

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO.: 1:15-CV-01046
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	JUDGE SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.
vs.	)	
	)	<b><u>NOTICE SUBMITTING MONITORING</u></b>
CITY OF CLEVELAND	)	<b><u>TEAM'S FORCE INVESTIGATION</u></b>
	)	<b><u>TEAM (FIT) INVESTIGATIONS</u></b>
	)	<b><u>ASSESSMENT</u></b>
Defendant.	)	
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The Monitoring Team respectfully notifies the Court of the attached assessment into the quality and timeliness of the work of the Cleveland Division of Police (“CDP” or “the Division”) Force Investigation Team (“FIT”) investigations of pursuant to paragraph 119 of the Consent Decree.<sup>1</sup> The Consent Decree requires “[o]n at least an annual basis, the Monitor will determine whether the criminal investigations conducted by the outside agency are consistently objective, timely, and comprehensive.” *Id.*

CDP created a FIT Manual in collaboration with the Department of Justice and the Monitoring Team to provide key guidance to CDP personnel on the implementation of the FIT’s responsibilities and procedures. On April 22, 2020, the Monitor filed with the Court the FIT Manual, a General Police Order identifying how FIT would operate within the structure of CDP, as well as a related Memorandum of Understanding between the CDP and the Cuyahoga County

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<sup>1</sup> Dkt. 413.

Sheriff's Department, documenting the Sheriff Department's responsibility for conducting criminal investigations of fatal CDP officer-involved shootings.<sup>2</sup> The Court approved these documents for use by CDP in an Order dated May 1, 2020.<sup>3</sup>

In order to ensure FIT investigators had the necessary training to competently conduct these important investigations in accordance with the requirements of the Consent Decree, the parties (the CDP and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)) worked with the Monitoring Team to create a training curriculum for FIT investigators. A finalized training curriculum was submitted to the Court for approval on June 7, 2021<sup>4</sup> and ultimately approved by the Court on June 9, 2021.<sup>5</sup>

The attached assessment ("Exhibit A") contains the Monitoring Team's assessment methodology, a detailed background of previous FIT-related compliance issues, the Monitoring Team's current assessment based on relevant and available information, and its conclusions and recommendations. summarizes the process and the findings of the Monitoring Team's assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>2</sup> Dkt. #309.

<sup>3</sup> Dkt. #311.

<sup>4</sup> Dkt. #361.

<sup>5</sup> Dkt. #362.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on October 24, 2023, I served the foregoing document entitled **Notice Submitting Monitoring Team's Force Investigation Team (FIT) Assessment** via the court's ECF system to all counsel of record.

/s/ Karl A. Racine  
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