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Tuesday, July 2, 2013,
Before Wendy A. Boer, CSR 3505.

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APPEARANCES :

MS. JESSICA TAYLOR, CHAIRPERSON

MR. JEROME WARFIELD, COMMISSIONER

MR. DONNELL WHITE, COMMISSIONER

MR. TONEY STEWART, COMMISSIONER

MR. GEORGE ANTHONY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MR. JAMES TOLBERT, DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

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1 Detroit, Michigan
2 Tuesday, July 2, 2013
3 About 3:10 p.m.
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5 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Good afternoon everybody.
6 Good afternoon. Welcome to the Board of Police
7 Commissioners meeting. I'm Commissioner Jessica Taylor.
8 And I'm joined in with Commissioner Jerome Warfield and
9 Sergeant Carey. Commissioner White is in route I
10 believe and Commissioner Stewart is supposed to be here
11 also. And Commissioner -- I mean, I'm sorry. I'm
12 nervous. Bear with me. Just be kind now. I'll get
13 through this meeting. I will be okay the second
14 meeting.

15 Sitting in for the chief I understand that
16 Deputy Chief Tolbert is in route. And he'll be joining
17 us. The chief will be here I'm sure next week maybe.
18 But there's Chief Tolbert, Deputy Chief Tolbert.

19 At this time, I'm going to ask if George
20 Anthony, our Board secretary, would introduce our staff.

21 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you, Madame Chair.
22 For the record, George Anthony, secretary to the Board.
23 We have seated in the front Miss Pamela Davis-Drake our
24 chief investigator, Miss Lolitha Porter-Coleman,
25 director of police personnel, Miss Celia Banks

1 Washington, who is our attorney to the Board. We also
2 have Mr. Robert Brown standing in the back who is our
3 office manager. Sergeant Alan Quinn is recording our
4 proceedings, and Miss Wendy Boer from Hanson Court
5 Reporting Service. That complete the introductions,
6 ma'am.

7 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Okay. I'd like to
8 acknowledge that the vice chair, Commissioner Donnell
9 White, has joined us and also, DC Tolbert is sitting in
10 for the chief.

11 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: Good afternoon.

12 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: At this time, I would
13 like to ask Chaplain Pinson if he would come and lead us
14 in prayer.

15 CHAPLAIN PINSON: May we all bow our heads in
16 a word of prayer? Oh gracious, kind and wonderful
17 heavenly father, we come before you first and foremost
18 to say thank you. We thank you, God, for the department
19 that has established itself over 150 years. And now we
20 stand on the threshold with new leadership, God. We
21 pray, God, as you have blessed us down through the
22 years, that you will continuously bless us so we can
23 continuously serve as a beacon of light in this
24 community. We bless your holy name, in Jesus name,
25 amen.

1 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: At this time, I'm going
2 to ask for a motion to approve the agenda for Tuesday,
3 July 2nd, 2013.

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So moved.

5 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Support.

6 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: It's been moved and
7 supported. All in favor?

8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

9 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Those opposed? Motion
10 carries. Now I'd like to ask for the approval of the
11 minutes for Thursday, June 20th, 2013.

12 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So moved.

13 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Support.

14 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: It's been moved and
15 supported. Motion carries. All in favor say aye.

16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All opposed say no.
18 Okay. All right. I will ask for a motion to approve
19 the minutes for Thursday, June 27, 2013.

20 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So moved.

21 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Support.

22 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All in favor?

23 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

24 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All opposed? Motion
25 carries. Okay. At this time, I don't have a

1 chairperson's report, but I will be giving a full report
2 next week -- well, the next meeting, talking about how
3 this Board is going to be moving forward and what we
4 plan to do and how we do it. Now, the secretary, do you
5 have a report?

6 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am. This is the
7 report of citizens complaints that were received in May
8 of 2013. The 2013 monthly count of complaints for May
9 was 130. And that's compared to the 2012 monthly count
10 of complaints at 117. So, there is an 11 percent
11 increase over last year. The year to date figure for
12 2013 is 475; for 2012, 539 which represents a 12 percent
13 decrease. At the end of May of 2013, the office of the
14 chief investigator had open investigations at 237, cases
15 filed 475, cases closed, 453.

16 Of the 130 cases that were filed in May of
17 2013, 41 percent involved unknown officers. The alleged
18 known units involved leading in complaints filed in May
19 of 2013 were the Second Precinct and communications at 6
20 percent, the Eastern District and traffic enforcement at
21 6 percent, the Sixth Precinct and Twelfth Precinct at 5
22 percent. The 130 cases filed in May of 2013 involved
23 233 allegations where the leading areas of concern were
24 demeanor at 31 percent, procedure at 29 percent, service
25 at 14 percent and force and harassment at 7 percent.

1 Also, if you note, that of those 233
2 allegations that were filed with regards to unknown
3 officers, there were 98 allegations filed against
4 unknown officers in May of 2013. That completes the
5 secretary's report.

6 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Are there any questions?
7 Okay. If not, then we will move to our next report
8 which is OCI monthly report.

9 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR DAVIS-DRAKE: Thank you,
10 Madame Chair. For the record, Pamela Davis-Drake, chief
11 investigator. Just a brief report on mostly
12 statistical. The report date, Tuesday, July 2, 2013.
13 We have a total of 276 open cases; 14 of those cases
14 have been submitted for closing. We have 0 cases over
15 90 that are currently due or currently have been
16 committed. Just a brief observation. The trend over
17 the last couple years has been that during the summer
18 months, we have an increase of CCR's. And that is
19 largely due to the fact that we have more citizens out
20 on the streets and likely more police contact. But we
21 do see a spike in the May numbers and likely a spike in
22 the June and July and August numbers as well I'm sure.
23 And that concludes my report.

24 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Are there any questions?

25 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Chief, I think it was

1 referenced at a previous meeting that we were taking a
2 closer look at complaints that originated behind an
3 entry search warrant or entry. Are we still tracking
4 that or have we compiled any data to date?

5 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR DAVIS-DRAKE: I believe
6 you're referring to the cases that were from drug busts
7 entering homes and search and seizure. Yes, we are
8 continuing to track those, sir.

9 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Is there a date
10 foreseeable where some data would be available that we
11 can look at?

12 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR DAVIS-DRAKE: I can have
13 some for you for the next meeting.

14 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All right. Okay, so if
16 there's no other questions, thank you.

17 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR DAVIS-DRAKE: Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Now we will have a report
19 or presentation from DC Tolbert.

20 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: Good afternoon, Madame
21 Chair. There is no report or presentation today from
22 the DPD.

23 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Okay. Well, then, we now
24 move to our unfinished business.

25 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Commissioner Stewart is

1 not here for the unfinished business. We will table it
2 unless he comes in. We can address it then.

3 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Okay. Now to
4 announcements. Our next meeting will be Thursday, July
5 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the Tenth Precinct, Focus
6 Hope, 1400 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan. And I
7 think this might be our last meeting here, but I'm not
8 sure.

9 SECRETARY ANTHONY: I think that's probably
10 correct. I think we will have our next meeting over at
11 the new public safety headquarters.

12 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: But this community
13 meeting on July 11 will be at Focus Hope. At this time
14 now I'm going to ask for oral communications from the
15 audience. And we'd just ask that you abide by our
16 two-minute rule.

17 OFFICER OWENS: Good afternoon. I'm Officer
18 Owens coming from the Northwest District. This is my
19 partner.

20 OFFICER COLEMAN: I'm Officer Baron Coleman
21 from the Northwest District.

22 OFFICER OWENS: We're here to inform everyone
23 that we are having a youth career job fair at our
24 precinct on July 11, that's next Thursday, between the
25 hours of 11 and 5:00 p.m. We have over 20 vendors that

1 will be there. And we also are anticipating a flag
2 hanging ceremony from the military. So, that's all.

3 OFFICER COLEMAN: We also extend a welcome for
4 all you guys to come on out and if you have any youth
5 that you might know that wants to be a part of our
6 career fair, please bring them along.

7 OFFICER OWENS: The ages are 15 to 21.

8 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Do you have flyers?

9 OFFICER OWENS: I do have flyers. I may not
10 have enough, but I can go and get some copies.

11 SECRETARY ANTHONY: I can make copies.

12 OFFICER COLEMAN: Does anybody have any
13 questions? Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Can you come back up?
15 Commissioner Warfield has some questions he'd like to
16 ask you.

17 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Are these summer jobs?

18 OFFICER OWENS: Well, the jobs can go on until
19 throughout the school year also. They are doing on site
20 interviewing, some of the vendors are. But most of it
21 all is going to be career orientated.

22 OFFICER COLEMAN: We work in the Northwest
23 District. We spend lot of our time with Henry Ford,
24 Mumford High School, Cody High school, CMH. And we find
25 a lot of kids that have no where to go, nothing to do.

1 So really my partner came up with the idea of trying to
2 find something for them to do for the summer.

3 OFFICER OWENS: Can't do it without him.

4 OFFICER COLEMAN: She come up with this great
5 idea. I go along with it. It's always a good idea. We
6 were trying to find things for them to do. And they --
7 we deal with lot of gangs in Detroit. Some don't have
8 names, some do. But they are causing trouble. They're
9 in large numbers causing trouble. They expressed to us
10 that if we had something to do -- and we asked them, if
11 we get you a job, you know, will you come out. They
12 said yeah, they will do it. Every kid is going to need
13 something. And this is an age group we feel we can
14 really help somebody. And they usually don't get it
15 from police. This is a positive piece. A lot of people
16 say, well, cops aren't happy. You're going to see some
17 happy cops helping some happy kids.

18 Vendors, we have the whole U.S. military
19 there, National Guard. We are going to have our shop
20 police officer there. We're going to raise a flag. We
21 are going to do it real sharp. It's going to be nice.
22 You will be impressed. We want to have the news there
23 to show it. It's just something positive for the City
24 of Detroit and try to help some kids. That's what we're
25 about.

1 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: This is Thursday, July
2 11, 2013? Should the kids bring anything with them?

3 OFFICER OWENS: No. There is going to be food
4 for them. We just need a head count on how many
5 students or young adults are attending.

6 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Would they be able to
7 interview for a job even?

8 OFFICER OWENS: Yes. It's going to be on site
9 interviewing with the local restaurants that are
10 attending.

11 OFFICER COLEMAN: Also for those that can, we
12 encourage them to dress to impress. But for those that
13 can't, we pray that we are going to help them get to
14 where they can impress. They can wear their best.
15 That's good for us.

16 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: I'd like to see you
17 all afterwards because I have a list of young kids that
18 I can't hire. I mean, I'm hiring about 205 of them.
19 But I have a list of about 500 that I can't hire. So, I
20 would want to forward that information on to you so you
21 can invite them.

22 OFFICER OWENS: We'll invite them.

23 OFFICER COLEMAN: We also need to link up with
24 you for a bus so we can make sure they get there.

25 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: We can talk about that

1 absolutely. Thank you, ma'am.

2 MS. PANNELL: Good afternoon, Sharon Pannell.
3 I'm just letting you know that the Detroit Police
4 Citizen Academy is having a picnic next Wednesday. It's
5 Shelter 8. Lunch should be at 12. That's all.

6 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All right. Thank you,
7 Ms. Pannell.

8 MR. MORSON: Good afternoon, everyone. I'm
9 truly thankful and honored to be here once again before
10 this Board and amongst the people here in our city. I
11 just would like to express some heartfelt feelings that
12 I prepared, something that I thought --

13 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Sir, your name for the
14 record?

15 MR. MORSON: Boyd Morson, M-o-r-s-o-n. I
16 thought the chief would have been here, the new chief
17 would have been here. But just the same, I'm going to
18 just read what I have here. As a native Detroiter, I
19 need to believe that our city and residents is promised
20 a future and the many fine men and women in blue who
21 earn the right to wear law enforcement badges seal of
22 approval, who honor, devote and dedicate themselves to
23 the challenges, demands and commitments, sworn officers
24 who regularly step up to face and meet the severe
25 threats and seemingly never ending potential life

1 altering challenges in order to thwart dangers birthed,
2 produced, created, mastered and carried out by the
3 unfortunate struggles and troubled lifestyles produced
4 by criminal minds and criminal elements, carried out by
5 the unwanted threats of our legal and justice system
6 that violates people's rights and freedom and liberties.

7 These very fine fearless men and women in blue
8 who without any hesitancy put their lives on the line
9 each and every day at the sound of a simple distress
10 call, to those men and women in blue, I'd truly like to
11 take this opportunity to applaud you and salute you for
12 what it is that you do. I want to make sure that I made
13 that very much known. However, as I continue to mention
14 at the last meeting, I traveled back here specifically
15 because of an incident that happened May the 1st, 2013,
16 at 8:00 p.m. on Gratiot and 8 Mile that I spoke about at
17 the last meeting, that I'm still not satisfied, happy
18 and/or optimistic at this moment about the progress in
19 the situation, the Detroit Police Department's efforts.

20 I had an opportunity to meet with DC Tolbert.
21 I was promised a phone call. Unfortunately, I didn't
22 receive that phone call. I am here again speaking about
23 this same incident that happened on May the 1st that
24 involved an off-duty transit police officer. It is at
25 this point in my opinion, that this officer was -- well

1 off duty transit officer specifically should have been
2 remanded and in custody today for his unjustifiable
3 actions that occurred on that particular evening that
4 involved my nephew. With all due respect, I see the
5 time limit is up. I'm respectfully asking that I may
6 have an extension of a couple more minutes if that's
7 okay with everybody here in this body.

8 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Go ahead, sir.

9 MR. MORSON: Okay. And continuing with my
10 concern, there has been conversations and little thereof
11 of movement and motivation in trying to in my opinion
12 bring this matter to some type of resolve. So, what I
13 am attempting to do is before this particular commission
14 and the deputy chief is to get some answers, clearly
15 some answers. And I'm putting this here on this record
16 to insure that it's being heard and that you guys are
17 made aware of what my concerns and the family concerns
18 are. And that is that the unnamed officer who was
19 involved with this particular matter that we are unaware
20 of. And under the Freedom of Information Act, we are
21 entitled to that information, yet it has not been
22 provided.

23 Number two, when will this person be arrested
24 regarding this unjustifiable murder, open murder,
25 homicide? The next thing is where is this person

1 employed? Is he still employed? What's the status of
2 this person that continues to walk the streets of
3 Detroit among these citizens who are unaware that this
4 person took the life of somebody in this particular
5 city? And this somebody was listed as a John Doe. But
6 his name wasn't John Doe. His name was Jordan Burnell
7 West Morson, which was my nephew, an up and coming
8 rapper from the City of Detroit with an 18-track CD
9 ready to come out, a person that behind the scene
10 unbeknownst to you used to go to juvenile centers with
11 his father to mentor the juveniles as well as the prison
12 ministries, a 26-year-old kid that unfortunately didn't
13 make it to 27 June the 14th.

14 As of 8:05 yesterday, July the 1st, marks
15 60 days that nothing has been in my opinion moved
16 forward. So, again, the questions that I am asking of
17 this Commission and of Deputy Chief Tolbert as well is
18 that we need to know this person's name under the
19 Freedom of Information Act. We need to know where this
20 person is employed. Is this person still working? We
21 want to know why at the scene there was an officer who
22 shared his concern at that moment about the shaky
23 testimony given by this particular person in custody.
24 And if that officer was unclear or uncertain about this
25 testimony given by this particular shooter -- and I'd

1 like to call him a coward -- I would like to know why
2 did he release him if he had witnesses and information
3 that could have detained and remanded this particular
4 into custody.

5 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All right, sir. I think
6 that we heard you last week or a week before last.

7 MR. MORSON: Yes, ma'am, you did.

8 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: And I know Commissioner
9 Warfield had asked for a report at this meeting that we
10 haven't had an opportunity to get yet because the
11 meeting is still going on. But, you know, I don't
12 understand, you know, understand the case. I don't know
13 the case. I'm going to turn this over to DC Tolbert.

14 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: Yes, ma'am. Through
15 the Chair, Mr. Morson, again, hello. After we talked, I
16 immediately talked to homicide and our special
17 assignment squad which handles shootings of this nature.
18 I talked with Inspector Dwayne Blackmon who is the head
19 of homicide. He informed me that he had actually had a
20 conversation with you prior to you coming here. He --
21 or you maybe talked to Sergeant Davis. But there was
22 some communication. After I heard that, obviously there
23 was some issues about who was talking to who. So, I
24 think the best person to talk to you would have been
25 Inspector Blackmon. And I'm hearing -- this is the

1 first time I'm hearing that he did not call you because
2 he should have called you last week right after the
3 meeting on Thursday.

4 Understanding that, you know, obviously we had
5 some change in leadership this past week. But I
6 actually, since I saw you here, I text him to determine
7 who -- in fact was he coming. I think he thought the
8 meeting was still on Thursday, that that's why he is not
9 here. We all -- the reason why I am late is because we
10 were in a meeting with the new chief. And he is at that
11 meeting. But I will ask him to come here. Now I have
12 text him. And once hopefully before this is over with
13 he will be here. And you and I and him will sit down,
14 and we will have a conversation.

15 But to your question is, it's my understanding
16 that a warrant package is being prepared, was prepared,
17 and was submitted to the prosecutor's office last week.
18 If not -- and we will confirm that when we sit down with
19 Inspector Blackmon. Understand this. Because we submit
20 a warrant package does not mean it's going to be signed.
21 And it has to be reviewed by the prosecutor's office.
22 That might take some time. I don't know.

23 MR. MORSON: Sure.

24 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: I can't tell you what
25 goes on in their office. We immediately, after our last

1 conversation, I made sure there was some movement on
2 this. And again, when he gets here, we will sit down
3 and we will have a conversation today.

4 MR. MORSON: I appreciate that.

5 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: And I'm going to ask DC
6 Tolbert if you could just keep the Board informed of the
7 progress of the case.

8 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: Yes, ma'am.

9 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you.

10 MR. MORSON: Thank you all very much. And
11 welcome and congratulations to you.

12 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you. Are there any
13 other communications?

14 MS. ROMANO: Good afternoon. Anna Romano. DC
15 Tolbert, I don't know if you can answer this question or
16 not. But as a community, we have seen what a successful
17 impact Nip-It has had in our community and our
18 neighborhoods. Do you know if it's going to continue on
19 through the summer months underneath this new chief?

20 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: As I just said, through
21 the Chair, again, as I just said, we are just coming
22 from a meeting with the chief with all the executives.
23 It's just our first meeting. He has absolutely
24 expressed a desire and a need to continue aggressively
25 enforcing crime. The model in which he will roll it

1 out, will it still remain Nip-It, I don't know. But
2 that process from what I can hear is going to continue.
3 And I just can't speak for the chief on how he's going
4 to roll it out. But he absolutely said a Nip-It type
5 operation would continue in the City of Detroit in order
6 to combat the crime issues that we have based on the
7 crime data that we have and deployment.

8 So, I would assume -- you shouldn't assume.
9 But based on the information I have heard, it appears to
10 me that there still will be some type of rapid
11 deployment that will be available for the crime patterns
12 that arise on a daily basis, and he is going to go
13 forward with that type of unit, which is the same thing
14 as what we do with Nip-It.

15 MS. ROMANO: Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: At this time, I'd like to
17 acknowledge that Commissioner Tony Stewart has come in.
18 So, I'd just like to make that clear. Okay. Any more
19 communications?

20 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon, Bernice Smith,
21 political activist. I'll be very brief.
22 Congratulations to you, Chairman. It's wonderful to see
23 a woman sit up there. To you, DC, good seeing you
24 again. Time is coming for a change around here.
25 Anyway, what I'm going to ask you, will there be any

1 outlines that the chief spoke to you about, Chief
2 Tolbert, that we will be interested in knowing what he
3 is going to do with the precincts? I understand at one
4 time that the precincts will be opened again. And any
5 plans that you can tell us right now or later on, what
6 plans does he have for the precincts in the
7 neighborhoods?

8 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: As I said before,
9 through the Chair, there are absolutely some plans the
10 chief has. However, I'm going to let the chief make
11 those. But I'm sure you will be very receptive to what
12 the chief has planned. And we just had a brief meeting.
13 He mentioned some of the things, and they will be in
14 line with your frame of thinking as regards to the
15 precincts.

16 MS. SMITH: Also, there are other questions
17 that I want to present to him. Do you think he'll be at
18 the meeting that we are going to have at Focus Hope or
19 he is going to be at the following meeting? Do you know
20 that, what his program is or schedule?

21 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: Through the Chair, I
22 really don't know the chief's schedule. But I will make
23 a note that -- and I'm sure if he can get there, he'll
24 be there. He is absolutely -- one of the things he also
25 said -- Deputy Chief Turner is here. He is a big

1 proponent of police community services and community
2 policing. So, I envision that you're going to see a
3 lot of the chief out in the community. So, I don't
4 think that's --

5 MS. SMITH: You mean at the meetings?

6 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: At the meetings and in
7 the community.

8 MS. SMITH: Because I'm looking forward to
9 asking him several questions.

10 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: I don't think you're
11 going to have a problem at all. It sounds like he's
12 doing to be very accessible.

13 MS. SMITH: Do you have a new number for the
14 headquarters as of yet, telephone number, sir?

15 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: The numbers are the
16 same.

17 MS. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Ms. Smith? Sergeant
19 Stevens?

20 SERGEANT STEVENS: Just to let you know, if
21 you have any questions, you can e-mail them to our pub
22 info, and we can forward them to the chief also. You
23 can forward your e-mail questions.

24 MS. SMITH: I might want to ask --

25 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Ms. Smith, and also the

1 Board is going to be working with the chief on community
2 things too.

3 MS. SMITH: Wonderful. More closely, right?

4 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Yes, ma'am.

5 MS. SMITH: He will be at the meetings?

6 That's what we're looking forward to. We love you, DC.
7 But, you know, since he is coming in, he got to make
8 that money, you know, that 225. I'm -- oh, it's getting
9 to me. I can't understand that. But that's all right.
10 I will discuss it with him, not you, Stevens.

11 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Yes, ma'am. Okay. Are
12 there any other communications?

13 MR. HASKA: I'd like to address the Board. My
14 name is William Haska, H-a-s-k-a. Approximately a month
15 ago I came before you because I have been getting
16 harassed, and someone is trying to extort money from me.
17 Well, it's still continuing. As of last night, I got 36
18 phone calls from this person, 13 texts from this person.
19 They burnt down the garage on one of my rental houses
20 that cost me \$8,000 to repair. And they're still
21 threatening to burn down my house and where I live.

22 Now, my girlfriend wants to move out of the
23 City. I have lived here since 1985. She wants to
24 leave. And I'm a New Yorker, and I want to fight. But
25 I don't like sleeping with a shotgun every night. I

1 have phone numbers from the person that's texting me and
2 calling me. I have been able to get no response from
3 the detective tracking down these phone numbers. I
4 don't know what we need to do. But if this person is
5 going to drive out another citizen of Detroit because
6 he -- and I say to her, so if I move, they're still
7 going to burn down my house. They're still going to
8 burn down my garage. They're still going to burn down
9 my rental properties. This has been going on since May
10 16. I have indigestion, I have hiccups. I have
11 anxiety. I have been going crazy for two months now.
12 Somehow this needs to be addressed. I don't know how.
13 Somehow this needs to be addressed because like I told
14 the detective, if I have to set up the meeting with this
15 individual, then you're going to be arresting me.

16 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Okay. Let's listen to
17 what DC Tolbert has to say, and we will make sure that
18 something is done.

19 MR. HASKA: I don't know what we can do, but
20 this has been going on for two months.

21 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: Through the Chair,
22 Mr. Haska, from the last time we talked, no one has
23 contacted you?

24 MR. HASKA: I have spoken to the detective
25 once.

1 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: One of the things we
2 were able to determine from the information, just from
3 the information you gave me when I think I said this
4 last time, because of the knowledge of the person who is
5 doing this that they have, it's obvious that they know
6 you. So, there's some issues there. It's obvious that
7 when we have to get these -- this information on
8 telephones, it takes quite a bit of time to get that
9 because the places we send this, the way we process it,
10 there has to be a period of time before we can get that
11 information. Sometimes it's as long as six weeks to get
12 that. So, if they send that information out to try to
13 get information about the phones, it's going to take
14 some time.

15 But again, what I will do is, I will before
16 you get out of here, if you could talk to Sergeant
17 Harris and tell him again because I can't remember off
18 the top of my head who you talked to. I'll get with
19 them, and they will give you a call tomorrow.

20 MR. HASKA: Thank you very much.

21 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you. Any other
22 communications?

23 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: Madame Chairperson, I
24 have Inspector Dwayne Blackmon, and he can talk about
25 the case in which Mr. Morson was talking about. And

1 Mr. Morson, I don't know if you met him, Inspector
2 Blackmon. And he can bring the Board up to speed on
3 this investigation.

4 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All right.

5 INSPECTOR BLACKMON: Good afternoon, Inspector
6 Dwayne Blackmon, homicide. And just so that you know,
7 to clarify some issues, our investigators have been in
8 constant communication with the Wayne County
9 prosecutor's office. We will be submitting a warrant as
10 early as probably tomorrow, no later than Wednesday.
11 And one of the things that we were -- we had to do is to
12 ensure that all the things that they were requiring us
13 to do were being done. And so, I'm not sure whether or
14 not, Mr. Morson, whether or not you know that or not.
15 Do you know if you had that information? Have you had
16 communication with the investigator?

17 MR. MORSON: About what again?

18 INSPECTOR BLACKMON: About the warrant being
19 issued.

20 MR. MORSON: No. This is the first I heard of
21 it.

22 MR. BLACKMON: We have been -- it's this
23 particular -- I think to give you just a small brief
24 history of what's the deal with this particular case, is
25 that this is a city employee. He is not a certified law

1 enforcement officer. He does not have the right to
2 carry a weapon by the State of Michigan. So, there are
3 some things that have to be taken care of. And there
4 are a lot of different other issues that they are
5 looking at to insure that they have the proper
6 information so that they can make decisions on what
7 charges are going to be levied if any.

8 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Okay. And Mr. Morson, do
9 you have any questions for Inspector Blackmon?

10 MR. MORSON: I'm truly elated by you coming
11 first of all and sharing what you're sharing with us. I
12 mean, I'll share it back with my brother who this was
13 his only son and his mom, that -- what you guys shared
14 here today, that there's a warrant should be
15 forthcoming. And I will -- truly that's all we ask, you
16 know. I mean, if this was any of you guy's children,
17 you would be doing the some thing that we are doing.
18 So, I don't think I'm asking for anything out of the
19 ordinary but with the exception of this guy should be
20 behind bars. I don't care who he is, a badge or no
21 badge.

22 But at the same time, he openly killed my
23 nephew who was simply there with permission, sold his
24 CD's, 18 track CD coming out. There's just a loss. It
25 was a beacon of light in the community. And I truly

1 appreciate what it is that you guys doing. I truly
2 respect you guys in opening up your ears to even listen
3 to our concerns. So, this is all I'm here for.

4 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Okay. That's -- I guess
5 that is all.

6 DEPUTY CHIEF TOLBERT: Inspector, can we talk
7 about not just homicide but what's the process of how do
8 we keep families informed because one time we were
9 appointing a family representative. And what do we
10 normally do on homicides because I know sometimes we got
11 a lot of people asking about a singular homicide. And
12 just can you go over this briefly?

13 INSPECTOR BLACKMON: Just on the investigative
14 position, there should be a family point person that the
15 investigator is communicating with in regards to the
16 case. And in this particular case, I know I spoke with
17 the mother and the father directly. And they do have my
18 phone number.

19 And just on a lot of the cases, I am readily
20 accessible for anyone who wants to call me. They have
21 my number. They can call me at any time. I personally
22 can talk to them because a lot of my investigators are
23 not at their desk. Sometimes they are on the street
24 doing investigations. But I'm always there inside the
25 office. So, that's one of the ways that we can -- and I

1 can relay whatever information to the investigators.

2 But in the future, one of the thing that we
3 are trying to do is to get our Citizens Police Academy
4 personnel involved with that liaison. We've laid
5 together some type of foundation right now so that they
6 will have a method of communication. They can reach out
7 to these individuals, and they will be accessible for
8 them so that if they have questions and they can't get
9 in touch with an investigator, they can get in touch
10 with them, and they can in turn return that information
11 to the investigators. So, I do know that there is a
12 problem with the communication and sometimes lack of it.
13 And that's one of the things that I'm trying to
14 establish at this point.

15 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you, Inspector
16 Blackmon. At this point, George, would we go back to
17 our finished business?

18 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am. For the
19 record, George Anthony, Secretary to the Board. There
20 was one unfinished item left over from last week. It
21 was a suspension without pay recommendation from Chief
22 Logan and in regards to Police Officer Lawrence
23 Mitchell, Badge 1005. Commission Stewart was not here
24 last week. So, we need to register his decision on the
25 record.

1 Last week, the case was brought in open
 2 session. Attorney Washington addressed the Board. And
 3 she advised the Board that DPOA Attorney Goldpaugh would
 4 not contest the matter. Apparently there had been a
 5 change in circumstances that this gentleman, this
 6 officer, was charged with a felony warrant. So, unless
 7 Commissioner Stewart objects or contravenes the
 8 recommendation of the chief of police, then the
 9 suspension without pay will stand.

10 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Since there is no
 11 objections or contraventions, the suspension without pay
 12 will stand.

13 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you, ma'am.

14 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: I guess we can resume
 15 oral communications. Are there any? Are there any oral
 16 communications? Are there any oral communications? I'd
 17 ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting since there's no
 18 oral communications.

19 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So moved.

20 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Support.

21 CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: It's been moved and
 22 seconded. Meeting adjourned. See you next week.

23 (Proceedings concluded at 3:50 p.m.)

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