mrs., Deida's property on the booking counter. He was asked if he spoke to any supervisors while in booking and he stated he spoke with Sergeant Delgado and Sergeant Long and he believes Sergeant Scillia too. He was asked did they direct him to do anything and he stated just to document what he did. He believes it was Sergeant Delgado that said to, *"Just write down what you did"*.

Officer Sherback was then asked while he was on scene on Colorado Avenue, if he saw a wheel chair in the middle of the road and he stated he saw one on the side walk. He was asked if he saw anyone pick up the wheel chair and he stated he did not. He stated that he left the scene when Sergeant Scillia said whoever has someone in the back of the car to get them out of here.

Officer Sherback was asked if he knew what car Fernando Morales was placed in and he stated that when he went to the front he saw Officer Stanitis and he told him Mr. Morales was in Officer Bepko's car. Officer Bepko transported him to booking.

Upon viewing the video surveillance of 316 Colorado Avenue, Officer Sherback arrives in scene and walks into the driveway just pass the gate. As other officers escort wonder women (Wanda Mendez) to the front, Officer Sherback walks towards the back where Officer McLaughlin was located, and a viewer can see Superman (Fernando Morales) getting down to the ground. At this point officer Sherback is out of the camera view. Seconds later a viewer can see Officer Sherback bend down towards Mr. Morales as Officer McLaughlin is pointing a Taser in the same direction. Mr. Morales who is now in handcuffs is assisted up by Officer Sherback.

The viewer can see Mr. Morales try to pull away and Officer Sherback points towards the front. Struggling with Mr. Morales, Officer Stanitis assist Officer Sherback in escorting him down the driveway towards the front. As he approaches the gate, Officer Sherback lets go of Mr. Morales as Officer Stanitis continues walking Mr. Morales to the front of the house.

Officer Sherback goes back inside as officer's attempt to take Mr. Camilo Mendez into Custody. He stands by the gate along the house looking towards that direction behind Detective Kenneth McKenna. Detective McKenna then moves to the side as Officer Sherback walks a few steps towards the officers dealing with Mr. Mendez. At this point he is in eye view of Detective Fortes who is one of the officers dealing with Mr. Mendez.

Officer Sherback is seen ducking down as his arm moves towards Mr. Mendez but he quickly comes back up. It is difficult to determine what Officer Sherback was attempting to so at that point. Soon after, as they began to pick Mr. Mendez from the ground, Officer Sherback turns around and walked towards the front of the house away from the back yard.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Todd Sherback has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

35. Detective Frank Delbouno

Summary of statement given by Detective Frank Delbouno summarized by Sergeant Jesse Pizarro, Detective Delbouno stated the following among other things:

On November 15, 2017, Sergeant Santiago LLanos and Sergeant John Burke conducted a taped interview of Detective Frank Delbouno in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Detective Delbouno's complete statement for specific details.*

Detective Delbouno has been employed with the City of Bridgeport as a police officer for approximately 22 years. Detective Delbouno stated on October 21, 2017, he responded to 316 Colorado Avenue on a 10-32 (Officer Needs Assistance). Once he arrived he parked his vehicle at the beginning of Colorado Avenue and Fairfield Avenue. He ran down the right side of the road about midblock until he could see a lot of officers. He crossed the street and started walking towards where the officers were located. He walked between two houses into a driveway where the actual party was happening.

Detective Delbouno stated he walked straight to the left side of the driveway, towards the back. He couldn't see the suspect, but it looked like they were attempting to either control him or cuff him at that point. The only thing he could see was the backs of officers around him. Detective Delbouno stated that he could hear the suspect yell, "I'm a veteran". Shortly after, it appeared they had him cuffed and officers got off him, they picked him up and escorted him down the driveway. He stated that he believed from the time he saw the officers with the suspect, it took approximately 1 minute before they stood him up. He can estimate there was more than three and less than six officers on top or around the suspect. Detective Delbouno stated the scene was very chaotic because officers were everywhere, in the driveway, out front, in the backyard.

Detective Delbouno was asked did he hear anyone say, "Does anyone have a baton or an ASP" and he stated he did not. He was then asked if he saw anyone pull out a Taser and he said he did not see anyone take one out or Taser anyone. He was asked did he see anyone strike the individual on the ground or did he strike him, and he stated that he did not. He was asked did he hear anyone say gun and he stated he did not. Did he hear the subject say, "They are kicking me" and he stated he did not hear that? He was asked when they picked the subject off the ground did he see any injuries on the individual and he stated that he did not.

Detective Delbouno was asked while on scene did he see any supervisors on scene? He stated that he recalled seeing Sergeant Scillia, Sergeant Delgado, Sergeant Lyons, and he wasn't 100 % sure but he believed he saw Sergeant Long. He also believed he saw Lieutenant Sapiro on his way out.

Detective Delbouno was asked at which point did he move away from the scene. He stated it was after the suspect was picked up and walked to the front. Detective Delbouno was asked he had to use any force on scene and he said he did not.

Detective Delbouno was asked while on scene did he see anyone use, unreasonable, unnecessary, excessive force or did he see anyone hit someone handcuffed and he stated that he did not. He was then asked did he hear Mr. Mendez say that he had a gun permit and he said he didn't think so.

Detective Delbouno was asked did he see Detective Fortes on scene and he stated that he did not. He was asked did he see Sergeant Scillia and he stated not initially but when the officers got up, Sergeant Scillia assisted standing the suspect up with other officers. Detective Delbouno stated once he got back in his DB car he returned to the Detective Bureau.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Detective Frank Delbouno has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

36. Detective Kenneth McKenna

Summary of statement given by Detective Kenneth McKenna, summarized by Sergeant Jessi Pizarro, Detective McKenna stated the following among other things:

On November 15, 2017, Sergeant Santiago LLanos and Sergeant John Burke conducted a taped interview of Detective Kenneth McKenna in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Detective McKenna's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Detective Delbouno has been employed with the City of Bridgeport as a police officer for approximately 19 years. Detective Kenneth McKenna stated he responded to 316 Colorado Avenue in response to a 10-32 (officer needs assistance) from the Detective Bureau with Detective Cholakian.

Detective McKenna stated once they arrived on scene he parked his vehicle on Colorado Avenue and Fairfield Avenue which was approximately 5 buildings down from the said location.

Detective McKenna stated he observed a good amount of police vehicle on scene. He stated he observed officers trying to get someone into a police vehicle, but did not remember which officer.

Detective McKenna stated once he started walking down the driveway of said location, he believes they were bringing another male out, so he stayed and watched. He said he walked as far as the driveway meets the house, maybe a couple of feet past that, but never made it to the backyard.

Detective McKenna stated he heard someone yell, "Gun". He turned and approximately 5 feet away the officers are yelling "Gun" as officers struggled with a guy. About 30 seconds later they walked the male out. Detective McKenna stated he saw the commotion but didn't know who was involved. He stated that he is not sure how many officers, but it was a bunch.

Detective McKenna was asked besides them yelling "Gun" did he hear anyone yelling anything besides "Gun" and he stated he also heard, "Stop Resisting, release your hands". (Page 6, line 252) He was asked if he saw any officer strike the individual and he stated he did not. He was then asked he saw someone with an ASP and he state he heard someone say, "Give me an ASP". He said it was Detective Fortes. (Page 6, line 264) He stated he heard Detective Fortes say, "Give me an ASP because I want to crank his hands out". (Page 7, line 268) Detective McKenna stated he heard someone get one out, but he could not see what they did with it. Detective McKenna was asked did he see anyone hit the individual while he was handcuffed, and he stated that he did not. During this incident Detective Kenneth McKenna stated he heard people yelling obscenities at the police, such as, "Fuck you guys", "Your assholes" all sorts of stuff. (Page 9, line 395-399) Detective Kenneth McKenna stated he then got into his car and went back to the Detective Bureau.

Upon viewing the video surveillance footage of 316 Colorado Avenue, Detective McKenna entered the driveway of 316 Colorado Avenue just passed the gate where Mr. Mendez was taken down. He approaches the officers on the ground arresting Mr. Mendez and it appears that Detective McKenna lifts his left hand up and swipes his arm towards the left as it is in the air, but it is not clear the reason because the angle was of the camera was obstructed by edge of the house. He then watched the officers for a few seconds turns around away from the pile, quickly turning back as he continues to look towards the officers and Mr. Mendez while behind officer Sherback. He again turns away walks a short distance where he stands near the gate again facing the pile as the officer are still trying to restrain Mr. Mendez. He then moves to the right of the gate towards the fence as he continues looking towards the same area until Mr. Mendez was stood up and walked out of the yard towards the front of the house escorted by officers. According to Detective McKenna's sworn statement he stated that he was not able to see

anything, but it is clear as seen in the video footage that several times during the arrest of Mr. Mendez as officer attempted to take him into custody that he had a clear view of the situation.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Detective Kenneth McKenna has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

37. Officer Michael Mazzacco

Police Report authored by Officer Michael Mazzacco. (Verbatim)

I P/O M. Mazzacco while patrolling, overheard B-11 P/O N. McLaughlin along with B14 P/O B. Hernandez get dispatched to the above address for a loud party outdoors /noise complaint. As I was driving my marked patrol over to that location to assist, I heard P/O N. McLaughlin ask CAD dispatch (via radio transmission) for more officers to respond and assist. See P/O N. McLaughlin report for further information. Upon arrival I heard a crowd of people shouting from the back of the residence " get the fuck out of my property I will fuck you up". As I entered the back yard of the property I observed a large group of people beginning to surround officers B-11 P/O N. McLaughlin along with B14 P/O B. Hernandez. I immediately observed suspect Fernando Morales acting belligerent shouting profanities threatening to assault officer B-11 P/O N. McLaughlin along with B14 P/O B. Hernandez and he was being restrained by suspect Wanda Mendez.

I observed suspect Peter Diaz (whom was in a wheelchair) tugging on officer N. McLaughlin uniform, moving his hand toward her firearm. I advised all the parties to calm down and to stop shouting profanities or they will be arrested. I instructed Peter Diaz to move away from officers and to keep his hands off of officers. Peter Diaz began to act belligerent, shouting profanities calling R/O " A Bitch Ass Nigga" and stated " I will Fuck You Up, You ain't shit" you can't do shit I'm in a wheel chair and slapped R/O's hand. As R/O was speaking to Peter Diaz, he stood up out of his wheelchair and he stated, "what the fuck are you going to do". The crowd became more volatile / aggressive shouting profanities and I informed Peter Diaz that he is under arrest and reached for his wrist. Peter Diaz slapped R/O's hand away, Wanda Mendez began to push R/O and the crowd of people began to walk forward pushing officers backward.

At that point I accessed my radio and called for a 1032 (all officers respond, officers need assistance). The crowd continued to shout profanities, threatening to assault officers and shouting "Get The Fuck Off of the Property, it's private property, you have no right being here". R/O observed Fernando Morales attempting to make his way through the crowd shouting he will fuck us up and provoking other members of the party to resist officers' instructions.

Moments later assisting officers arrived on scene and I informed them of the parties that are under arrest. As R/O was instructing assisting officers of the parties responsible, Wanda Mendez was pushing R/O in an attempt to prevent me from making arrests. I informed her that she was under arrest and an assisting officer placed her in handcuffs and escorted her out of the area. I then advised Peter Diaz he was under arrest and he too was escorted out of the area and to a marked patrol car. As I was visually scanning the area for agonists causing disruptions, I observed Officer N. McLaughlin walk in the direction Fernando Morales whom was still shouting profanities, and threatening officers. I saw aggressive crowd members begin to surround P/O N. McLaughlin and Fernando Morales begin to clench his fists. I approached with my tazer (electronic control device) withdrawn from its holster, instructed crowd members to back away from officers, an assisting officer instructed Fernando Morales to get to the ground and placed him in handcuffs.

I then observed officer M. Blackwell on the back porch attempting to take suspect Sara Deida into custody, people shouting and observed the crowd began to gravitate to that area. With my tazer still withdrawn, I ran to the back porch, instructed people to disburse and step away from officers.

After the porch began to clear, I canvassed the back yard once again and looked for officers who may need assistance. Once the back yard was cleared, I walked to the front of the residence and made contact with Officer D. Faroni to inform him of Peter Diaz's charges.

Upon approach R/O observed Officer D. Faroni along with Officer M. Blackwell standing outside of the marked patrol car with Peter Diaz (whom was sitting in his wheelchair). I began to inform Officer D. Faroni of the charges and Peter Diaz once again stated " You A Bitch Ass Nigga", You a Pussy, Faggot and stated " I will Fuck You Up, You ain't shit" you can't do shit I'm not going to jail tell him Blackwell" After informing Officer D. Faroni of the charges Peter Diaz began to challenge R/O stating "come and see me without the uniform you ain't shit", I will fuck up you and your family" I'm going to fuck your wife, your kids and fuck them up", " I beat a sixty year case, I have bond money and ain't scared to go back to jail pussy", "I will be seeing you on the street soon". Peter Diaz stood up out of his wheel chair, walked to the open back door of the marked police car and sat inside of the car. Peter Diaz continued to act belligerent / shout profanities at R/O and I walked away back to the scene. Note: See B-11 P/O N. McLaughlin report for charges and assisting officers' addendums for further information.

I informed blue Sector Supervisor Sgt. I. Delgado of the incident along with the threats made by suspect Peter Diaz.

Summary of statement given by Officer Michael Mazzacco, summarized by Sergeant Jessi Pizarro statement he stated the following among other things:

On November 20, 2017, Sergeant Santiago Llanos and Sergeant John Burke conducted a taped interview of Officer Michael Mazzacco in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Mazzacco's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Mazzacco has been employed with the City of Bridgeport as a police officer for approximately 5 1/2 years. Officer Mazzacco stated he responded to 316 Colorado Avenue in response to Blue 11 Officer McLaughlin asking for more units to respond for cover at a noise complaint of a large party going on outdoors

This is the summary of the statement given by Officer Michael Mazzacco. This interview was conducted by Sergeant Santiago Llanos and present was Sergeant John Burke and Union Steward Bruno Rodrigues on November 20, 2017. This interview utilized audio taped log # 5980. The Interview was conducted at the Office of Internal Affairs located at 999 Broad Street Bridgeport, Connecticut. This interview is regarding an internal investigation initiated by the Chief of Police Armando J. Perez involving an incident at 316 Colorado Avenue on October 21, 2017 at approximately 2200 hours.

During the interview, Officer Mazzacco stated that upon his arrival he entered the property through the driveway and did not recall hearing loud music. Officer Mazzacco stated that he remembers a party shouting to, "get the fuck off my property, get out of here, it's private property you don't belong here", and then another party shout, "I'll fuck you up." (Mazzacco 200-202) Officer Mazzacco notes that he was not aware who the profanities were directed at.

Officer Mazzacco states that he continued down the driveway where he saw a large crowd of people starting to surround Officer Natalie McLaughlin and Officer Bobby Hernandez. Officer Mazzacco relates that he walked over to the Officers and observed a man in a wheelchair, Mr. Peter Diaz. Officer Mazzacco articulates that in front of Officer McLaughlin he observed a man in a Superman uniform, Mr. Fernando Morales, being restrained by a woman in a Wonder woman costume, Mrs. Wanda Morales, and that he was shouting profanities at Officers and threatening to assault them. According to Mazzacco, Mr. Morales was saying, "I'll fuck you up, get the fuck off my property, get the fuck out of here." (Mazzacco 223-224)

Officer Mazzacco notes that other members of the crowd were also shouting profanities and that they started to get excited and started joining in at shouting at them. Officer Mazzacco continues that he then observed Mr. Diaz, who was in a wheelchair, tugging on Officer McLaughlin's pants and his hands moving towards her firearm. Officer Mazzacco exclaims that he instructed him to not touch the Officer and to calm down and relax and as he was giving him instructions, Mr. Diaz stood up out of his wheelchair and was being non-compliant. Officer Mazzacco relates that Mr. Diaz started to shout profanities at him and tell him that he was not going to do anything and told him to, "Get the fuck out of here." (Mazzacco 242)

Officer Mazzacco expresses that the situation was escalating rapidly and there were other crowd members engaging. Officer Mazzacco notes that he was scanning the crowd to see who was going to come at them and that he was also looking in the direction of Mr. Morales who kept on trying to fight his way over the crowd and make his way towards the Officers.

Officer Mazzacco reveals that it was at this point that he told Mr. Diaz that he was going to place him under arrest. Officer Mazzacco states that he went to grab Mr. Diaz's wrist and he slapped his hand away and said, "You ain't gonna do shit, I'm not goin' anywhere." (Mazzacco 277-278)

Officer Mazzacco states that at that point other crowd members started to push their way forward and push them back. Officer Mazzacco continues that Mrs. Wanda Morales ended up approaching him and she was pushing him and telling him to leave. Officer Mazzacco states that things were escalating rapidly, and he ended up calling a 10-32 (Officer needs assistance).

Officer Mazzacco explains that given the aggression of the crowd and by not being able to make those arrests without the situation getting further out of control he decided that would be the best time to call for assistance. Officer Mazzacco indicates that he felt threatened because the crowd started to move in.

Officer Mazzacco declares that Mr. Diaz was being placed under arrest because he threatened to assault him and because he was upsetting the rest of the crowd and not because he had called yelled profanities at him. Officer Mazzacco explained that the situation escalated so rapidly, and the crowd was so aggressive that there was no time to pull anyone aside to speak to them.

Officer Mazzacco articulates that when Officers started to arrive on scene, he instructed the assisting Officers that Mr. Diaz was being placed under arrest and that Mrs. Wanda Morales continuously wouldn't let him get past her. Officer Mazzacco states that Ms. Morales kept pushing him and she ended up getting arrested and she then was escorted out of the area to a marked patrol car. Officer Mazzacco indicated that he arrested Mrs. Morales for pushing him.

Officer Mazzacco relates that after Mr. Diaz gets arrested, he is wheeled out of the area towards a marked patrol car. Officer Mazzacco points out that he then observed that members of the crowd just started scattering and everybody just started leaving. Officer Mazzacco imparts that he observed Officer McLaughlin making her way through the crowd and she was talking to Mr. Morales and another group of people started surrounding Officer McLaughlin.

Officer Mazzacco notes that he then withdrew his Taser and had it in a low ready position and that he then instructed Mr. Morales to get away from the Officer and then at some point, Mr. Morales was arrested and taken out of the area.

Officer Mazzacco articulates that after Mr. Morales was out of the area, he recalled hearing the crowd start to get excited and he looked up over on the porch and saw Officer Mark Blackwell try to affect an arrest. Officer Mazzacco explains that he saw Officer McLaughlin run towards the back porch and people starting to gather towards the Officers and he again started to tell people to back away. Officer

Mazzacco exclaims that the woman was arrested. Officer Mazzacco notes that he had his Taser unholstered, however, he did not use that night.

Officer Mazzacco conveyed that he then walked up towards the front of the residence and observed Mr. Diaz in his wheelchair talking to Officer Daniel Faroni and Officer Mark Blackwell. Officer Mazzacco discloses that he told Officer Faroni what the charges were going to be at which point, Mr. Diaz began to shout profanities at him and threatened to assault his wife and daughter. Officer Mazzacco adds that Mr. Diaz was also trying to engage him to fight by telling him to take off his badge and his uniform and that the next time he saw him in the street, he was going to assault him.

In his incident report, Officer Mazzacco articulated that Mr. Diaz stated, "come and see me without the uniform you ain't shit, I will fuck up you and your family, I'm going to fuck your wife, your kids and fuck them up. I beat a sixty-year case, I have Bond money and ain't scared to go back to jail pussy, I'll be seeing you in the street soon." (Incident report Page 2, line 40-43) Officer Mazzacco indicates that Mr. Diaz stood up out of his wheelchair and hopped inside the police car. Officer Mazzacco states that Mr. Diaz continued to shout things at him and that he just walked away from the area.

Officer Mazzacco reveals that he walked back to the yard a second time and by that time the majority of the parties were dispersed. Officer Mazzacco stated that he did not see an incident involving Mr. Carmelo Mendez and did not observe any Officers get assaulted or any civilians get assaulted.

Officer Mazzacco explains that he only instructed officers to arrest Mr. Diaz and Mrs. Mendez while at Colorado Avenue. Officer Mazzacco relates that after he left Colorado Avenue he went to Congress Street and walked up to Booking to process his arrests. According to Officer Mazzacco, he stayed in the report writing room.

Summary of Video Footage provided by Mr. Carmelo Mendez capturing the conduct of Officer Michael Mazzacco

A review of the video footage provided by Mr. Carmelo Mendez which was recorded from his cell phone shows Officer Mazzacco telling Mr. Mendez that he could record. Officer Mazzacco is seen instructing Officers that Mr. Diaz is going too and says, "he just wants to slap my hands away, he is going too." Note that Officer Mazzacco is at this point holding the Taser in his hands and it can be clearly seen that it is turned on.

Seconds later, the video footage shows Officers Todd Sherback and Officer Natalie McLaughlin attempting to arrest Mr. Morales. Mr. Morales is instructed by Officer McLaughlin to get on the ground while she is pointing her Taser at him and Mr. Morales complies.

While the Officers are placing Mr. Morales under arrest, Officer Mazzacco walks over to Mr. Diaz (36 seconds in to the video) who is sitting in his chair and he tells him, "I am a bitch ass nigga too right, you are going too, that's right." Officer Mazzacco continues, "how many times does the Police have to tell you something" at which time a viewer can hear someone say, "Fuck you man, fucking white mother fucker." In this particular video footage, a viewer cannot determine who actually says this, however, by reviewing the video footage which was provided by Attorney Robert Berke, the viewer can see Mr. Morales yell these profanities towards Officer Todd Sherback. We can't see from the video footage when Mr. Diaz is escorted out at this point.

Officer Mazzacco is then seen standing over Mr. Morales while he is still on the ground and then a loud commotion is heard over in the porch area (1:05 into the video). Officer McLaughlin runs over to the porch area as well as Officer Mazzacco and other Officers. After a few seconds, Officer Mazzacco is

observed walking down the steps from the porch while still holding his Taser and tells Mr. Mendez that he could record but that he has to get back.

Officer Mazzacco is then heard on the video yelling, "Everybody is going, everybody, everybody. You don't want to comply when we tell you something, everybody is going" and then continues, "Party is over, shut it down."

I have also reviewed the video footage from the security cameras from 316 Colorado Avenue which was provided to the Office of Internal Affairs by Attorney Berke. Note that this video does not have audio. By reviewing Channel 6 the viewer can see Officer Mazzacco at approximately 10:25 hours calling out on the radio. It is at this time that it appears that Officer Mazzacco calls out the 10-32. (Officer needs assistance) At this point, Officer Mazzacco takes his handcuff out and tries to grab Mr. Diaz's left wrist in order to arrest, but he is pushed away by Mrs. Morales.

Mr. Diaz pulls his arms away from Officer Mazzacco and then sits down. Officer Mazzacco again tries to grab Mr. Diaz's wrist, however, Mr. Diaz slaps his hands away. Mr. Diaz then moves away from Officer Mazzacco in his wheelchair and the viewer can see Officer Mazzacco attempt to move closer to him. As Officer Mazzacco tries to walk towards closer to the Mr. Diaz, Mrs. Morales blocks his path. As more assisting Officers walk in Officer Mazzacco again walks towards Mr. Diaz and again Mrs. Morales blocks his path. ***This time, Officer Mazzacco grabs her arm and pulls her away towards the assisting Officers who then take Mrs. Morales away.***

In this camera view and at approximately 10:26:20, the viewer can observe Officer Mazzacco standing by Mr. Morales who is in the ground and as Officer Daniel Faroni is taking away Mr. Diaz with Officer Mark Blackwell standing next to him, the viewer can see some type of liquid being thrown towards the Officer. It is at this point, that all the Officers run up to the deck area including Officer Mazzacco.

After this incident, Officer Mazzacco is in the backyard when Officer Joseph Cruz walks up to him and points to an individual, Mr. Davila, and it appears he is asking Officer Mazzacco a question. Officer Mazzacco appears to nod yes and Mr. Davila is taken away.

Under Channel 4 which shows the front of the house, the viewer can observe Officer Mazzacco walk out of the backyard at approximately 10:29:34 while at the same time that the incident involving Mr. Mendez occurred. Officer Mazzacco walks back to the backyard at approximately 10:30:16 and walks straight to the rear of the yard. By this time, Mr. Mendez is already handcuffed and a few seconds later he is stood up and walked out to the front of the house. In the video footage Officer Mazzacco is not observed looking in the direction of Mr. Mendez.

Video Footage which was recovered by the DIVRT Team (Detective Art Calvao and Detective Jason Ferri) from 300 Colorado Avenue shows Officer Mazzacco standing next to Officer Faroni and Officer Blackwell as they are placing Mr. Diaz inside the patrol vehicle. (10:48:35) Note that there is no audio in this video and it also 15 minutes ahead. Mr. Peter Diaz is then seen standing up and getting inside the vehicle. Officer Mazzacco then walks away once Mr. Diaz is inside the vehicle.

Summary of Booking Video Footage

Officer Mazzacco walks in to Booking through the Report Writing Area at 11:17:56. During his time in Booking, he spends most of his time in the report writing room and does enter the Booking processing area when any significant incident happens. Officer Mazzacco leaves Booking at 03:10:31 on October 22, 2017.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined, based on the statement of Officer Michael Mazzacco coupled with the facts and circumstances revealed and obtained during the course of this investigation, that the preponderance of evidence has been substantiated to conclude Officer Michael Mazzacco has violated Bridgeport Police Policy and Procedures/Rules and Regulations.

38. Police Officer Mark Belinkie

Summary of statement given by Sergeant Mark Belinkie, summarized by Sergeant Lawrence Lazaro
Sergeant Belinkie he stated the following among other things:

This is the summary of the statement given by Sergeant Mark Belinkie. This interview was conducted by Sergeant Santiago Llanos and present was Sergeant John Burke and Officer Bruno Rodrigues on 11/20/17. This interview utilized audio taped log # 5981. The Interview was conducted at the Office of Internal Affairs located at 999 Broad Street Bridgeport, Connecticut. This interview is regarding an internal investigation initiated by the Chief of Police Armando J. Perez involving an incident at 316 Colorado Avenue on October 21, 2017 at approximately 2200 hours.

Sergeant Belinkie states that on the above date he was assigned to Booking on overtime as the Booking Sergeant. He did not hear the 10-32 (Officer needs assistance) call come in. At the time, he was in the rear of Booking doing other paperwork and did not have his radio turned on. As Sergeant Belinkie made his way to the front of Booking he heard on the radio that people were being transported to Booking. He walked to the front door to instruct a Stratford Police Officer to stand by because many Officers were en route to Booking and there was currently a great deal of confusion in the Booking area. By this time Sergeant Belinkie had not been relieved yet however, he believed the sergeant assigned to relieve him was in the field dealing with the 316 Colorado Avenue situation and would arrive shortly because it appeared that the incident was over, and Officers were beginning to arrive with their prisoners.

While at the front door of Booking speaking with the Stratford Police Officer, Sergeant Belinkie observed a Detention Officer, Officer Humphreys walking towards him headed outside. When Sergeant Belinkie questioned him as to where he was going he replied, an Officer needs help on the Booking ramp with a guy. Sergeant Belinkie then heard shouting and screaming on the Booking ramp coming from a prisoner that Officers were struggling with to bring into booking. The prisoner was on the ground and was fighting Officers because he was refusing to get out of the vehicle. This is when Sergeant Belinkie observed that the prisoner was now being dragged up the Booking ramp by his shirt towards the door. Sergeant Belinkie stopped the Officer and questioned him as to why he was dragging the prisoner. The Officer responded that the prisoner refused to get out of the car. Sergeant Belinkie then instructed the Officer to stand the prisoner up at which time the prisoner, who stated he had pins in his leg, hopped into Booking on one leg. Sergeant Belinkie informed the Officer that a written report would be required explaining the dragging incident.

Sergeant Belinkie then remained outside for a few more minutes and informed Officers not to let anyone else into Booking for the moment due to the number of prisoners not yet in holding cells. He then observed Sergeant Scillia's vehicle arrive on the booking ramp apparently with a prisoner waiting to go into booking. Sergeant Belinkie then left booking assuming there was another sergeant on scene to take over the situation. Sergeant Belinkie never actually saw Sergeant Scillia nor was he properly relieved by him. Sergeant Belinkie states he left because he knew there was now a sergeant on scene and he also assumed the actual Booking Sergeant was either in Booking or on his way up. Sergeant Belinkie states that a "face to face" relief is not commonly done amongst the Booking Sergeants. He believes he left Booking at approximately 2300 hours, thirty minutes over the time he was scheduled to complete his shift.

Sergeant Belinkie observed Officers using force to extract a prisoner from a Police vehicle and then drag him up the booking ramp. He then allowed the obviously injured prisoner hop up the stairs into booking on one leg. Sergeant Belinkie did not obtain any reports from the Officers regarding their actions nor did he complete any reports or notify the on-duty Lieutenant of the incident. Furthermore, he took no action to see that the prisoner received medical attention.

Sergeant Belinkie then proceeded to exit Booking without being properly relieved by the sergeant assigned to Booking for the next shift or any other supervisor willing to monitor the Booking area in his absence fully aware that a 10-32 (Officer Needs Assistance) had just occurred and that Officers from that scene were transporting prisoners to Booking. At the time of Sergeant Belinkie's departure there were prisoners in Booking to include at least one in need of medical attention.

At minimal, Sergeant Belinkie should have properly addressed the Use of Force issue and offered medical assistance regarding the prisoner dragging incident he witnessed, as well as request for a relief from the on-duty Lieutenant and ensured his relief had arrived and was present in Booking prior to leaving the Booking area.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined, based on the statement of Sergeant Mark Belinkie coupled with the facts and circumstances revealed and obtained during the course of this investigation, that the preponderance of evidence has been substantiated to conclude Sergeant Mark Belinkie has violated Bridgeport Police Policy and Procedures/Rules and Regulations.

39. Police Officer Stravos Mirtsopoulos

Police Report authored by Officer Stravos Mirtsopoulos (Verbatim)

I, P/O Mirtsopoulos, responded as a cover unit for P/O N. McLaughlin, who requested for more cover at 316 Colorado Ave, Bridgeport, CT, on a noise complaint incident. I arrived on scene to a very large and hostile crowd that was yelling and screaming for police units already on scene to vacate their property they considered to be private. They even attempted to close the solid white gate while we were standing in the driveway to create separation from us. A female dressed in a Wonder Woman's costume, who was later identified as, Wanda Mendez, repeatedly told myself and other officers to leave the property as they were conducting a birthday party for their twelve-year-old daughter. Due to the noise level and complete lack of cooperation by all individuals involved with the party, units responding were told to keep coming as an officer needs assistance ten code came out over Channel 1 in order to bring the situation under control and the party to an end.

Upon notification the party was over, numerous individuals, including Wanda Mendez became irate and would not listen with any type of reason. Officers began placing people under arrest in order in an attempt to gain some level of control. I took hold of Wanda by the arm and attempted to escort away from the crowd, while at the same time, advised her she was under arrest. She was not compliant, and actively resisted by pulling back, telling me this was her property and was not going anywhere. Wanda briefly broke away from my hold, but I was able to quickly regain control. With another officer, we were able to place the handcuffs (double-locked) on her. She was then escorted into a marked police vehicle and transported to booking in order to be processed. Please refer to P/O N. McLaughlin's incident report for any further details and criminal charges for Wanda Mendez.

After securing Wanda inside a police vehicle, I returned to the scene and continued to assist units with crowd control. As I made my way up the driveway, I observed a male suspect, later identified as Ramon Davila, face down on the ground as officers attempted to place him in handcuffs. While face down, Davila also had his right arm underneath him and would not comply with commands to show his hand as he was actively resisting. Officers had to physically remove his right hand/arm from the front of his body and into handcuffs (double-locked). During a search incidental to arrest, a blue, black and silver box cutter knife was in Davila's right pocket. The box cutter knife was removed, collected and turned in as evidence under property receipt number 17M-1390. I then escorted Davila into my marked police vehicle and transported him to booking in order to be processed. Please refer to P/O N. McLaughlin's incident report for any further details and criminal charges for Ramon Davila.

Summary of statement given by Officer Stravos Mirtsopoulos, summarized by Sergeant Lawrence Lazaro, Officer Mirtsopoulos stated the following among other things:

On November 21, 2017, Sergeant Santiago Llanos and Sergeant John Burke conducted a taped interview of Officer Stavros Mirtsopoulos in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Mirtsopoulos' complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Mirtsopoulos has been employed with the City of Bridgeport as a police officer for approximately 5 years. Officer Mirtsopoulos stated he was assigned to car Blue 13 (West side) C shift on the night of October 21, 2017. He responded to a call for additional cover to the location. Officer Mirtsopoulos stated upon his arrival, there were several Police units already on scene. Officer Mirtsopoulos stated was unsure of the exact location of the residence so he followed the loud noise and shouting that he could hear coming from 316 Colorado Avenue.

Officer Mirtsopoulos stated as he located the residence he proceeded to make his way down the driveway to the rear of the residence where he located other Officers amidst an overwhelming large crowd that was shouting and cursing at the Officers and becoming increasingly hostile. As he scanned the crowd he observed a person dressed as Superman who was being very disruptive, and a woman dressed as Wonder Woman who was also being disruptive and pushed Officer Mazzacco.

Officer Mirtsopoulos stated after witnessing this Officer Mirtsopoulos immediately walked over to the woman later identified as Wanda Mendez and attempted to affect an arrest as Mendez struggled with him and resisted being handcuffed. Officer Mirtsopoulos stated Mendez broke free of him, throwing her arms in the air in attempts to break his hold. Eventually he was able to handcuff her and escort her to the Police vehicle.

Officer Mirtsopoulos stated units were continuing to arrive on scene so Officer Mirtsopoulos placed Mendez in the first available vehicle and headed back towards the driveway. As he reached the driveway he observed another individual on the ground struggling with Officers with one of his hands tucked underneath his body. Officers were attempting to free the hand from under his body and gain compliance to safely handcuff the individual.

Officer Mirtsopoulos stated he walked over to the Officers and assisted them in getting control of the individual and ultimately getting him handcuffed. He then proceeded to roll him over and do a pat down which revealed a pocket knife in his right front pocket. The individual was then stood up and escorted to Officer Mirtsopoulos' vehicle.

Officer Mirtsopoulos stated while walking to the vehicle he recalls hearing someone yell "gun" however he was still securing his suspect at the time preventing him from responding. Once his suspect was secured in his vehicle Officer Mirtsopoulos was ordered to transport his suspect to Booking by Sergeant Scillia who was on the street clearing out some of the traffic. Officer Mirtsopoulos stated at this time, he notified Dispatch of the transport and left the scene with his prisoner.

Officer Mirtsopoulos stated upon arrival at booking he parked his vehicle on the bottom of the ramp where he was told to wait with his prisoner by what he believed to be a Supervisor at the time. After quite a bit of time passed he was instructed to escort his prisoner into booking. As he entered booking he observed several Officers already processing in front of him therefore forcing him to wait further for them to complete their paperwork.

Officer Mirtsopoulos stated while waiting he observed there were a lot of people in booking yelling and cursing at Officers. He stated the booking scene was very chaotic like the Colorado scene. Officer Mirtsopoulos stated the most disruptive individual in booking was the individual dressed as Superman, later identified as Fernando Morales. While processing his suspect Officer Mirtsopoulos stated he heard a commotion in the front of booking while he walked towards the rear of booking however he could not see over the counter to observe what was happening.

Officer Mirtsopoulos stated as he walked back towards the front it appeared that suspect Fernando and Officer Lattanzio were being separated. Officer Mirtsopoulos states that there were several altercations in booking however he did not observe any of them.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Stravos Mirtsopoulos has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

40. Police Officer Michael Cavaliere

Summary of statement given by Officer Michael Cavaliere, summarized by Sergeant Lawrence Lazaro, Officer Cavaliere stated the following among other things:

On November 21, 2017, Sergeant Santiago LLanos and Sergeant John Burke conducted a taped interview of Officer Michael Cavaliere in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Cavaliere's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Cavaliere has been employed with the City of Bridgeport as a police officer since February 2014. Officer Cavaliere stated on the night of October 21, 2017 he was assigned to car Green 35 (East side) C shift. Officer Cavaliere stated he was on Green 38's post on a stolen vehicle arrest and had a suspect in his vehicle at the time of the 10-32 call and therefore was unable to respond to 316 Colorado Avenue. He transported his suspect to the Stratford Police Department and at no time went to booking at 300 Congress Street.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Michael Cavaliere has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

41. Police Officer Ryan Mullenax

Summary of statement given by Officer Ryan Mullenax, summarized by Sergeant Lawrence Lazaro, Officer Ryan Mullenax stated the following among other things:

On November 21, 2017, Sergeant Santiago Llanos and Sergeant John Burke conducted a taped interview of Officer Ryan Mullenax in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Mullenax's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Mullenax stated he has been employed with the City of Bridgeport as a police officer for approximately 6 years. Officer Mullenax stated Officer Mullenax was on patrol with his K-9 partner Zeus when he heard a 10-32 (Officer needs assistance) come in over the radio and proceeded to respond to 316 Colorado Avenue.

Officer Mullenax stated upon arrival on scene he retrieved his K-9 and exited his vehicle. He observed an Officer escorting a belligerent costumed female from the driveway toward the street to a patrol car. It appeared most of the commotion was coming from the rear of the house so Officer Mullenax headed down the driveway towards the rear yard.

Officer Mullenax stated midway down the driveway he observed what appeared to be a chaotic situation with people yelling and swearing while Officers were trying to gain control of the situation. Officer Mullenax stated he then positioned himself and his K-9 approximately midway down the driveway which allowed him to observe the rear yard as well as the street. From there he made his way to the rear of the driveway where he observed Officer Faroni get a clear liquid thrown on him by an unknown female in the area of the back deck.

Officer Mullenax stated shortly after the liquid incident, Officer Mullenax observed a male being arrested. During the arrest, he states he heard someone yell "Gun". Officer Mullenax stated several Officers converged onto the individual on the ground. Officer Mullenax stated he held his position with his K-9 and did not converge with other Officers because his function there was basically presence in hopes that he and his K-9 on scene would calm the crowd.

Officer Mullenax stated while holding his position in the driveway he could look over his shoulder and see K-9 Officer Rodriguez holding his position in the street in front of the house. This is because two K-9s are difficult to control when they are near each other in a small space.

Officer Mullenax stated he held his position in the driveway until he felt there was no longer a need for a K-9 in the immediate area. He then walked back up the driveway to the street and secured his K-9 inside his vehicle and stood next to his vehicle as he customarily does on these types of scenes.

Shortly after this Officer Mullenax and his K-9 departed from the scene and went to a nearby school to break his dog, rehydrate him and allow him to run a bit which he often does following these types of calls. He then made his way to the report writing room in the rear of booking where Officer Mullenax did not observe anything unusual.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Ryan Mullenax has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

42. Officer Michael Stanitis

Summary of Police Report authored by Officer Pires documenting the conduct of Officer Michael Stanitis.

On October 21, 2017, the following supplemental police report was written by Officer Pires documenting his actions and the actions of Officer Michael Stanitis during the arrest of Mr. Fernando Morales while on scene at 316 Colorado Avenue the following is a summary of Officer Pires's report:

Officer Pires's reports that while on scene at 316 Colorado Avenue he observed Officer Stanitis escorting a combative male subject who was in custody away from the premises. The male subject was later identified as Mr. Fernando Morales. Mr. Morales was yelling obscenities at Officers and was actively resisting against Officer Stanitis. Officer Pires approached and secured Mr. Morales's right arm and assisted Officer Stanitis in escorting Mr. Morales to an available patrol vehicle.

Upon their arrival at a patrol vehicle Mr. Morales was ordered to place himself against the rear of the vehicle to allow Officers to open the rear doors. While placing Mr. Morales at the rear of the vehicle he began yelling, "fuck you mother fuckers" and posturing himself against the vehicle in addition to pushing off against Officers.

While Officer Pires and Officer Stanitis were holding Mr. Morales against the vehicle Mr. Morales began to place his legs against the vehicle and attempted to push off again trying to break away from the Officers.

Officer Pires reported at this point he grabbed hold of Mr. Morales's left arm with both hands placing his right leg against the left leg of Mr. Morales and spun 180 degrees bringing Mr. Morales down to the ground placing him on his chest and stomach. While on the ground Mr. Morales continued to be combative and yell fuck you. Officer Pires held Mr. Morales on the ground utilizing hand and knee control maneuvers until the vehicle was opened. Officer Stanitis helped secure Mr. Morales with Officer Pires. They picked Mr. Morales up from the ground and secured Mr. Morales in the rear of the vehicle. Mr. Morales was then transported to booking by Officer Douglas Bepko.

Also, on October 21, 2017, the following use of force report was written by Officer Pires documenting his actions and the actions of Officer Michael Stanitis during the arrest of Mr. Fernando Morales while on scene at 316 Colorado Avenue, the following is a summary of Officer Pires's use of force report:

While on scene Officer Pires observed Officer Stanitis escorting a "combative male" (Mr. Morales) (Page 1, line 1) who was in custody. Mr. Morales was screaming obscenities and actively resisting against Officer Stanitis. Officer Pires secured Mr. Morales's right arm and assisted Officer Stanitis escorting Mr. Morales to an open patrol vehicle. Mr. Morales was ordered to place himself against the rear of the vehicle to allow them to open the rear doors. While placing Mr. Morales at the rear of the vehicle he began yelling "fuck you mother fuckers" (Page 1, line 5) and began posturing himself against the vehicle and pushing off against them. While they were holding Mr. Morales against the vehicle telling him to calm down he began to place his legs against the vehicle trying to push off again and break away from them. At this point Officer Pires grabbed Mr. Morales's left arm with both hands and put his right leg against the left leg of Mr. Morales and spun them 180 degrees bringing Mr. Morales down to the ground on his chest and stomach. Morales continued to be combative and yell "fuck you." Officer Pires held Mr. Morales on the ground with hand and knee control maneuvers until the vehicle was opened. Officer Stanitis then helped pick Mr. Morales up and put him in the vehicle.

Summary of statement given by Officer Michael Stanitis summarized by Sergeant John Burke, he stated the following among other things:

On November 27, 2017, the undersigned Sergeant conducted a taped interview, numbered 5989, with Officer Michael Stanitis at the Office of Internal Affairs located at 999 Broad Street Bridgeport, Connecticut. This interview was part of an internal investigation initiated by the Chief of Police Armando J. Perez to investigate an incident which occurred at 316 Colorado Avenue on October 21, 2017 at approximately 22:00 hours. The interview was conducted by the undersigned Sergeant and Sergeant John Burke. Also present during the interview was Union Steward Police Officer Bruno Rodrigues.

Officer Michael Stanitis was read his Garrity warning, it was explained, the interview was for administrative purposes only and as a public servant he was obligated to answer questions relative to his employment. Officer Stanitis stated he fully understood his rights and responsibilities and further swore his oral testimony given or written statement made concerning the case in question would be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth subject to pains and penalties of perjury or false statement.

The following is a summary of the statement given by Officer Michael Stanitis. Officer Michael Stanitis stated amongst other things he has been a Police Officer for approximately six and a half years. He is presently in the patrol division working on the C shift between the hours of 15:00 and 23:00 hours in Green 31, squad 7 as a two-man unit and his partner is Officer Chelsea Lancia. Officer Michael Stanitis further stated he has a recruit Officer with him (Dominic Muoio).

Officer Michael Stanitis stated he was working on the evening of October 21, 2017 in Green 31 and his partner that night was Officer Geraldo Ortiz (JR), his recruit was not with him on this night and he did not remember who his immediate supervisor was that night.

Officer Michael Stanitis stated on October 21, 2017 he responded to a call at 316 Colorado Avenue because a 10-32 was called out by units on scene who needed help. Officer Stanitis explained a 10-32 meant drop whatever you're doing and go, it's an officer needs assistance, they need help, it's an Officer safety situation.

Officer Michael Stanitis explained, when he arrived on scene they had come onto Colorado Avenue from Fairfield Avenue by making a left onto Colorado Avenue from Fairfield Avenue.

When he arrived on scene there were a ton of cars, there were a lot. He parked his patrol vehicle a few houses away from 316 Colorado Avenue. When he exited the car, he saw cops and people. He was with his partner Officer Geraldo Ortiz. They got out Officer Stanitis did not remember where his partner went but assumed they walk toward the back of the house (316 Colorado Avenue) because that is what he did.

Officer Stanitis explained he just saw chaos, cops everywhere, people everywhere, he did not recall if he heard music. Officer Stanitis described what he meant by chaos, stating, just maybe a little tunnel vision at that point, because they drove code from the east side and, um, it was a 10-32, and he heard people yelling, so he did not really know what was going on and he just remember seeing uniforms coming and going, bumping into people and seeing people coming and going. he heard yelling. He heard, just there were just people everywhere. There was just a crowd of people.

Officer Stanitis stated he heard profanity used towards the Police Officers. He explained one person in specific he remembered, it was the party he helped transport from the back of the property to the front, for Officer Sherback (Fernando Morales), he heard him yelling, because he was right next to him. "He (Fernando Morales) was using expletives and racial slurs, a lot of different ones. He was yelling, fuck you, you fucking niggers. He was yelling, get the fuck off my property. I'm gonna fuck you up." (Page 7,

line 294-300) This person was handcuffed and on his way out of the yard at this time.

Officer Stanitis explained that he did not remember what this individual, (Fernando Morales), was wearing until after wards because he was focused on his face, because he kept turning and yelling and he did not want to get spit on.

Officer Stanitis explained he had walked into the crowd, and saw Officer Sherback, and it appeared this individual (Fernando Morales) was giving Officer Sherback a hard time. Officer Sherback saw him and said, get this guy to a car. Officer Stanitis helped him and at some Officer Pires stepped in and had the other side of him and they walked him (Fernando Morales). This individual was yelling the whole way. They got to the car and they walked up to the front of the car, at the front of the house, to the first available patrol car.

As they get to the car, it was locked, they had him (Fernando Morales) right by the car. Officer Stanitis stated he went into his pocket to get the keys and was trying to figure out how to get the car door open. Officer Stanitis stated at this point before he got the car open he did not know if he kicked off the car or if he turned around. He was doing something. It happened really quickly beside him. Officer Pires did some type of a maneuver and took him (Fernando Morales) to the ground and escorted him to ground in a controlled fashion. Officer Stanitis stated he assisted, kind of, by holding him (Fernando Morales) down and for just a second, just until they knew he was under control. Officer Stanitis got up and got his keys out. He got the car door open and they got him up and they got him in the car.

Officer Stanitis explained, when asked, he did not strike this individual, he said he did not strike the individual while at the car. When asked, how the individual was taken off the ground, he explained, they assisted him up, it was partially them and him, he was kind of standing up and they kind of helped him up. As he was placed in the car, Officer Stanitis explained, he just had to push his head downwards because he was still yelling and screaming. He was not physically fighting at this point, so he just needed his head to be pushed downward, so as he did not hit his head and he went in the car.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he had completed a use of force form, he stated he did not, and was under the impression Officer Pires had done it to account for the incident.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he had smelled alcohol on the individual or had noticed if he was intoxicated. He explained he did not notice at the time, but the individual was acting belligerent to the point where he assumed he probably was.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he had given any commands, he said he told him to keep moving, and told him, to get in the car, he mostly complied.

Officer Stanitis was asked if upon his arrival he had seen any children, he stated he did not see any children. He was asked how many people he saw, he replied, he would just be giving a number, just to satisfy curiosity, he did not know how many people he saw. He saw a lot of people and did not know how many were cops and how many people, it was just back and forth.

Officer Stanitis was asked if at any point he felt he was in any immediate danger. He explained when he first got there, yes, the scene had not really been controlled yet. There were people kind of everywhere and even though he was focused, with the adrenaline, he was still trying to look around and keep his eyes open.

Officer Stanitis was asked if other than the individual (Fernando Morales), had he gone hands on with

anyone else. Officer Stanitis replied, no, he attempted to assist. After they got this guy (Fernando Morales) in a car he was walking to the back to check to see where his partner was. He saw a group of officers struggling with somebody (Carmelo Mendez). He heard an officer yell, "Gun." He attempted to assist. All he did was see officers he could not even see the guy (Carmelo Mendez). Officer Stanitis tried to get in to assist with handcuffing him, and he could not, due to his angle he could not even get his (Carmelo Mendez) arms, then, that was it, and he backed away, and they left shortly after that.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he was able to get into the crowd, he replied, yes, for a few seconds.

Officer Stanitis was asked, what he saw, and what he did, while he was in the crowd, he replied, he did not see much. He saw cops to the left of him, and to the right of him, and like above him, and in front of him, they were on top of him (Carmelo Mendez). He then saw a small portion of the guy's (Carmelo Mendez) back. Officer Stanitis stated, he was trying to pull him, and remembers just trying, to get his arm. Officer Stanitis could not reach over him (Carmelo Mendez) because there was no leverage. There was no way he could assist, and then he really felt like he was in the way at that point, so he just backed away from the whole situation and let the other officers handle it.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he saw any Officers get assaulted, he replied, did I see an Officer get assaulted, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked, while he was in the group of Officers trying to restrain the guy (Carmelo Mendez) if he knew who the guy was and why they were trying to restrain him. Officer Stanitis stated no, he saw them struggling, he heard somebody yell, "Gun," and he was assuming it was a cop yelling gun for the suspect other than that, he has no idea.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he carries an asp, (proprietary name of Police Baton) he said no. Did you see anyone pull out an asp, he said, no, he did not. Did you see any individuals, any officers, using an asp to try and take this individual, that was resisting, trying to take his arms out from underneath him, Officer Stanitis said, he did not see them. End of (Part 1)

(Part 2)

Officer Stanitis was asked if he saw an asp at all, he responded, no. If he had heard anyone yell out, give me an asp, he said, he did hear someone ask for an asp. He was asked if he knew who asked for an asp, he stated at the time, no, he did hear it was Officer Fortes (Detective Fortes). He was asked if he saw Officer Fortes in the group of Officers, he said no, he did not, he just could not make out any of the Officers.

Officer Stanitis was asked, if while in the pile, he could only see the individuals (Carmelo Mendez) back, he stated, yes, like a section of his back. Officer Stanitis was asked if he was closer to his head, or closer to his feet, he responded, he believed, he was closer to his head.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he was able to see his head at all, *he said, "no, no, poor lighting."* (Part 2 Page 2, line 55) Officer Stanitis was asked how close he was able to get to this individual, Officer Stanitis said, *"he was close enough to touch him,"* (Part 2 Page 2, line 59) he was trying, to grab underneath, he was trying, to get his arm, but he was weighted down.

Officer Stanitis was asked if the individual was facing up or facing down when he was down there with him. Officer Stanitis responded, he thought, he was facing downwards, and almost in that direction, in the opposite direction of himself, because his back was to him. He thought, they were trying to get his arms from the other way, he did not know if that makes, he's not being very articulate right now, was facing

mostly down.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he could you hear him (Carmelo Mendez), or if he heard anyone telling him (Carmelo Mendez) anything, barking out any orders to him. Officer Stanitis stated, the thing he remembered hearing was, give me your hands, his hands, get his hands, give me your hands. He also remembers hearing the gun thing then all about the hands, this is when he was going for his arms.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he was to the right of him or to the left of him, he responded, to the *left of him*.

Officer Stanitis was asked what arm he was trying for, he said, it would have been his left arm, he was not successful.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he saw anyone strike this induvial (Carmelo Mendez) he said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he struck this individual, he said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he saw injuries on this individual, he said, "no, he could not even see him at all." (Part 2 Page 3, line 112)

Officer Stanitis was asked if he heard this individual say anything, like, they're hitting me, or anything like that, he said, he did not, not that he was aware of, he did not hear him say anything.

Officer Stanitis was asked, at what point he backed away from pile, he said, several seconds later. He did not know exactly how long it was, but it was pretty quick. *"He remembers reaching in, trying to grab, and made a really decent attempt, but he could not. He (Carmelo Mendez) was pinned down, at that point he felt he was probably more in the way, so he backed away from preventing other officers from being able to do their job." (Part 2 Page 3, line 125-129)*

Officer Stanitis was asked if he had seen the video of the incident, he said yes, he had seen the video. He said, he had seen himself in the video, and had seen himself go into the pile. Officer Stanitis was asked, if what he had already stated, about the incident, was what he had seen on the video, or something different, he replied, yes, it's what happened.

Officer Stanitis was asked, if he saw when the cuffs were placed on this individual he said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked, if saw, when he (Carmelo Mendez) was lifted off the ground, he replied, he was standing behind Officers, he generally saw them getting him up, but he was not able to see any, he was not able to see him, well there were backs to him, there were at least a couple backs to him, definitely.

Officer Stanitis was asked who escorted him (Carmelo Mendez) to the car, he said he thought it was Officer Szeps, and he followed a little bit, until they got to the front.

Officer Stanitis was asked, if he saw anything happen on the way to the car, he said, no sir.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he saw anyone grab Mr. Mendez, by his chain, he responded, by his chain, no sir.

Officer Stanitis was asked, if he saw anyone yanking, Mr. Mendez's chain, moving his head back and forth, he said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked if Mr. Mendez resisted, in any way, on the way to the car, he responded, not that he was aware of.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he had hands on him, on the way to the car, he said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked, on the way to the car, if he saw any injuries on head of Mr. Mendez, or facial area, he said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked, if he escorted him all the way to the car, he replied, he walked, behind him a little way, and then he was a couple cars down, he thought at that point. He did not remember the exact distance it was the general area they were all in the front of the house.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he walked him all the way to the car he said, yes.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he saw anyone take out a gun belonging to Mr. Mendez at the car, he said no, he did not, he was just thinking about what he saw, he did not, he did not see any of that.

Officer Stanitis was asked, if he was aware there were cameras on the house and he stated, he would assume there are, because there was that one camera, so there are probably other cameras, He did not know if there are, he is just guessing there are.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he saw the cameras, he said, no, but he remembered the guy (Fernando Morales) he brought from the back, say get off my property, there are cameras all over this house, Officer Stanitis remembers, he said that specifically.

Officer Stanitis was asked the following: Did you see, while at the police car with Mr. Mendez, anything unusual happen at the car, Officer Stanitis said, no sir. Did he (Mr. Mendez) get into the car without any problems, Officer Stanitis said, he believed so. Did you hear Mr. Mendez say he had a gun permit, Officer Stanitis said, he did not, no. Did you hear any officers say, this gun looks a lot better on me, you are never getting this gun back, Officer Stanitis said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked, if there were any supervisors on scene, *he said, he saw Lieutenant Sapiro.* Officer Stanitis was asked, if he remembered walking in with Lieutenant Sapiro, he said, he remembers seeing him face-to-face at one point, he did not remember his back, he may have been behind him, at one point, but he did not remember.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he remembered talking to any supervisors on scene, *he said, yes, it was Lieutenant Sapiro.* Officer Stanitis explained when he walked, there was one point, where he and Natalie were standing next to each other. Lieutenant Sapiro asked her are you all right, she goes, yeah, I'm all right and then he just walked away he remembered they were standing next to each other.

Officer Stanitis was asked again about the pile, and if he recalled any officers around him, or if he just recalled seeing the suspects (Carmelo Mendez) back, he said, no, he just remembers seeing uniforms, that is it.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he knew, who yelled, gun, he said, he did not, he was asked if he saw a gun, he said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked, if anyone on scene directed him to do anything, he said, just Todd Sherback,

when he encountered him, he said get this guy to a car.

Officer Stanitis was asked, if he made an arrest, he said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked, if the only arrest he assisted in, for a brief moment, was Mr. Mendez, on the ground, the individual with the gun, he said, yes, that and the party that they walked to the car, if you consider that an assist.

Officer Stanitis was asked, did you see, when Mr. Mendez, was taken down to the ground, he said, no, I could not see that.

Officer Stanitis was asked if, as he was walking in, if he saw where he (Carmelo Mendez) was, and if they were already on the ground, Officer Stanitis said, *well it was very poor lighting*, he saw a group of Officers, and it was just like this. It was just, a commotion, it was like, a back and forth, then at one point, as Officer Stanitis got a little bit closer, he heard gun, and then he realized, what was going on, that they were trying to arrest somebody.

Officer Stanitis was asked if when he brought Mr. Morales out to the front whether he recalled any injuries on Mr. Morales he said, he believed, he had no injuries on him. (Part 2 Page 9, line 400)

Officer Stanitis was asked if Mr. Morales received any injuries when he was taken to the ground, he said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked if any one struck Mr. Morales when he was on the ground he said, nope.

Officer Stanitis was asked about Mr. Mendez when he was near his head, while he was on the ground, and about how he had saw the video. *"He was asked whether he recalled seeing the photographs attached to the video of his injuries, he replied, yeah, he saw the whole thing. Officer Stanitis was asked if he knew who had done the injuries to his head, he said, who did what. It was explained the injuries to his head, he said, I have no idea. He was asked, did you do that? he said, no."* (Part 2 Page 10 line 419 446

Officer Stanitis was asked if he had seen anyone use an asp he said, no I did not.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he recalled any one around him while he was near the head of Mr. Mendez, he said he recalled Officers, but he did not recall who they were. He just remembers seeing uniforms, uniforms and uniforms.

Officer Stanitis was asked to recall the video he had seen and if he could recognize any Officers from the video, he said he remembered seeing, from memory, *Officer Meade to the right of him, he did not know who was to the left of him, he remembers seeing Officer Meade.*

Officer Stanitis was asked how many times he watched the video he said, a couple of times and thought he remembered seeing Sergeant Scillia at one point because he remembers seeing sergeant stripes. He also remembered seeing Officer Szeps.

Officer Stanitis was asked the position of Officer Szeps, *he said if were going off the video right because he did not remember on scene, he remembers Szeps being on the other side of him.*

Officer Stanitis was asked, based on the video if he recalled Detective Fortes in the video in relation to him, he said he did not.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he used any unnecessary force he said, no. He was asked if after watching the video he saw anybody use unnecessary force, he said, no, I could not really see much from the video. Officer Stanitis was asked if he used any unreasonable force he said, no, he was asked if he had seen anyone use excessive force while he was there he said, no. He was asked if he had used excessive force he said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked if at any point he had dropped anything he said, no. If he had taken anything off of his belt he said no. If he had handed anything to anyone he said, no. If anyone had handed him anything he said no. If he had placed anything on his belt at any time he said, no. If at any time he had hurt his right hand he said, no. If at any time he had injured himself during the arrest to Mr. Mendez he said no. If he knows if any other officer was injured during the arrest of Mr. Mendez he said he did not know.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he had transmitted at all on the radio he no he did not. Officer Stanitis was asked if at any point he had seen a gun when it was all over he said no. Officer Stanitis was asked if he had ever entered the house he said no sir. Officer Stanitis was asked if he was tasked with transporting anyone to booking he said nope. Officer Stanitis was asked if he spoke with any civilians on scene he said no. *Officer Stanitis was asked if he wrote a report pertaining to his actions or what he observed he said he did not.* Officer Stanitis was asked if anyone directed him to write a report he said no. *Officer Stanitis was asked if he felt he had to write a report he said no.* Officer Stanitis was asked why he ultimately cleared 316 Colorado Avenue he said he saw Officers leaving and it just appeared the situation was well under control. Officer Stanitis was asked if he saw anything going on the back deck of 316 Colorado Avenue he said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he saw any Officers involved in a situation with a female back there he said no. He was asked if he saw any females getting arrested he said no. He was asked if he saw any civilian videotaping the scene with cell phone he said he did not recall. He was asked if he videotaped anything he said no. *Officer Stanitis was asked once again if while in the pile, did he strike Mr. Mendez he said no sir.*

Officer Stanitis was asked how much time he was on scene from the time he arrived until the time he left he said five minutes less than ten. Officer Stanitis was asked if he heard anything while Mr. Mendez was on the ground he said he heard, hand, it's about his hands, get your hands, get your hands behind your back, give me your hands, that is what he remembers. *Officer Stanitis was asked if he was resisting, he said "he would guess, he was, but he could not really see exactly what was going on." (Part 2 Page 16 line 701)*

Officer Stanitis was asked, at the point he was near his back, close to him, where he saw his back, trying to pull his arms out, was he resisting. *Officer Stanitis replied, his body felt tense to me, and I was hearing the officers yell, "Give me your hand, you know, give me your hands. Get his hands. So, I would assume that he was resisting being handcuffed, yeah.*

Officer Stanitis was asked if he gave him any commands to remove his hands, he said, not that he remembered, he did not think he did, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he remember saying anything while Mr. Mendez was on the ground he said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he would have seen someone strike him, would he say he did, he replied "yeah because he would assume if somebody struck him, that they would document it and a use of force, so of course he would." (Part 2 Page 17, line 744-745)

Officer Stanitis was asked, while he was leaving the scene, if he saw a wheel chair, he said he believed he saw somebody, a guy, in a wheelchair when he first got there. He was asked, if he saw a wheelchair in the middle of the street when he was walking to his car he said, no sir.

Officer Stanitis was asked, if he saw an Officer walking back to the house with the wheel chair he said, no.

Officer Stanitis was asked, what he did when he left the scene, he stated he went to patrol and parked the car and just went home. He did not go to booking and he did not see Officer Pires that night after he had left. Officer Stanitis explained Officer Pires wrote the report and put his name in it and he had read his report and it was accurate.

The following is a summary of several videos which were obtained during the course of this investigation capturing the conduct of Officer Michael Stanitis on the October 21, 2017 some of which contradicts his account of his behavior while at 316 Colorado Avenue.

Video Name: **10-21-17 316 Colorado Avenue Berke USB**, this particular video captured several different views of 316 Colorado Avenue. The views/cameras were named ch01, ch02, ch03, ch04, ch05, ch06 and ch07. The data captured by these cameras were stored in segments/files identified by time stamps in military time. The following is a summary of what was captured relative to the conduct of Officer Michael Stanitis.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Michael Stanitis is captured on view/camera ch07, segment 222410-223244 at 10:27:55PM (time stamp on video) arriving from the left side of the house (316 Colorado Avenue) walking towards the driveway.

(View/camera ch06, segment 221251-222942) At 10:28:04PM (time stamp on video) Officer Michael Stanitis is walking past a gate midway in the driveway and helps Officer Sherback arrest Mr. Fernando Morales by removing him for the rear yard at 10:28:18PM (time stamp on video).

(View/camera ch06, segment 222942-224634) At 10:29:48PM (time stamp on video) Officer Michael Stanitis enters the rear of the home by the driveway and is present at the beginning and during the arrest of Mr. Mendez. Officer Stanitis is observing other Officers attempting to arrest Mr. Mendez at 10:29:53PM. The video clearly shows Officer Stanitis *removed an item from his duty belt (consistent with the area Officers commonly carry their flashlight)* on the left rear side of his body at 10:29:55PM and look in the direction of Lieutenant Sapiro. While positioning himself toward the bottom of the group of Officers near Mr. Mendez's head. Officer Stanitis stated that he neither took anything off of his belt (*Part II, Pages 12-3, Lines 562-4*), nor did he put anything onto his belt (*Part II, Pages 12-3, Lines 574-6*).

After taking the item (*consistent with a flashlight*) off of his belt Officer Stanitis then positioned himself between Officer Silva who was to his right and Officer Bobby Hernandez who was to his left and Detective Fortes who is in front of Officer Stanitis on the opposite side of Mr. Mendez's body. All the Officer are on the ground with Mr. Mendez and all appear to be in direct contact with Mr. Mendez who is lying on the ground. And according to Officer Stanitis Mr. Mendez was facing downward while in the ground.

(View/camera ch06, segment 222942-224634) At 10:30:01PM (time stamp on video) a flash of light is seen directly under the torso of Officer Michael Stanitis (consistent with a flashlight) in his hand. At 10:30:03 Officer Stanitis kneels between Officer Silva and Officer Bobby Hernandez and appears to rapidly move his right arm back and forth toward the head area of Mr. Mendez. It appears to be Officer

Stanitis striking Mr. Mendez. At 10:30:06 Officer Stanitis partly stands up never leaving his position, briefly looks in the direction of Lieutenant Sapiro and again then kneels down between Officer Silva to his right and Officer Bobby Hernandez to his left. At 10:30:07 one can see Officer Stanitis rapidly move thrusting his right arm again several times towards the head area of Mr. Mendez appearing to strike Mr. Mendez.

(During his statement Officer Stanitis was asked if other than the individual (Fernando Morales), had he gone hands on with anyone else. Officer Stanitis replied, no, he attempted to assist. After they got this guy (Fernando Morales) in a car he was walking to the back to check to see where his partner was. He saw a group of officers struggling with somebody (Carmelo Mendez). He heard an officer yell, "Gun." He attempted to assist. All he did was see officers he could not even see the guy (Carmelo Mendez). Officer Stanitis tried to get in to assist with handcuffing him, and he could not, due to his angle he could not even get his (Carmelo Mendez) arms, then that was it, and he backed away, and they left shortly after that. *(Part I, Pages 11, Lines 464-471)*,

(During his statement Officer Stanitis was asked, what he saw, and what he did, while he was in the crowd, he replied, he did not see much. He saw cops to the left of him, and to the right of him, and like above him, and in front of him, they were on top of him (Carmelo Mendez). He then saw a small portion of the guy's (Carmelo Mendez) back. Officer Stanitis stated, he was trying to pull him, and remembers just trying, to get his arm. Officer Stanitis could not reach over him (Carmelo Mendez) because there was no leverage. There was no way he could assist, and then he really felt like he was in the way at that point, so he just backed away from the whole situation and let the other officers handle it. *(Part I, Pages 11, Lines 480-486)*,

(Officer Stanitis was asked if he saw anyone strike this individual (Carmelo Mendez) he said, no. Officer Stanitis was asked if he struck this individual, he said, no. Officer Stanitis was asked if he saw injuries on this individual, he said, no, he could not even see him at all). *(Part II, Page 3 Lines 102-122)*.

At 10:30:09 Officer Stanitis stands and walks away from his kneeling position and replaces the item onto his duty belt on the left side of his body with his left hand and appears to secure the item. Officer Stanitis stated that he neither took anything off of his belt *(Part II, Pages 12-3, Lines 562-4)*, nor did he put anything onto his belt *(Part II, Pages 12-3, Lines 574-6)*.

(Officer Stanitis was asked, if while in the pile, he could only see the individuals (Carmelo Mendez) back, he stated, yes, like a section of his back. Officer Stanitis was asked if he was closer to his head, or closer to his feet, he responded, he believed, he was closer to his head. Officer Stanitis was asked if he was able to see his head at all, *he said, no, no, poor lighting. (Part II, Page 2 line 55) Note: In video footage obtained during this investigation both in color and in black and white Officers and Civilians can be clearly be seen.*

Officer Stanitis was asked how close he was able to get to this individual, Officer Stanitis said, he was close enough to touch him, he was trying, to grab underneath, he was trying, to get his arm, but he was weighted down.

Officer Stanitis was asked if the individual was facing up or facing down when he was down there with him. Officer Stanitis responded, he thought, he was facing downwards, and almost in that direction, in the opposite direction of himself, because his back was to him. He thought, they were trying to get his arms from the other way, he did not know if that makes, he's not being very articulate right now, was facing mostly down.

Officer Stanitis was asked if he could you hear him (Carmelo Mendez), or if he heard anyone telling him

anything, barking out any orders to him. Officer Stanitis stated, the thing he remembered hearing was, give me your hands, his hands, get his hands, give me your hands. He also remembers hearing the gun thing then all about the hands, this is when he was going for his arms.) (*Part II, Pages 1-2, Lines 44-83*),

At 10:30:17 Officer Stanitis turns his back to the Officers attempting to arrest Mr. Mendez. At 10:30:21 Officer Stanitis turns towards the arresting Officers and looks at his right hand and stretches his thumb out twice then rubs his right hand on his pant leg as if he had injured his hand.

At 10:30:33 Officer Stanitis returns to his original position between Officer Silva and Officer Hernandez and observes the Officers complete the arrest of Mr. Mendez. Officer Stanitis stated that he did not see anyone striking Mr. Mendez, nor did he, himself, strike Mr. Mendez. Officer Stanitis also stated that he did not see any injuries on Mr. Mendez, offering that he was unable to "even see him at all" (*Part II, Page 3, Line 112*). The video shows Officer Stanitis was looking in the direction of Sergeant Paul Scillia, as Sergeant Scillia delivered two strikes to Mr. Mendez at 10:30:33-10:30:35.

At 10:30:44 Officer Stanitis is present as Mr. Mendez is picked up off the ground and helps escort Mr. Mendez to the front of the house where cameras lose sight of him. Officer Stanitis stated that when Mr. Mendez was lifted off the ground, he himself was standing behind officers, and also that he was not able to see Mr. Mendez, well (*Part II, Page 4, Lines 158-62*). The video however shows Officer Stanitis helping to lift Mr. Carmelo Mendez off the ground and appears to have an unobstructed view as Mr. Mendez was pulled to his feet.

At 10:30:49 Mr. Mendez is escorted off the property by Officer Szeps, Officer Stanitis and Officer Silva.

Additional videos of the arrest of Mr. Carmelo Mendez were provided by Attorney Berke (01-25-18 Video received from Att Berke) which were copies of videos already obtained but were narrated by Mr. Carmelo Mendez. One of the videos marked 20171022_170415 was of the arrest of Mr. Carmelo Mendez. During this video Mr. Mendez is watching the video while narrating. Mr. Mendez can be heard saying, him right here, the tall one, look, he put something in his hand, and look he starts hitting me in the face, him right here, Mr. Mendez points to the video with his finger and places it on Officer Michael Stanitis. Mr. Mendez goes on to say, he (Officer Michael Stanitis) is going to put something in his pocket, his back pocket, his back pocket, Mr. Mendez thought it may have been his handcuffs. Mr. Mendez continues watching and says, and look, this guy, punched me twice (Sergeant Scillia) and again, amazing.

On 10-23-17 Mr. Mendez signed a consent to search form to extract files from his cellular phone the device is a Samsung SM-J700T Galazy J7. Detective James Kennedy preformed forensic exam and completed an extraction report.

During the extraction, image 20171022_145823_1508700034988 was recovered. This image depicted the left side temple area of Mr. Mendez's face. There were approximately seven circular bruises on the face of Mr. Mendez. In the center of one of the circular bruises there appears to be an "S" imprint in the middle of the bruise. It is the belief of the undersigned investigator these bruises are consistent with the back end of a Streamlight flash light a common flashlight purchased by many Officers. The back end of the Streamlight flashlight is called a tail cap click switch. The click switch is made of a soft plastic/rubber material when depress turn the flash light on. The plastic/rubber click switch has an "S" insignia stamped engraved in it.

The purpose of this interview was to determine whether the conduct of Officer Michael Stanitis followed the Policies of Bridgeport Police Department. The use of force used by Michael Stanitis was excessive, unnecessary and unreasonable based on the facts and circumstances gathered from video evidence which was collected throughout the development of this investigation. Officer Stanitis during his statement

disclosed what he observed and what he was unable to observe while participating in the arrest of Mr. Mendez on Colorado Avenue.

Although Officer Stanitis explained what he saw during the arrest, videos obtained throughout this investigation indicate Officer Stanitis based on his position in the group of Officers and his actions during the arrest of Mr. Mendez should have reasonably been able to see what was taking place right in front of him and should have been aware of his own actions because he was in direct contact with Mr. Mendez during the arrest.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined, based on the statement of Officer Michael Stanitis coupled with the facts and circumstances revealed and obtained during the course of this investigation, that the preponderance of evidence has been substantiated to conclude Officer Michael Stanitis has violated Bridgeport Police Policy and Procedures/Rules and Regulations.

43. Police Officer John Topolski

Summary of statement given by Officer John Topolski, summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira, Officer Topolski stated the following among other things:

On November 27, 2017, Sergeant Santiago LLanos and Sergeant John Burke conducted a taped interview of Officer John Topolski in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Topolski's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Topolski stated he has been employed with the City of Bridgeport as a police officer for approximately 5 ½ years. Officer Topolski stated that he was assigned to car Amber 23 with Officer Cody Remy. Officer Topolski stated that upon his arrival at 316 Colorado Avenue he observed Officer Stavros Mirtsopoulos walking out a woman that was dressed as wonder woman, Mrs. Wanda Mendez, from behind the house. According to Officer Topolski, Officer Mirtsopoulos asked him if he could put her in the back of his patrol car and he said, "Yes" and helped her in the vehicle. Officer Topolski related that once the vehicle was secured, he proceeded to the rear of the house by the way of the driveway on the right side of the house. Officer Topolski also stated that he observed Officer Daniel Faroni assisting in wheeling a man that was in a wheelchair, Mr. Peter Diaz, to the front of the house.

Officer Topolski indicated that as he walked into the driveway he heard a lot of different people saying that they had no right to be there and people were still confronting officers and not listening to any commands that were being given. Additionally, Officer Topolski states that they were insisting that they can film which he explained was fine but that they needed to get back. Officer Topolski explained that he was basically crowd control and that he was giving commands for people to stay back.

Officer Topolski described the scene as chaotic and that there were people everywhere with cameras directly within a foot in the officer's faces. Officer Topolski articulated that no one was really listening and that everyone was chiming in and yelling, "No one had any to be there, Fuckin' leave. Get outta here. Don't touch me" (Topolski 236-237). Officer Topolski explained that at that point no one was being touched.

Officer Topolski related that at that point he did not personally feel that he was in danger since much of the crowd had been dissipated. Officer Topolski reveals that at one point when he was advising a gentleman to get back when there was an altercation where Officers were attempting to apprehend a gentleman to the ground. Officer Topolski exclaims that the officers were trying to turn him around to apprehend him and his initial resistance took place and the officers took him to the ground. Officer Topolski states that officers then started yelling that he had a firearm on him.

Officer Topolski indicates that he managed to keep everyone back because everyone that was at the party tried to converge on that immediate area and that he was not involved in the takedown. Officer Topolski disclosed that he is not a fan of the pig pile (*Page 20, line 515-517*) and wanted to make sure to watch everyone's else back when they had that party detained and stated that he focused on keeping everyone back. Officer Topolski related that he was towards the end of the driveway near the deck. During the interview, Officer Topolski seemed confused about which party that was taken to the ground. Officer Topolski believed that the party taken to ground was taken to the ground was dressed as Superman, Mr. Morales, but later in the interview Officer Topolski states that he does not remember seeing a party being taken by the ground by Officer Natalie McLaughlin and Officer Todd Sherback who had in fact taken Mr. Morales to the ground.

According to Officer Topolski, he observed Officer Mark Blackwell on the deck who had an elderly lady detained, Ms. Sara Deida. Officer Topolski states that he just stayed with crowd control and imparted that

he did not strike anyone, nor did he see any officers strike anyone while on scene. Officer Topolski indicated that while on scene he picked up a cell phone that was on the ground near the deck. Officer Topolski stated that he did not know whose cell phone it was and that he put it on a table.

Officer Topolski expressed that once the scene was essentially safe he returned to his car and waited until the street was clear and transported Ms. Mendez's to Booking. Officer Topolski explains that once he entered Booking he went to the back with Ms. Mendez where prisoners are photographed and did not stop at the front desk.

Officer Topolski relates that he sat Ms. Mendez down and started to help her remove her personal effects and later removed her handcuffs. Officer Topolski articulated that while in Booking the male suspects were being loud and belligerent on the other side, but that they were where the prisoners are photographed and fingerprinted. Officer Topolski added that there was constant verbal altercation going, but not one specifically. Officer Topolski expressed that he did not feel the need at any point to go provide assistance at any other area at Booking and since he had an uncuffed suspect, he was not going to walk away from her. Officer Topolski states that he was in Booking for approximately 20 minutes.

Review of Video Footage from 316 Colorado Avenue provided by Attorney Robert Berke capturing the conduct of Officer John Topolski

Under this footage, by reviewing Channel 4 the viewer can see that Ms. Mendez is being escorted out by Officer Mirtsopoulos (10:27) and he then walks out of the camera view. Note that Officer Topolski noted in his statement that Officer Mirtsopoulos had asked him to place Ms. Mendez in his vehicle. Unfortunately, the camera view, Channel 3, which would have captured Officer Topolski and Officer Mirtsopoulos placing Mrs. Mendez in the vehicle does not work. Officer Topolski walks back to the front of the house at 10:28 at which point, Officer Faroni is wheeling out Mr. Diaz.

Under channel 6, Officer Topolski is seen walking in to the property. By the time he is in the backyard, the incident involving Mr. Fernando Morales and Officer Mark Blackwell has already occurred and Officer Topolski is seen just looking around the scene. Officer Topolski in his statement states that he is confused about the incidents surrounding Mr. Morales and Mr. Mendez, however, it is clear in the video that Officer Topolski was not even on scene when the incident with Mr. Morales happens. The incident involving Mr. Carmelo Mendez then occurs and Officer Topolski stands over the Officers for a few seconds and then walks to the rear of the yard. By the time he walks in the area where Mr. Mendez is, he is already being escorted out. In his statement, Officer Topolski indicates that he picks up a phone and places it on the table, however, this cannot be seen in the video.

Officer Topolski walks back out to the front of the house at 10:31 hours and then returns to the driveway of the house at 10:33 hours. Officer Topolski stays there for another 2 minutes and by this time, most of the civilians have already left and there are several officers on scene discussing the incident.

Review of Booking Video Footage capturing the conduct of Office John Topolski

In the Booking footage, Officer Topolski walks in to Booking at 10:44 hours and walks towards the front desk / processing area by himself and then at 10:46 hours Officer Remy walks in to Booking with Ms. Mendez. Ms. Mendez is taken to the fingerprint area by Officer Remy while Officer Topolski follows him. At this point, Officer Topolski begins to process Ms. Mendez and it appears that he is filling out the arrest card. Note that there is a lot of yelling and multiple parties being processed at this time.

Officer Topolski then walks Ms. Mendez over to the fingerprint machine and starts to remove the handcuffs from her while at the same time the incident involving Officer Thomas Lattanzio occurs and

there is a lot of yelling. Officer Topolski looks over the general direction for a few seconds and then returns to remove the handcuffs off of Ms. Mendez. It appears that he has a hard time removing the handcuffs and Officer Todd Sherback who is processing Ms. Sara Deida assists in the processing of Ms. Mendez. A few minutes later, Officer Topolski is seen removing the handcuffs off of Ms. Mendez.

The rest of the time, Officer Topolski is observed in the Booking area finishing the processing of Ms. Mendez along with Officer Remy. Once they are finished, Detention Officer Denise May searches Ms. Mendez and she is later placed in a cell. Officer Topolski and Officer Remy are seen leaving Booking at 11:04 hours.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer John Topolski has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

44. Police Officer Anthony Caiazzo

Summary of statement given by Officer Anthony Caiazzo, summarized by Sergeant Milton Johnson, Officer Caiazzo stated the following among other things:

On November 28, 2017, Officer Anthony Caiazzo was interviewed at the Office of Internal Affairs. The interview was conducted by the undersigned Sergeant with Sergeant John Burke present. Also present was Officer Ricardo Lopez, who served as union representation for Officer Caiazzo.

Officer Caiazzo stated that on October 21, 2017 he was assigned as car CP4, which is part of the then-named Violent Crime Initiative (VCI) unit. Officer Caiazzo went on to state that he responded to 316 Colorado Avenue as a result of an officer calling out a signal 32 (10-32) "Officer Needs Assistance". Officer Caiazzo continued on, stating that when he initially arrived and attempted to enter from Fairfield Avenue, the road was congested with police cars, so he drove around the block and entered Colorado Avenue from State Street. Officer Caiazzo added that due to the amount of cars in the road, he parked "a few house lengths back, and then jogged up the street to the home" (Page 6, Lines 250,1.)

Officer Caiazzo stated that as he exited his police vehicle, he observed "tons of police vehicles lining the street... ..there's still some citizens on each sides of the sidewalk... ..some people outside of their homes. ...some officer had people detained, walkin' them to vehicles in handcuffs under arrest... ..escorting them to police vehicles" (Page 7, Line 264,8). Officer Caiazzo also stated that as he was approaching the property, he observed Officer Daniel Faroni escorting a handcuffed male who was in a wheelchair to his police vehicle.

Officer Caiazzo stated that he approached the residence where all the other police officers were standing with a large congregation of other people, who he estimated to be upwards of 15 citizens. Officer Caiazzo went on to state that he checked in with his supervisor, Sergeant Paul Scillia, made sure everybody was okay, and performed a crowd control function until the scene was deemed safe. Officer Caiazzo added that Sergeant Scillia cleared him from the scene prior to him leaving.

Officer Caiazzo stated that, while on the scene, he was instructed by Sergeant Scillia "to remain on scene, to make sure until everybody disburses" (Page 8, Line 321).

While responding to questions posed by the undersigned Sergeant, as well as Sergeant Burke, Officer Caiazzo stated that at no time did he feel as though he was in immediate danger, nor did he go "hands-on" with anyone. Officer Caiazzo also stated that he did not see any officers get assault, neither did he see any other officers go "hands-on" with anyone (Page 8, Lines 345-59). Officer Caiazzo went on to state through his responses that he did not see any officers assaulting anyone, nor did he see anyone resisting arrest. Officer Caiazzo went on to state that he did not see anyone get arrested, while on the property and inside the yard (Page 9, Lines 361-72). Officer Caiazzo stated that he was not there to witness an incident with a gun (Line 374-76). Officer Caiazzo stated that he saw Lieutenant Sapiro on scene. Officer Caiazzo went on to state that he observed no injuries to officers or civilians, and that he does not carry a baton or ASP.

Officer Caiazzo estimated that he was on scene at 316 Colorado Avenue for approximately 30 minutes.

Officer Caiazzo stated that at no point did he himself use force on anyone. Officer Caiazzo also stated that he did not see any officers use unreasonable or excessive force (Page 13, Lines 543-53).

Officer Caiazzo stated that prior to him leaving the scene, he checked in with Sergeant Scillia, and was given the okay to clear. Officer Caiazzo went on to state that from there, he went back on to patrol the

area of Greene Homes. Officer Caiazzo added that he did not respond to booking as a result of that incident.

Officer Caiazzo stated that he was not aware of any video cameras on the scene, as he did not see any, nor did he see any citizens with cell phones videotaping the incident.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Anthony Caiazzo has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

45. Police Officer Judson Brown

Summary of statement given by Officer Judson Brown, summarized by Sergeant Milton Johnson, Officer Judson Brown stated the following among other things:

On November 28, 2017, Sergeant Santiago LLanos and Sergeant John Burke conducted a taped interview of Officer Judson Brown in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Brown's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Brown stated he has been employed with the City of Bridgeport as a police officer for approximately 3 years that on October 21, 2017, he was assigned to car Amber 22, however he does not recall responding to 316 Colorado Avenue. Officer Brown went on to state that he does not recall hearing any officers requesting assistance, nor does he recall hearing a signal 32.

Officer Brown stated that he does not even recall being on duty at 2200 hours (10:00 pm). Officer Brown added that he is unsure of he had left early that night. Officer Brown also stated that he does not recall responding to booking on that night.

Officer Brown offered that he may have requested to leave early on that night.

Officer Brown's activity was checked in the Heartbeat system, and it revealed that on October 21, 2017, Officer Brown booked off-duty at 19:44:25 hour (7:44 pm). Refer to CAD Event Report #20171021263

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Judson Brown has no sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

46. Police Officer Joseph Cruz

Police Report authored by Officer Joseph Cruz

I Ofc. J. Cruz responded to assist officers who were out at the above location for a large house party and requesting backup for a hostile crowd. Upon arrival I observed a male later identified as Ramon Davila DOB of [2 - CGS Sec...] following closely behind an officer who had just arrested someone. I immediately grabbed said party to cease his movement toward the officer. The officer who was handling the call stated that the person I had was under arrest. The suspect Davila attempted to walk away, and I did a leg sweep taking him to the ground. Suspect was handcuffed and placed in the back of a patrol vehicle without further incident. A use of force was completed.

Summary of statement given by Officer Joseph Cruz, summarized by Sergeant Milton Johnson, Officer Cruz stated the following among other things:

On November 28, 2017, Sergeant Santiago Llanos and Sergeant John Burke conducted a taped interview of Officer Joseph Cruz in the Office of Internal Affairs. *See Officer Cruz's complete statement for specific details.*

Officer Cruz stated he has been employed with the City of Bridgeport as a police officer for approximately 9 ½ years. Officer Cruz stated that on October 21, 2017 he was assigned to the Violent Crimes Initiative (VCI) unit with a call sign of CP-1. Officer Cruz went on to state that while working on the east side of the city, he originally overheard Officer McLaughlin call for assistance over the air. Officer Cruz added that he started making his way at that point. Officer Cruz continued, stating that when he heard Officer Mazzacco call out a 10-32, he increased his speed in order to get over there.

Officer Cruz stated that upon his arrival he observed numerous police cars that were already on scene, causing for him to have to park near the end of the block. Officer Cruz also stated that he approached the house, he observed Officer Daniel Faroni wheeling somebody out in a wheelchair. Officer Cruz further stated that he observed a thin Hispanic male (Mr. Ramon Davila) following Officer Faroni, who was "jumping around and acting erratic, so I stopped him" (Page 6, Lines 260,1). Officer Cruz went on to state that he Mr. Davila if he was involved in this to which Mr. Davila responded, "No, I'm just trying to leave, I'm just trying to leave" (Page 7, Lines 294-5). Officer Cruz continued on stating that he escorted Mr. Davila back into the rear yard where he inquired of Officer Mazzacco as to Mr. Davila's involvement. Officer Cruz furthered that Officer Mazzacco replied yes, and to arrest Mr. Davila, at which time Officer Cruz attempted to place Mr. Davila under arrest.

Officer Cruz stated that Mr. Davila again attempted to leave, so he "did a leg sweep and "I took him to the ground" (Page 7, lines 307-8). Officer Cruz added that Mr. Davila did not try to assault him, nor did he resist. Officer Cruz furthered that he and Officer Mirtsopoulos handcuffed Mr. Davila, stood him up and escorted him to a nearby patrol car, without incident. Officer Cruz added that he observed no injuries to Mr. Davila.

Officer Cruz stated that he went back to the house to see what was to see what else was going on, and then back to his patrol car.

Responding directly to questions that were posed by the undersigned Sergeant, as well as Sergeant Burke, Officer Cruz stated that during the process of placing, Mr. Davila under arrest, he overheard something about a gun, over his right shoulder, and he believes he observed Officer Adam Szeps and other officers with a party with a gun. Officer Cruz also stated that he looked briefly but did observe that the party (Mr. Carmelo Mendez) "was resisting and they took him down to the ground" (Page 11, Lines 451-2).

Officer Cruz stated in response to additional questioning that he was unaware of what Mr. Davila had done to warrant his arrest, and that he was instructed by Officer Mazzacco to place him under arrest, and Officer Mazzacco initiated the signal 32. Officer Cruz also stated that the scene was chaotic, and Officer Mazzacco did not have time to tell him what Mr. Davila had done to warrant his arrest.

Officer Cruz stated that Mr. Davila did have a cell phone in his hand when he stopped him, and that Mr. Davila was most likely recording, but that he is unaware if the cell phone was in Mr. Davila's hand when he was taken to the ground. Officer Cruz also stated that after placing Mr. Davila into the patrol car, he returned to the house to assist with crowd control. Officer Cruz further stated that he walked back to his car to move it, and as he was returning to the house, he observed a wheelchair in the street, so he picked it up and brought it back to the front yard of the property. Officer Cruz went on to state that he did not speak with any of the 3-4 family members that were in the front area about the wheelchair. Officer Cruz continued on, stating that the scene was chaotic and as such he didn't think to bring the wheelchair to booking, so he just returned it to where he saw the guy come from. (Page 21, line 940-942)

Officer Cruz stated that he was at the scene of 316 Colorado Avenue for approximately 10-15 minutes, and then he went to booking to complete a Use of Force report as well as an addendum. Officer Cruz added that he completes the Use of Force report because he, foot swept, Mr. Davila to the ground. Officer Cruz stated that he did not enter the processing area while he was in booking. Officer Cruz went on to state that he left after his shift was over.

Summary of Surveillance Videos Relative to conduct of Officer Joseph Cruz

During a subsequent review of the surveillance videos that were provided to the Office of Internal Affairs, there were several inconsistencies that were discovered relative the statement provided by Officer Cruz.

Officer Cruz stated that the party that he took into custody was following Officer Faroni, jumping around and acting erratic as Officer Faroni was wheeling Mr. Peter Diaz out of the driveway (Page 6, Lines 256-61). The video displays Officer Faroni departing the driveway of 316 Colorado Avenue with Mr. Diaz, and no one was following him (316 Colorado Ave Berke USB/ ch07-20171021-222410-223244-102000000000, Time 10:28:14). Additionally, the video footage shows that Mr. Davila was in the rear yard of 316 Colorado Avenue video-taping the events as they unfolded, with a cell phone, and in no way interfered with officers that were on scene (316 Colorado Ave Berke USB/ch0620171021-221251-222942-101000000000, Time 10:28:11). The video footage also shows Mr. Davila moving out of police officers' way as they moved about the property (Mr. Mendez Cell Phone Extraction/20171021_222728, Time 01:10). Lastly, the video shows that as Mr. Fernando Morales was being walked out of the property, Mr. Davila followed, but did so from a distance and was not jumping around or acting erratic (316 Colorado Ave Berke USB/ch06-020171021-221251-222942-101000000000, Time 10:28:20).

Officer Cruz stated that Mr. Davila attempted to leave after Officer Mazzacco ordered his arrest, so he "did a leg sweep and took Mr. Davila to the ground (Page 7, lines 307-8). The video displays Mr. Davila making no such attempt to leave after Officer Cruz presented him to Officer Mazzacco. The video shows that Officer Cruz was holding onto Davila's shirt, and his left hand grabbed Mr. Davila's left hand, physically turning Mr. Davila around and throwing him to the ground (316 Colorado Ave Berke USB/ch06-020171021-221251-222942-101000000000, Time 10:28:43-10:28:49). Officer Cruz also stated that after he and Officer Mirtsopoulos handcuffed Mr. Davila, they stood him up and walked him to a nearby patrol car. Officer Cruz went so far as to give a car number "Blue 13" (Page 8, Lines 346-7). Officer Cruz also stated that Mr. Davila gave him no problems while he was walking him to the car. (Page 9, Lines 369-71). Officer Cruz stated that he and Officer Mirtsopoulos placed Mr. Davila into the car (Page 9, Lines 365-7). Officer Cruz additionally stated that when they arrived at the car, Mr. Davila gave no problems (Page 9, Lines 373-5). Officer Cruz also stated that Mr. Davila entered the vehicle on

his own (*Page 9, Lines 377-9*). The video, however, shows that Officer Mirtsopoulos walks Mr. Davila out of 316 Colorado Avenue alone (*316 Colorado Ave Berke USB/ch07-20171021-222410-223244-102000000000, Time 10:30:05-10:30:45*).

Officer Cruz stated that during the process of placing, Mr. Davila under arrest, he overheard something about a gun, over his right shoulder, and he believes he observed Officer Adam Szeps and other officers with a party with a gun. Officer Cruz also stated that he looked briefly but did observe that the party (Mr. Carmelo Mendez) "was resisting and they took him down to the ground" (*Page 11, Lines 451-2*). The video, however, shows that Officer Cruz, after dealing with Mr. Davila, rose to his feet and walked further into the rear yard (*Mr. Mendez Cell Phone Extraction/20171021_222728, Time 02:57*). When Mr. Mendez was taken to the ground, Officer Cruz just turned his back and took a few steps toward the front, however, worked his way toward where Mr. Mendez was taken down to the ground (*316 Colorado Ave Berke USB/ch0620171021-221251-222942-101000000000, Time 10:29:24-10:29:42*).

Officer Cruz stated that he did not pull his Taser that evening (*Page 17, Lines 758-60*). The video, however, shows that Officer Cruz, during the arrest of Mr. Carmelo Mendez, indeed pulled his Taser out, bent over at the waist – apparently ready to deploy it against Mr. Mendez, then quickly re-holster it as other officer got in his way (*316 Colorado Ave Berke USB/ch0620171021-222942-224634-101000000000, Time 10:29:44-10:29:47*). Officer Cruz stated that he does not recall having walked near or around the officers that were arresting Mr. Mendez (*Page 19, Lines 830-33, Page 20, Lines 870-3*). The video, however, clearly shows Officer Cruz, after nearly deploying his Taser in Mendez arrest, walks around the group of officers involved in the arrest, at times watching the arrest process, and finally out of camera view towards the rear yard (*316 Colorado Ave Berke USB/ch0620171021-222942-224634-101000000000, Time 10:29:44-10:30:12*).

The undersigned Sergeant has determined, based on the statement of Officer Joseph Cruz coupled with the facts and circumstances revealed and obtained during the course of this investigation, that the preponderance of evidence has been substantiated to conclude Officer Joseph Cruz has violated Bridgeport Police Policy and Procedures/Rules and Regulations.

47. Police Officer Stephen Silva

Summary of Official Explanatory Report authored by Officer Stephen Silva

On October 21, 2017, the following statement was written and signed by Officer Stephen Silva the statement was addressed to his supervisor Lieutenant Sapiro. This statement was dated 10/21/17 and documented Officer Silva's account of his conduct with Mr. Carmelo Mendez while he was in booking on 10/21/17 after Mr. Mendez was arrested at 316 Colorado Avenue and transported to booking.

"To: Lt. R. Sapiro
Thru: Sgt. J. Long
From: P/O S. Silva
Date 10/21/17
Re: Carmelo Mendez

Sir,

On 10/21/17, I assisted with the transport of Carmelo Mendez, one of several prisoners from the scene of a 10-32 / Officer Needs Assistance call on Colorado Ave. Mendez was placed in the group holding cell in booking due to the sudden influx of a large number of prisoners. During the processing phase of the arrest, I went to speak to Mendez to acquire his pistol permit information (Mendez was in possession of a firearm at the time of his arrest). Mendez, who had been compliant during the processing phase, agreed to allow me to take his wallet from his jacket pocket through the cell bars. As I examined his gun permit card, I heard the sudden sound of an impact against the floor and looked up to see that Mendez had apparently lost consciousness and fallen backwards against the cell floor. AMR medics, who were already on scene to treat prisoners for prior injuries (including a facial laceration for Mendez) were immediately granted entry to the cell by the on-duty CDOs and began to treat Mendez. Mendez became semi-conscious moments later and was transported by the medics to the hospital."

Summary of Police Report authored by Officer Stephen Silva

On 10/21/17, R/O was on routine patrol on Sylvan Ave when P/O N. McLaughlin (B11), who was responding to a noise complaint at 316 Colorado Avenue, broadcasted that she was in need of backup at her location. I immediately began to make my way to the scene. While en route, an update was broadcasted via radio upgrading the incident to a 10-32 emergency, Officer Needs Help. I continued to respond to the scene, arriving after several dozen other units. As I arrived and followed other accompanying officers into the backyard of this address, I noted several parties already in custody being removed from the backyard. Several of the officer's present began to issue orders to the people present in the backyard, stating that they needed to shut down the party. I observed one male, later identified as Carmelo Mendez, physically resist arrest by wrenching his arms free as several officers attempted to detain him. Mendez was guided to the ground as he continued to physically resist arrest, failing to comply with orders to place his hands behind his back. At this point, my view of Mendez was obstructed by several officers who were physically restraining him. I then heard one officer shout, "He has a gun!" I drew my taser and placed it against Mendez's shoulder area with the intent to perform a drive stun if he did not immediately comply, however he was quickly secured in handcuffs, and his handgun was removed from his person, and I replaced my taser to its holster without having deployed it. After Mendez was stood up and searched, P/O A. Szepps (B15) and I guided Mendez by his arms to my patrol vehicle, where he was detained and transported to booking.

Summary of statement given by Officer Stephen Silva, Summarized by Sergeant John Burke, Officer Silva stated the following among other things:

On December 11, 2017, the undersigned Sergeant conducted a taped interview, numbered 6007, with Officer Stephen Silva at the Office of Internal Affairs located at 999 Broad Street Bridgeport, Connecticut. This interview was part of an internal investigation initiated by the Chief of Police Armando J. Perez to investigate an incident which occurred at 316 Colorado Avenue on October 21, 2017 at approximately 22:00 hours. The interview was conducted by the undersigned Sergeant and Sergeant John Burke. Also present during the interview was Union Steward Officer Bruno Rodrigues.

Officer Stephen Silva was read his Garrity warring, it was explained, the interview was for administrative purposes only and as a public servant he was obligated to answer questions relative to his employment. Officer Stephen Silva stated he fully understood his rights and responsibilities and further swore his oral testimony given or written statement made concerning the case in question would be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth subject to pains and penalties of perjury or false statement.

The following is a summary of the statement given by Officer Stephen Silva. Officer Stephen Silva stated amongst other things he has been a police officer for one year and nine months. He is presently in the patrol division working on the C shift between the hours of 16:00 and 24:00 hours in Amber 27 as a solo unit and his immediate supervisor is Sergeant Jeff Long.

Officer Stephen Silva stated amongst other things his involvement was as follows; At the time the call came in he was on patrol on his post, the north end of the city, somewhere in the Trumbull Avenue area, when, the units who were already on scene at Colorado Avenue asked for assistance for a noise complaint. He started heading in that direction not yet going code until moments later when a 10-32 officer assistance emergency was broadcasted. At that point he went on the highway and started making his way to the scene of Colorado Avenue. When he arrived, there were maybe a few dozen police vehicles already on scene and thought he might have been one of the last to arrive.

Officer Silva parked his vehicle as best he could, it was a pretty crowded street and started looking for the flow of Officers into the backyard through the driveway. He started to approach where he saw them and the activity and entered the backyard through the driveway. There were a few dozen Officers already on scene from the street, to the sidewalk, through the driveway, to the backyard. He believed a few people were being escorted out in handcuffs. He walked into the backyard towards the rear part of the yard. Most of the people attending the party were congregated and the atmosphere was hostile. They were swearing and being belligerent verbally hostile towards the Officers. The Officers were being recorded from at least a few cell phone cameras. There were several individuals mostly males directing their aggression towards the Officers. Officer Silva wasn't familiar with exactly what had prompted the evolution from a noise complaint to a 10-32 but he stood by and waited for directions or prompting from other Officers or supervisors that were on scene.

Officer Silva states he was watching the crowd and making sure there was no opportunity for violence. He was not sure how much time transpired but eventually someone made the decision about one male in particular, was going to be placed under arrest. *Officer Silva thought when the Officers went to approach him (Carmelo Mendez) to try to physically detain him, he began to resist. Officer Silva did not recall whether he (Carmelo Mendez) threw strikes or just physically resisted by way of non-compliance, dead weight. He (Carmelo Mendez) was taken to the ground by a few officers. Officer Silva explained there were enough officers on or around him (Carmelo Mendez) that he almost could not see him (Carmelo Mendez) when he was on the pavement in the driveway.*

Officer Silva pulled out his handcuffs to try to handcuff him (Carmelo Mendez) but there were so many officers moving around, so many bodies that his handcuffs fell to the ground somewhere. Officer Silva believed his handcuffs were used by another Officer to put him (Carmelo Mendez) in handcuffs. Officer Silva did not recall whether he was already handcuffed or in the process of being cuffed he assumed he was in the process of being cuffed.

Officer Silva explained when one of the Officers, not sure who, yelled "He has a gun" the rest of the Officers including himself echoed that statement as they were trained to do. "Gun, gun, gun." *At that point Officer Silva drew his Taser, removed the cartridge from it, and placed it against his (Carmelo Mendez) shoulder area. Officer Silva stated it was the only area he could reach on his body (Carmelo Mendez).*

Officer Silva stated his intention was to dry stun him (Carmelo Mendez) in case he failed to yield, and possibly tried to reach for the weapon, it proved to be unnecessary. *He (Carmelo Mendez) was handcuffed a short time after that. Officer Silva returned the cartridge and returned the Taser to its holster. Officer Silva believes he and Officer Szeps escorted him (Carmelo Mendez) back to the street into Officer Silva's vehicle. (Page 4, line 148-152) He (Carmelo Mendez) was stored for a few minutes until the street had cleared. Officer Silva indicated that all the parties that needed to be detained were detained and he made his way to booking with him (Carmelo Mendez).*

When they arrived at booking he brought a few of the prisoners into booking through the man trap. They used the larger holding cell at the forward part of booking to hold them because of the large volume of people that were coming in. Officer Silva did not recall exactly how many there were he estimated at least six, but he was mostly involved with one (Carmelo Mendez) who had the gun, he, and a few others, were kept in that holding cell.

Officer Silva stated the individual (Carmelo Mendez) who had the gun recovered from him was actually the more cooperative. Officer Silva recalled another individual (Fernando Morales) wearing a Superman t-shirt and thought it might have been a Halloween party. At the time he (Fernando Morales) was among the more belligerent ones who was threatening them, swearing and being belligerent when they were in holding cell. There was another individual as well, a shorter stockier one who had a prior leg injury (Peter Diaz). Officer Silva states he may have been in a wheelchair when he was on Colorado Avenue, but he had some sort of pre-existing injury to his leg. These two of individuals were being the most aggressive and disruptive towards them during the booking processes.

Officer Silva stated he started to process the individual (Carmelo Mendez) who had a gun recovered from him he was more or less cooperative.

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Officer Silva said he may have been moving back and forth in booking, it was somewhat of a chaotic scene. At one-point Officer Silva states he was standing directly at the bars of the large holding cell speaking to him (Carmelo Mendez) who was on the other side. Officer Silva stated this is when he was speaking to him (Carmelo Mendez) who was on the other side. Officer Silva stated this is when he was speaking to him (Carmelo Mendez) who was on the other side. Officer Silva had his attention focused down at his notepad and heard a loud thudding sound. He (Carmelo Mendez) had fallen backwards and apparently lost consciousness. Officer Silva stated the medics were already on scene in booking at the time.

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Officer Silva immediately called for them to assist and they promptly came. They opened the cell door to treat him (Carmelo Mendez). Officer Silva thought he regained consciousness or was somewhat lucid a few moments and was taken to the hospital.

Officer Silva then spoke about the male with a prior leg injury (Mr. Peter Diaz). He was being processed at the counter by Officer Lattanzio and he was one of the most belligerent and disruptive ones even in spite of leg injury. He seemed to be intoxicated just based on attitude, behavior and his statements towards them. Officer Silva approached him (Peter Diaz) and tried to speak to him in a low voice to try and redirect his attention maybe calm him down a little bit, try to make him understand that they had to get these processes out of the way before anything else could transpire, before he could be booked and bonded.

Officer Silva tried to speak to him (Peter Diaz) in a low voice very close, face to face to try to redirect his attention but he did not seem to be having any of that. Officer Silva believed it was at this point he spat towards Officer Lattanzio. Officer Silva did not recall whether or not the spit struck Officer Lattanzio or where. Officer Silva saw Officer Lattanzio lash out with one of his hands towards the prisoner (Peter Diaz) immediately after being spat upon. Officer Silva did not know whether it was an open or closed hand or how many times he struck but it was most likely just once. Officer Silva stated he got in between them (Officer Lattanzio and Peter Diaz) and tried to move the prisoner back. This would have been back towards the door which leads to the general holding to create some distance between himself and Officer Lattanzio.

At this point the male with the injured leg (Peter Diaz) slumped backwards. Officer Silva believed he did not fall and strike the floor. They guided him (Peter Diaz) down to the floor his eyes were closed, and he didn't immediately respond. Officer Silva and some of the CDO's started to attend to him, someone, a CDO or one of the prisoner's friends who was being escorted out in the same area said something to the effect of, he was faking it, he was faking being unconscious. Officer Silva believes he (Peter Diaz) became a bit more lucid a few moments after that and they guided him towards the back to his cell. Officer Silva believed he was also still handcuffed at the time because when he was brought into his cell he was laid down on the bed in there.

Officer Silva specifically recalled he spoke to him (Peter Diaz) and told him that he would remove his handcuffs but when he removes the handcuffs he wanted him to grip the bar of the cell for safety purposes so that he wouldn't lash out at him. He (Peter Diaz) said something to the effect of "Fuck you, I won't listen to what you say." Officer Silva tried to reason with him for a few moments, but he refused to, he said that he wouldn't follow his directions when he took the cuffs off. Officer Silva decided to leave them on and the CDO said that was fine they could be left until later. The cell door was locked with his handcuffs still on. At that point Officer Silva went back to the other male who had the gun (Carmelo Mendez) recovered from him but he had already been transported by the medics. Officer Silva finished what he could with his processing and went to the back to write what paperwork he needed in an addendum.

Officer Silva was asked was asked if he had seen injuries on Mr. Carmelo Mendez. He said, yes, he believes he had, but he could not specifically recall, there was one laceration maybe above his eyebrow or his forehead he may have had more, the laceration was the one that stood out to him.

Officer Silva was asked what a 10-32 meant to him, he stated it was an Officer initiated emergency and he has heard that called on one or two prior occasions.

Officer Silva was asked what he saw when he turned onto the street (Colorado Avenue). He said he saw several dozen police vehicles already in the street parked wherever they could find space, all the lights on. There were people already being escorted out and he believed they were handcuffed. The scene when he arrived was hostile and somewhat chaotic and he did not recall whether the music was still on.

Officer Silva was asked if he saw a video of the incident he said no. Then stated actually he did briefly, the day of or a day or two later. Sergeant Pribesh showed them a video on some social media site at the patrol lineup, of the incident. It was very brief, and he did not examine it specifically. She held it up on her cell phone to them as they were sitting there, so he did not get to see anything that would give him any more information then he already had from his own response. Officer Silva was asked if he was intrigued as to look at the video to see what happened he said no, it did not intrigue him at all.

Officer Silva was asked how many people he thought were at the party, he said approximately three dozen and know they must have been outnumbered and he did not see any children.

Officer Silva was asked if at any point he felt he was in immediate danger, he said at the time he went on scene, things were relatively under control and seemed to be re-establishing order. He felt he was in danger when someone shouted gun.

Officer Silva was asked if at any point he went hands on with anyone, he said, no, he believe his only contact was a placing his Taser against him, excluding guiding him by the arms back to his vehicle after he was handcuffed. Officer Silva was asked if saw any Officers get assaulted he said no.

Officer Silva was asked if he saw any Officers go hands on with anyone. He said, yes there was a group of officers, he could not say how many, on top of a Mr. Mendez when he was being handcuffed on the ground. Given that there was so many, his vision, was obscured, he could not see exactly where their hands were or what their hands were doing to him.

Officer Silva was asked if his vision was obscured because there were officers involved or on top of this individual and if at any point did he get into that mix and get deep inside pile. He said, no the closest he got was reaching through the only gap he could find to place his Taser against him.

Officer Silva was asked if what he was saying was that his arm was the only thing that was able to go in and not his body itself he said, yes. He was asked you were never on top of him, he said correct.

Officer Silva was asked what Officers he could remember that were in that vicinity he said, at this point, it's been so long, that he could only mention a few names. He knows K-9 Mullenax was present, Officer Szeps, Officer McLaughlin and as far as everything else, there's such a mob of us that he could not look for individuals and he could not recall. Officer Silva was asked if Officer Mullenax's dog got him he said he thought he may have nibbled him a bit.

Officer Silva was asked if he saw Detective Fortes in the pile because Detective Fortes was right in front of him he said he did not specifically recall, he could not even picture his face to be honest, and he is not familiar with too many Detectives. It was explained to Officer Silva, Detective Fortes was a black, bald Detective; Officer Silva said he did not recall him.

Officer Silva was asked if he recalled anyone asking for a baton he said no. Officer was asked if he had received anything from anybody on scene or if anyone had handed him anything he said no. Officer Silva was asked if he had trouble recalling things, he said somewhat there has been a lot of time transpired between then and now. It's possible he had forgotten some of those things, but this is as accurate as he can recall.

Officer Silva was asked if he remember seeing Sergeant Scillia on scene because he was standing right next to him, he said yes. He was asked if he recalled what Sergeant Scillia was doing he said no he recalled his face among the crowd he did no remember exactly what action he was taking.

Officer Silva was asked if he recalled what Officer Szeps was doing he said Officer Szeps was among the Officers who were handling Mr. Mendez when he was on the ground. Officer Szeps may have been the one to handcuff Mr. Mendez, Officer Silva was not certain. Officer Szeps helped him guide Mr. Mendez back to his vehicle once he was handcuffed.

Officer Silva was asked if while taking Mr. Mendez to the car there was an issue with Mr. Mendez's chain around his neck, he said Mr. Mendez may have asked them to remove a chain from his neck a very vague recollection of that, maybe he did not want it to be lost or damaged.

Officer Silva was asked if anyone grabbed his chain from his neck, he said someone may have taken it from around his neck. Officer Silva was asked if he was to the right or left of Mr. Mendez while escorting him he said he did not recall, he did not know whether he had his right arm or left arm. He knows Officer Szeps had one and he had the other. Officer Silva was asked if Mr. Mendez gave him a hard time on the way back to the car he said he believe by the time they were walking him to the car he was more or less compliant. Officer Silva stated he did not know where Mr. Mendez's gun, but Mr. Mendez was asking them what would be done with his gun. Officer Silva did not recall any one saying, this gun looks better on me you're never getting your gun back. He was asked if he had said this, he said no.

Officer Silva was asked if he saw anyone strike Mr. Mendez he said no. He was asked if he saw injuries on Mr. Mendez he said yes, they may have been gotten when he was on the ground with Officers on top of him, might have been friction injury. It's possible that he was struck when there was Officers in front him obscuring his vision, but he could not say for certain.

Officer Silva was asked what a friction injury was he explained it was an injury of his skin, rubbing against the ground, the pavement. He had assumed that maybe that is how he had sustained those cuts as opposed to a strike. Officer Silva was asked if he saw anyone strike Mr. Mendez with a boot, he said no, kick him, he said no, punch him he said he believe someone actually struck him sometimes, now that he was recalling more specifically, someone delivered a few he believe, closed hand strikes to him, when he was on the ground. He thought this was when it was first shouted that he has a gun. He thought there was some compliance strikes delivered to him when he was on the ground, but he could not recall who did the compliance strikes. Officer Silva was asked if he saw anyone knee him he said no. Officer Silva was asked if he saw anyone place knees on him to control him he said not specifically but most likely given there were several Officers on him he is sure someone had their knee on him. (Page 15-16, line 653-686)

Officer Silva was asked, did you see when Mr. Mendez was handcuffed he said he could not see it directly. He stated Mr. Mendez was laying on the ground and he was on his left side, not standing over him but to the side of him. Officer Silva was asked to explain where the hand of Mr. Mendez was when he stated, again his view of Mr. Mendez's hands was obstructed by all the Officers in front of him and he had a hard time even getting close. He then stated they may have been underneath him but again he was not certain of that.

A copy of Officer Silva's report was brought to his attention, (I observed the male who later identified as Carmelo Mendez physically resist arrest by wrenching his arms free after several officers attempted to detain him) Officer Silva was asked if he saw this. Officer Silva stated this was when Mr. Mendez was still standing; the strikes that were delivered to him if it wasn't clear were delivered to him when he was prone on the ground, after he was taken to the ground when it was observed that he had a gun on him. Officer Silva stated it took approximately 30 to 45 seconds to hand cuff Mr. Mendez. Officer Silva stated that he was able to see when Mr. Mendez's handgun was removed from his person and thought that might of taken place after he was handcuffed and believed they had removed the gun from his waist area on the right side. (Page 16, line 706-748)

Officer Silva explained that he was closer to Mr. Mendez's head area and as the Officers thinned/back away somewhat he was able to see. Officer Silva was asked if there were a few Officers left around after the other had backed off he said yes. He was asked if he recalled any Officer reaching down to Mr. Mendez while he was handcuffed on the ground he said he did not.

He was asked if he recalled who picked Mr. Mendez up, Officer Silva said he believe he helped Officer Szeps get him up off the ground. He did not know if they had any assistance, but it was Officer Szeps and him and who walked Mr. Mendez back to the car. He recalled that the gun was a small handgun with silver finish.

Officer Silva was asked if he heard any Officer telling Mr. Mendez to stop resisting he said he did not specifically recall that but naturally he would assume it was stated. Officer Silva stated Mr. Mendez wrenched his arms free when they first went to approach him when he was standing. While on the ground he believed Mr. Mendez was offering physical resistance which is why so many officers went on top of him to limit his movement. *Officer Silva was asked if he was sure that Mr. Mendez was resisting or if he did not know and was asked to answer either yes or no to the question he said, he did not know. (Page 18, line 801-805)* Officer Silva was asked if he was positive he did not hear someone ask for a baton or see anyone hand the baton over or tell an officer it's on my gun belt take it off. Officer Silva said he did not recall it. Officer Silva was asked if he struck Mr. Mendez he said no.

Officer Silva was asked once he backed away from Mr. Mendez, still on the ground handcuffed, if anyone handed him anything. He said he did not believe so no, he did not recall anyone handing him anything. He was asked if anything fell from his gun belt he said no. Then stated he believe he dropped his cartridge when he removed it from his Taser, but he recovered that after he was in handcuffs.

Officer Silva was asked if he remembered seeing Officer Bobby Hernandez on scene and he said yes, he believed he was one of the first responders there. *Officer Silva was asked if he saw him in the pile with Mr. Mendez he said he could not recall if he was one of those. He was asked if he had seen Officer Stanitis come in and he said yes, he recalled seeing him coming into the driveway and may have been one of the ones who was handling Mr. Mendez but he could not be certain.*

Officer Silva was asked about the video he was shown by Sergeant Pribesh. He said a day or two later she came to patrol held up her phone showing a video on some social media site of the incident. He did not get up close to inspect it she was in the doorway and he could not see it up close. It was just a blur of motion and some sound he did not feel like he needed to inspect it since he was on scene already and he know what transpired. Officer Silva states she then said something to the effect of "Be careful because, uh, it's all out there already." *(Page 20, line 881)* Then said something to the effect our statements that were written in addendums were so far consistent with the complaints that were made after from the people involved.

Officer Silva was asked if the video was in color or in black and white he said he believed it was in color, most likely a cell phone camera but he did not inspect it closely and there was sound, and he heard overlapping voices as a crowd. He was then asked if he had seen any other videos pertaining to this incident he said no.

Officer Silva was asked about while he was on scene once again. He was asked if he had entered the scene with his Taser out he said no he believed he drew his Taser after Mr. Mendez went to the ground. Officer Silva remembered being nipped in the rear by Officer Mullenax's dog. He was asked at that point if he had his Taser out with its light on he said he did not recall. He was asked if he was right handed or left handed he stated he was right handed and carries his Taser on his left side and he does not carry an

asp on his duty belt. He was asked if he carries any striking implements with him he said no. Officer Silva stated that when Mr. Mendez was on the ground he had his Taser in his right hand and placed it against Mr. Mendez placing it on his shoulder and stated it must have been his left shoulder. Officer Silva stated Mr. Mendez was face down, he was asked if Mr. Mendez was looking at him or away, he said Mr. Mendez was facing directly down. He was asked if Mr. Mendez's face was face down into the concrete he said yes. Officer Silva was then asked if he know who was next him when he was doing this he said he did not.

It was explained to Officer Silva that Officer Bobby Hernandez was right next to him and he was asked how long he has known Officer Bobby Hernandez, he said since the academy about a year and a half. He was asked if he has gone to other calls with Officer Hernandez in the past he stated yes a few. *It was then explained to Officer Silva that Detective Fortes would have been right in front of him on the other side of Mr. Mendez then he was asked if he recalled this. He said again he did not specifically recall Detective Fortes being there, it's possible he may have filtered him out looking at uniforms and the suspect.* It was explained to Officer Silva that there was no one else in front of him except for Mr. Mendez at this point and his vision would not have been obstructed. Officer Silva explained the following, he believed there was some other Officers on the other side of him (Mr. Mendez) on the other of his body on the right. He was asked how this would affect his vision he said, well they would have been standing his right side over him slightly, some of them may have been on there knees or squatting down. *Officer Silva was asked what they were doing he said controlling his (Mr. Mendez) limbs. Officer Silva was asked if at this point he saw Mr. Mendez get cuffed he said he did not believe he was able to see the actual action of him being cuffed.*

Officer Silva was asked if Mr. Mendez moved while he had his Taser on him he said he did not know. He was asked if at one point his cuffs fell off his belt he said he believed they fell from his hand they may have fell when he had drawn them from the belt. Officer Silva was asked at the point he drew his cuff if he had his Taser in his hand or not. He said he did not recall. He was asked what hand he draws his cuffs with he said his right. He was asked if he held his Taser in his right hand and he said yes, he usually draws the Taser with the left hand and moves it to the right.

He was asked if he said he had his Taser out he said yes, he was asked if he thought he took his cuffs off before the Taser or after the Taser, he said he believed that would be cuffs first Taser second. He was asked why he took his cuffs out he said to try and lend someone a pair of cuffs to secure his hands. He was asked who he planned to lend them to he said, he was going to try and get close to him (Mr. Mendez) and see if he could do it himself if not hand them to someone who was in a better position, but they fell out of his hand before he could do so.

Officer Silva was asked if he was on the ground when he took his cuffs off he said he did not recall and may have been kneeling. He was asked if he was in a position to cuff Mr. Mendez he said no. He explained at first, he was attempting to handcuff him when those fell out of his hand afterward it was observed he had a gun that when he drew his Taser and prepared for that. Officer Silva was asked when Mr. Mendez was cuffed if his cuffs had been used he said yes but did not specifically recall. Officer Silva remembers recovering the cuffs from Mr. Mendez while in Booking later.

Officer Silva was asked if while on scene he recalls Detective Fortes at all, he said he did not specifically. *It was explained to Officer Silva that Detective Fortes hands him something after Mr. Mendez is cuffed. Officer Silva stated, now that it was mentioned, someone in plain clothes did hand him his cartridge he had removed from his Taser, dropped, to dry stun.* He also recalled that it was a plain clothes Detective, black male. *So that presumably being Detective Fortes that would make sense that he was there in the immediate area around Mendez.* Officer Silva stated that he had not specifically recalled him before as one of the officers who was putting his hands-on Mendez when he was being handcuffed. But given that

he definitely was the one who handed him his cartridge back he recalled that.

Officer Silva was asked where his cartridge fell from he stated he removed it from the Taser, he may have been attempting to put it back in a pocket or just set it aside somewhere while he focused on the suspect. Officer Silva was asked where he was going to set it aside he said anywhere the cartridge itself is not a danger when it is removed from the Taser and his intention was to dry stun he knew he could not use the projectile prongs in a crowd.

Officer Silva was asked to walk through how he handled his equipment. Officer Silva stated he first he removed his handcuffs when he was standing on his (Mr. Mendez) left side to try and move into a position where he could handcuff him or hand them to someone who was in a better position. The handcuffs fell from his hands a few moments later when someone yelled that he had a gun he drew his Taser removed the cartridge and either attempted to set it aside on the ground or put it in a pocket. Either way it did end up on the ground and he removed it because he knew if he tried to deploy it with the cartridge with the prongs he could very well end up hitting one of his own Officers. He removed the cartridge decided to go for an attempt a direct stun and reach through the gap he could find to his shoulder.

Officer Silva was asked if he saw Detective Fortes strike Mr. Mendez now that he remembered who he was he said no. He was asked if he saw what Detective Fortes was doing he said he could not and believed Detective Fortes had his back to him. Officer Silva was told Detective Fortes was right in front of him when he had his Taser he said he did not recall what he was doing. Officer Silva stated that Detective Fortes was in contact with Mr. Mendez, but he did not know exactly what Detective Fortes hands were doing. He believed Detective Fortes had his hands-on Mr. Mendez somewhere, he could not see exactly where.

Officer Silva was asked if he saw Detective Fortes use an asp to remove Mr. Mendez's hands from underneath his body he said he did not recall that. He was asked if he saw him extend an asp he said he did not recall that either. He was asked if he heard an asp being extended he said no.

Officer Silva was asked if he used or saw anyone use unnecessary force he said no. Officer Silva was asked if he used or saw anyone use unreasonable force he said no. Officer Silva was asked if he used or saw anyone use excessive force he said no. *Officer Silva was asked if he noticed any injuries on Mr. Mendez while Mr. Mendez was on the ground. He said not when he was on the ground, but he noted the facial injuries after Mr. Mendez stood up while on scene.* Officer Silva was asked if Mr. Mendez was bleeding he said yes. He stated he noticed that Mr. Mendez had injuries to his face. He stated he did not which side of the face but somewhere above one of his eyebrows something that might have been sustained when skin was in contact with the pavement.

Officer Silva stated he transported Mr. Mendez and Mr. Mendez warned that he had a round loaded in his weapon and Officer Silva told him that they were familiar with how weapons operate that they would make it safe. Mr. Mendez told him this while he was being place in the patrol car. *Officer Silva was asked if he noticed any injuries while putting Mr. Mendez in the patrol car. He said he may have had some other, facial injuries. The one that stood out to him was the one just mentioned, above his eyebrow. He thought the others were shallower and he could not tell us exactly where they were. Officer Silva said yes when asked if he recalled seeing other injuries. (Page 30, line 1342-1349)*

Officer Silva was asked about when Mr. Mendez was taken to the ground if he in any way used his feet or whatever to control him or to start helping to control him he said no.

Officer Silva was asked about his handcuffs when he tried to handcuff Mr. Mendez but he could not. Officer Silva stated he could not get his hands no. He was asked if he was going to hand his cuffs off to

another officer he said yes. He was asked do other Officers carry their own handcuffs he said yes but their hands may have been busy, and they might not have been in an advantageous position to draw their own. He was asked, but you could not see that right and said no. He was keeping his options open if he could have handcuffed him himself he would have. And if he could not have then he would see if he could offer them to someone who was on the right side of him maybe who had better control of his other side.

Officer Silva was asked why he did not call medics when he noticed Mr. Mendez's injuries on scene he stated it was a chaotic scene there were still other friends and family members who were there in the backyard and they may have still been outnumbered at that point. They prioritized the transport to booking or we could call medics to come treat him in a more stable environment. Officer Silva was asked if he called for medics on the way or after Mr. Mendez fell he said he did not believe he was the one to call medics and he did not know who made the call.

Officer Silva was asked if he transported Mr. Mendez by himself he said yes, he was asked, so you were bringing an injured party to booking but you were waiting for someone else to call for the medic he said yes. *Officer Silva was asked if he stated that when he arrived at booking he took the cuffs off Mr. Mendez he said yes. He was then asked if Mr. Mendez was cuffed when he passed out. Officer Silva said no his hands were free, he believes he might have removed the handcuffs himself, but his hands were definitely free when he lost consciousness. (Page 34, line 1485-1492)*

Officer Silva was asked if he recalled talking to Mr. Mendez about his gun permit he said yes, he asked him if he could see his gun permit still in his wallet on his person and Mr. Mendez agreed to let him see it through the bars of the cell. Officer Silva was asked if he had to go into Mr. Mendez's pocket to get it he said yes. Officer Silva was asked, if Mr. Mendez was un-cuffed why wouldn't he just hand it to him. Officer Silva stated well he must have been cuffed if he took it from his pocket. Officer Silva the said he thought he recalled him being un-cuffed when he lost consciousness, but he could be wrong about that.

Officer Silva was asked when he brought Mr. Mendez out of the backyard if his car was to the right or the left as he walk out he said it was in the opposite side of the street a little further think that will be north they took a right when they left the house.

Officer Silva was asked if he saw any supervisor on scene he said he saw Sergeant Scillia on scene.

Officer Silva was asked what he did with Mr. Mendez after he placed him in his car he said he transported him to booking. He was asked if when he got to booking if he has walked him up by himself he said there may have been other people with him especially because they were bringing other prisoners.

Officer Silva was asked if on the way to booking with Mr. Mendez if Mr. Mendez complain about any injuries he said he did not recall. He was pretty compliant and when they entered booking he did not give them any problems.

Officer Silva was asked if anyone directed him to write reports or addendums and nine byes he said yes but did not recall which supervisor, but he was directed to write the addendum to the whole incident as well as a nine by for Mr. Mendez when he lost consciousness. *Officer Silva stated he did not complete a use of force and no one told him what to write in his report.*

The following is a summary of several videos which were obtained during the course of this investigation capturing the conduct of Officer Stephen Silva on the October 21, 2017 and October 22, 2017 at the following locations: 316 Colorado Avenue Bridgeport CT, 300 Congress Street Bridgeport CT in the Booking Area and the Report Writing Area in the rear of the booking area.

1. Video Name: **10-21-17 316 Colorado Avenue Berke USB**, this particular video captured several different views of 316 Colorado Avenue. The views/cameras were named ch01, ch02, ch03, ch04, ch05, ch06 and ch07. The data captured by these cameras were stored in segments/files identified by time stamps in military time. The following is a summary of what was captured relative to the conduct of Officer Stephen Silva.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on view/camera ch07, segment 222410-223244 at 10:28:25PM (time stamp on video) arriving from the left side of the house (316 Colorado Avenue) walking towards the driveway.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on view/camera ch06, segment 2212551-222942 at 10:29:37PM (time stamp on video) watching the take down of Mr. Carlos Mendez.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on view/camera ch06, segment 222942-224634 at 10:29:54PM (time stamp on video) actively participating in the securing Mr. Carlos Mendez while he is lying on the ground. Officer Silva is on the left side of Mr. Carlos Mendes and appears to be in directed contact with Mr. Carlos Mendes. Officer Silva is also face to face with Detective Fortes who is on the right side of Mr. Carlos Mendes and appears to be in direct contact with Mr. Carlos Mendes. From this point on during the arrest and cuffing of Mr. Mendes Officer Silva's field of vision appears to be unobstructed. To the left of Officer Silva is Officer Bobby Hernandez and to the right of Officer Silva is Sergeant Scalia.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on view/camera ch06, segment 222942-224634 at 10:30:03PM (time stamp on video) remaining in his position in contact with Mr. Mendes with what appears to be an unobstructed view. Officer Stanitis squeezes between Officer Silva and Officer Bobby Hernandez kneels and appears to strike Mr. Mendes several times. Officer Stanitis stands momentarily then kneels and strikes Mr. Mendes several more times and walks away. Officer Silva, Officer Hernandez and Detective Fortes maintain their position around Mr. Mendes who is still lying on the ground during the strikes of Officer Stanitis.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on view/camera ch06, segment 222942-224634 at 10:30:30PM (time stamp on video) remaining in his position in contact with Mr. Mendes with what appears to be an unobstructed view and Officer Szeps complete the handcuffing of Mr. Mendes and stands up as does Officer Silva.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on view/camera ch06, segment 222942-224634 at 10:30:33PM (time stamp on video) remaining in his position now standing over Mr. Mendes with what appears to be an unobstructed view and Sergeant Scillia appears to strike Mr. Mendes twice.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on view/camera ch06, segment 222942-224634 at 10:30:36PM (time stamp on video) remaining in his position now standing over Mr. Mendes with what appears to be an unobstructed view and Detective Fortes hands him something.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on view/camera ch06, segment 222942-224634 at 10:30:44PM (time stamp on video) remaining in his position now standing over Mr. Mendes as Mr.

Mendes is picked up off the ground by Officer Szeps and Sergeant Scillia and Officer Silva grabs the left arm of Mr. Mendes and helps Officer Szeps escort him out to the front of the home.

Video Name: 10-21-17 Booking Desk 4 views with audio, this particular series of videos captures four different views of the Booking Desk Area within the Bridgeport Police Department located at 300 Congress Street. PD1-6 BOOKING DESK BEHIND, PD1-11 BOOKING DESK FRONT, PD1-5 BOOKING DESK SIDE, CITY-PD BOOKING MONEY COUNTER.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on (View/camera PD1-6 BOOKING DESK BEHIND) at 10:48:12 Officer Silva walks in with Mr. Mendes who has visible injuries on the left temple area of his head. Officer Silva places Mr. Mendes in the holding cell while he is still handcuffed.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on (View/camera PD1-6 BOOKING DESK BEHIND) at 10:53:03 Officer Silva intervenes with an argument that is taking place between Officer Lattanzio and arrestee Mr. Peter Diaz who is handcuffed and standing at the booking desk. Officer Silva grabs Mr. Diaz and appears to whisper in the left ear of Mr. Diaz while he is yelling at Officer Lattanzio. Mr. Diaz then spits on Officer Lattanzio while Officer Silva is holding him and Officer Faroni is to the right of Mr. Diaz. Officer Lattanzio then punches Mr. Diaz in the face while Officer Silva is holding him, and Mr. Diaz falls to the ground while handcuffed.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on (View/camera CITY-PD BOOKING DESK MONEY COUNTER) at 10:53:39 with Officer Faroni attempting to pick Mr. Diaz up off the floor.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on (View/camera PD3-7 MALE 7) at 10:57:11 placing Mr. Diaz in Male cell number 7.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on (View/camera PD1-5 BOOKING DESK SIDE) at 11:04:03 speaking with Mr. Mendes who is cuffed in the holding cell removing something from his rear pocket.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on (View/camera PD1-9 HOLDING CELL REAR) at 11:08:39 attempting to remove or loosen the handcuffs from Mr. Mendes who is cuffed in the holding cell.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on (View/camera PD1-5 BOOKING DESK SIDE) at 11:30:19 speaking with Mr. Mendes who is cuffed in the holding cell.

On October 21, 2017 Officer Silva is captured on (View/camera PD1-5 BOOKING DESK SIDE) at 11:31:01 speaking with Mr. Mendes who is cuffed in the holding cell and falls to the floor.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined Officer Stephen Silva has sustained Bridgeport Police Department Rules and Regulations/ Policy and Procedure violations at this time.

48. Police Officer Joseph Pires

Summary of Police Report # 171021-197 authored by Officer Joseph Pires

Officer Pires reports that while on scene at 316 Colorado Avenue, he observed Officer Michael Stanitis escorting a combative male subject in custody from the premises. Officer Pires relates that the male subject later identified as Fernando Morales was yelling obscenities at officers and was actively resisting against Officer Stanitis. According to Officer Pires, he approached and secured Morales's right arm and assisted Officer Stanitis escort him to an available patrol vehicle.

Officer Pires states that upon arrival to the vehicle, Morales was ordered to place himself against the rear of the vehicle in order to allow officers to open the rear doors and while placing Morales at the rear of the vehicle he began yelling, "Fuck you mother fuckers" and began posturing himself against the vehicle and pushing off against Officers. Officer Pires explains that while he and Officer Stanitis were holding Morales against the vehicle he then began to place his legs against the vehicle and attempt to push off again and he tried to break away from Officers.

Officer Pires indicates that at this point, he grabbed hold of Morales's left arm with both hands by placing his right leg against his left leg and then spin him 180 degrees. Officer Pires states that he then brought Morales down to the ground and placed him on his chest and stomach. Officer Pires continues that while Morales was on the ground, he continued to be combative and yell, "Fuck you." Officer Pires articulates that he held Morales on the ground by utilizing both hands and knee control maneuvers until the vehicle was able to be opened. Officer Pires documents that Officer Stanitis helped secure Morales and then picked up Morales from the ground and secured him in the rear of the vehicle. Officer Pires states that Morales was transported to booking by officer Douglas Bepko. *Note that Officer Pires completed a Use of Force for this incident days after the incident had occurred which was eventually signed off by Sergeant Ivan Delgado on 10/31/18. In addition, Officer Pires does not mention Officer Linet Castillo-Jimenez who also assisted in the placing of Morales inside the patrol vehicle.*

Summary of Police Report # 171021-307 authored by Officer Joseph Pires

Officer Pires reports that while on scene at 316 Colorado Avenue, he heard the sound of a car engine revving up and then observed a blue ford pickup truck swerving around police vehicles that had their emergency lights activated. Officer Pires explains that the pickup truck accelerated towards the officers who were standing outside this location, including him, had to move quickly out of the way of the vehicle in order to avoid being struck. Officer Pires states that he along with another officer signaled with their hands, voices, and flashlights to get the operator, later identified as Jose Rosario, to pull over.

Officer Pires notes that Rosario stopped just short of hitting Sergeant Paul Scillia in front of 327 Colorado Avenue as he was waving for him to pull over. Officer Pires relates that he observed Rosario repeatedly reach down to his right side as he was ordered repeatedly to place his hands on the steering wheel. Officer Pires indicates that he opened the driver's side door and grabbed Rosario's left arm to remove him from the vehicle. Officer Pires documents that Rosario resisted getting out and that he had to forcibly remove Rosario and secure his left wrist and upper arm and order him to place his chest against the vehicle.

Officer Pires conveys that Rosario placed himself against the police vehicle but continued to tense his left arm as he attempted to handcuff him. Officer Pires continues that he secured Rosario in handcuffs (checked for fit and double locked) and placed him in the rear of officer Mathew Johnson's vehicle and was later transported to booking. Officer Pires notes that Rosario's vehicle was secured and towed by Jim's to 1020 Kossuth Street.

Officer Pires writes that while performing an inventory incident to tow on Rosario's vehicle, he found inside the center arm rest console a CVS prescription bottle containing a leafy green plant like substance emitting a strong odor consistent with that of marijuana. Officer Pires states that upon arrival to booking, he tested the plant like substance using Nark test kit 10008 which yielded a positive result for Marijuana/THC. (The substance and container combined weighed approximately 11.5 grams) Officer Pires states that a Use of Force report was completed and submitted to Sergeant Ivan Delgado. According to Officer Pires, Jose Rosario was charged as follows: 14-222 Reckless driving, 14-223(a) Disobeying direction to stop from an officer, and 53a-167a Interfering with an officer. Officer Pires states that Jose Rosario was also issued an infraction ticket for Possession of marijuana less than 1/2 ounce. *Note that Officer Pires completed a Use of Force for this incident on a different day from when the incident occurred, however, because the reports are not time stamped it cannot be determined when the report was written. It should also be noted that Sergeant Delgado signs the cover page for the Use of Force on 10/31/18.*

Summary of statement given by Officer Joseph Pires, summarized by Sergeant Fabio Pereira. Officer Pires stated the following among other things:

This is the summary of the statement given by Officer Joseph Pires. This interview was conducted by Sergeant Santiago Llanos and present was Sergeant John Burke and Union Steward Bruno Rodrigues on December 11, 2017. This interview utilized audio taped log # 6008. The Interview was conducted at the Office of Internal Affairs located at 999 Broad Street Bridgeport, Connecticut. This interview is regarding an internal investigation initiated by the Chief of Police Armando J. Perez involving an incident at 316 Colorado Avenue on October 21, 2017 at approximately 2200 hours.

During the interview, Officer Pires stated that he was working Green 34 on the evening in question. Officer Pires relates that upon his arrival, he observed officers bringing people out from the back of the home that were already in handcuffs. Officer Pires states that he saw Officer Stanitis bringing out a person, Mr. Fernando Morales, that was in handcuffs who was actively resisting and pulling and that he assisted in bringing him to vehicle and to secure him inside.

Officer Pires indicates that when they got to the vehicle, the vehicle was locked. According to Officer Pires, they placed him against the quarter panel of the vehicle in order to open the doors and that upon doing so, Mr. Morales continued resisting and tried turning away from them and tried pushing himself off the vehicle to break away from their grasp.

Officer Pires continued that at that time, Mr. Morales was trying to get his foot up to push off the vehicle and that he had a hold of his left arm at that time. Officer Pires articulates that he then grabbed him and spun him around over his leg and his hip and brought him to the ground chest first. Officer Pires discloses that Mr. Morales continued yelling obscenities like, "Fuck you" and screaming other things and continued to try and pull away from his grasp. Officer Pires stated that he had to use knee controls to hold Mr. Morales onto the ground. Officer Pires states that Officer Stanitis then opened the vehicle and then came over and assisted in getting Mr. Morales up off the ground and they placed him inside the rear of the vehicle. Officer Pires noted that he did not strike Mr. Morales nor was he injured as a result of being taken to the ground.

Officer Pires states that once they got Mr. Morales inside the vehicle, they were trying to determine whose vehicle it was so that they could get the road cleared and have people begin to be transported to booking. Officer Pires imparts that once they determined that it was Officer Douglas Bepko's vehicle, he stood by until the incident began calming down and everybody started heading to booking.

It should be noted that Officer Pires did not mention at any time in his statement that Officer Linet Castillo-Jimenez was present in the interaction with Mr. Morales. Officer Castillo-Jimenez related in her statement that she made sure that Mr. Morales didn't slam his head against the ground. Officer Castillo-Jimenez added that she had grabbed Mr. Morales by the chest and put him on the ground and that she held him by the chest, so he can stop moving and told him to stay quiet. *Please see Officer Castillo-Jimenez's incident report and statement for full details of her involvement.*

Officer Pires states that he then helped escort the DJ back to get his equipment at which time there were family members around. Officer Pires expresses that at that point, he just wanted to help him get to the backyard safely without incident and at the time since it was unknown to him if he was in danger given the situation and how it erupted. Officer Pires states that he escorted him to the back and the DJ started to break down his equipment and made his way back to the road. Officer Pires reveals that while on scene, he observed a group of people pushing an empty wheelchair down the street away from the property.

Officer Pires states that while still on scene he heard the sound of an engine revving and then observed a truck picking up speed and swerving around the police vehicles which had their lights activated and making his way up towards the street. Officer Pires relates that he along with several other officers had to jump out the way of this vehicle and that they were signaling the vehicle with their flashlights and yelling at the driver to stop.

Officer Pires reveals that the vehicle came to a stop just past the house and that he and several other officers approached the vehicle and observed the driver moving around the vehicle. According to Officer Pires, the driver Mr. Jose Rosario, was ordered to keep his hands on the steering wheel and that he could see him constantly reaching down to his right side. Officer Pires states that he ordered Mr. Rosario out of the vehicle and he was non-compliant. Officer Pires continues that he then opened the driver's side door and ordered him out of the vehicle again, however, Mr. Rosario did not comply. Officer Pires states that he then grabbed him by his left arm and removed him from the vehicle and placed him against the police vehicle that was right next to them and placed him in handcuffs.

Officer Pires notes that he was the only one that removed Mr. Rosario from the vehicle and that there were other officers nearby but because it was a tight space between the vehicle, there was only room for himself and nobody else was able to get in there. Officer Pires indicates that when they searched the vehicle they found marijuana. Officer Pires states that Officer Linet-Castillo-Jimenez remained on scene with him and assisted with the tow sheets and tow. Officer Pires exclaimed that he does not remember whether the pick-up truck was moved from its original position from where Mr. Rosario was removed. Officer Pires declares that Mr. Rosario was not injured in the incident and that completed a Use of Force for this incident, and according to him, he, "Uh, I believe I completed everything that night. If not, it was handed in - and, uh, completed the next morning or the, uh - the next day for next shift. But it was all within, uh, the timeframe." (Pires 440-442)

Officer Pires notes that he observed Sergeant Stacey Lyons, Sergeant Paul Scillia, and Sergeant Sean Lynch. Officer Pires indicates that after the vehicle was towed, he went to Booking to begin processing his motor vehicle arrest. According to Officer Pires, while at booking he did not observe any altercations between the officers and any of the prisoners.

Summary of Video Footage provided by Attorney Robert Berke capturing the conduct of Officer Pires.

By reviewing this video footage, Officer Pires is seen under Channel 7 at 10:32:51 walking towards the front of the house. Officer Pires then walks to the backyard with the DJ and stands by as the DJ is breaking down his equipment. At this point, there are only a few civilians around and several officers on

scene, however, during Officer Pires time in the backyard, there is nothing significant that occurs. This can be seen under Channel 6. Still under Channel 7, the viewer can observe Officer Pires walk out with the DJ to the front of the house at 10:37:41. At 10:38:40 Officer Pires is standing in the street behind a parked vehicle right in front of the driveway of 316 Colorado Avenue, while Sergeant Stacey Lyons is speaking with Sergeant Jeffrey Long who standing in the street next to a parked car. The viewer can then see a vehicle traveling North on Colorado Avenue at a high rate of speed which nearly hits Sergeant Lyons and Sergeant Long who are hugging each other. ***Note that Officer Pires indicated in his statement that he, as well multiple officers, had to move out of the way of the vehicle to avoid being hit. However, he was not in standing in the street at the time and neither did he, or Sergeant Lyons, or Sergeant Long have to jump out of the way of the truck, as he stated. In fact, Sergeant Lyons does not observe the vehicle right until it is close to her and Sergeant Long has his back to the pick-up truck because Sergeant Lyons is hugging her.*** In addition, Officer Pires states that the pick-up truck had to swerve around the police vehicles which had their emergency lights activated. In the video the viewer can see that there are several police vehicles with their police lights on to the South of the house on Colorado Avenue, however, a viewer cannot see the pick-up truck swerving around the vehicle. Sergeant Lyons and Officer Pires quickly walk towards the vehicle who is out of the camera view. Channel 3 which would have caught the arrest of Jose Rosario does not work. It should also be noted that Officer Pires documents in his report that the vehicle stopped just short of hitting Sergeant Scillia, however, this cannot be confirmed through Channel 3 since it does not work or Channel 1 which catches only a little bit of the front of the vehicle.

Under Channel 1 which records the North side of Colorado Avenue, the pick-up truck is moved by Sergeant Scillia at 10:40:17 North of the incident location which now captures the vehicle. Note that Officer Pires related in his statement that he did not recall anyone moving the vehicle, however, a viewer cannot see Officer Pires around the vehicle when it is being moved. At 11:03:42, a viewer can see a group of people that were in the party carrying the wheelchair away and loading it into a vehicle. Officer Pires stands by the vehicle along with Officer Linet-Castillo until the tow truck arrives on scene at 11:05. The vehicle is loaded onto tow truck and taken away at 11:08:40 and the Officers leave the scene.

Note that Officer Pires mentions seeing Sergeant Lynch was on scene, however, Sergeant Lynch is not on the roster for the day in question nor is he seen anywhere in the video footage that this Office has acquired.

Summary of Booking Video capturing the conduct of Officer Pires

By reviewing the Booking footage, Officer Pires is seen walking in to the Report Writing Room at 11:25:15. Officer Pires at one time goes to the Booking desk at which time, Mr. Mendez is being treated inside the Holding Center by the medics from his fall. The rest of the time, Officer Pires spends most of his time in the report writing room and then leaves Booking at 04:11:51 on October 22, 2017.

The undersigned Sergeant has determined, based on the statement of Officer Joseph Pires coupled with the facts and circumstances revealed and obtained during the course of this investigation, that the preponderance of evidence has been substantiated to conclude Officer Joseph Pires has violated Bridgeport Police Policy and Procedures/Rules and Regulations.

Total Number of Redactions: 14

By Exemption:

"Names and addresses of persons issued a permit to sell pistols/revolvers, or temporary state permit to carry pistol/revolver, or state local permit to carry pistol/revolver" (CGS Sec. 29-28(d)): 7 instances

"Personal Information" (CGS Sec. 42-471): 3 instances

"Federal Violence Against Women Act of 2005" (Federal VAW Act): 2 instances

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