

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 REVIEW OF CHAPPMAN FATAL</u></b>
	)	<b><u>PURSUIT INVESTIGATIONS</u></b>
Defendant.	)	
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The Monitoring Team respectfully submits its review of the administrative investigations and adjudications conducted by the City of Cleveland Division of Police (“CDP”), Office of Professional Standards (“OPS”), Civilian Police Review Board (“CPRB”), and the Department of Public Safety (“DPS”) of the CDP vehicle pursuit that ended with the death of Tamia Chappman. (Exhibit A). Appended to the review is the Timeline of Events detailing the date, description, and responsible entity for significant related events. (Exhibit B).

The Consent Decree requires the Monitoring Team to “conduct reviews and audits as necessary to determine whether the City and CDP have complied with the requirements of this Agreement.”<sup>1</sup> The decree also requires the City to create formal and informal processes that

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<sup>1</sup> Dkt. 7-1 at ¶360.

“promote public trust and confidence in CDP.”<sup>2</sup> Following the critical incident involving the death of Tamia Chappman on December 20, 2019, the Monitoring Team set out to evaluate whether the accountability mandates of the Consent Decree were met through the investigatory processes employed by the City and CDP. Specifically, our review served to evaluate whether those processes “ensure[d] that all allegations of officer misconduct, whether internally discovered or alleged by a civilian, [were] fully, fairly, and efficiently investigated.”<sup>3</sup> Our review of City processes and decision-making began immediately upon being made aware of Miss Chappman’s tragic death through media reports. A critical incident of compelling public interest such as this requires the City’s best resources and efforts to make certain that the events leading up to the incident are fully understood and, where appropriate, serve as a tool for improving City policy and processes. This review provides a comprehensive assessment of the investigations completed by CDP and OPS, the adjudication processes of the PRB and DPS, and the City’s public statements regarding its investigations.

The attached review details our findings. It identifies several deficiencies in the investigatory and adjudicatory processes related to this pursuit. It also details how those processes frustrated key objectives of the Consent Decree. Despite those deficiencies, the Monitoring Team remains committed to working with the City of Cleveland to implement the Consent Decree fully and effectively. We look forward to working with the incoming City administration toward that effort.

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<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at ¶14.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at ¶176.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on December 27, 2021, I served the foregoing document entitled **NOTICE SUBMITTING MONITORING TEAM REVIEW OF CHAPPMAN FATAL PURSUIT INVESTIGATIONS** via the court's ECF system to all counsel of record.

/s/ Ayesha B. Hardaway \_\_\_\_\_  
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