

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

February 26, 2021

Hon. Charles Allen
Chairperson
Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Councilmember Allen:

This letter is provided to you pursuant to section 103(b) of the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, effective December 3, 2020 (D.C. Law 23-151), regarding a serious use of force by Christopher Delisi of the Metropolitan Police Department on Friday, February 19, 2021, in the 6000 block of Chillum Place, NE.

Officers responded to the location for a report of an unconscious person. Upon arrival, officers observed an individual armed with a firearm and ordered him to drop his weapon. After ignoring multiple commands to drop the gun, an officer fired his service weapon, striking the individual. Officers provided first aid until the individual was transported by DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services to an area hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. MPD officers recovered the individual's firearm, which is believed to be the weapon used to murder Geno Freeman, 60 years old, of Hyattsville, Maryland, who was found deceased at the location.

The individual was charged with First Degree Murder While Armed, Assault on a Police Officer While Armed, Carrying a Rifle or Shotgun Outside Home or Business, and Possession of Unregistered Ammunition.

The individual who was the subject of the serious use of force consented to the public release of body-worn camera footage and it has been posted on the MPD website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Geldart', written over a white background.

Chris Geldart
Acting Deputy Mayor

