

JIM STRICKLAND MAYOR

DIVISION OF POLICE SERVICES

June 11, 2021

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

Re: ISB FILE # I2019-022

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

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

The Board voted to not sustain Mr. Robinson's complaint of excessive force by officers during his arrest on June 12, 2019. However, the Board raised concerns that Mr. Richardson did not seem to be engaging in unlawful activity at the time of his arrest. Therefore, the Board recommended the Memphis Police Department provide a review of its policies and procedures of what constitutes a lawful arrest in every situation.

Training on arrests and investigatory stops is and will continue to be provided to officers during the Department's yearly in-service training. Guidance to officers on such matters are also addressed during roll call discussions. This specific area of training is critically important and I am committed to ensuring that all sworn officers are properly trained to operate within the law and the policies and procedures of the Memphis Police Department.

Sincerely,

Michael Ryall, Director Memphis Police Services