

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



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

February 1, 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 Andre Nettles of the Metropolitan Police Department on January 19, 2021, in the 800 block of South Washington Street in Alexandria, Virginia, involving the discharge of his service weapon, which did not strike anyone.

Officers observed a vehicle near 19th and I Streets, NE, with a woman partially hanging outside the front passenger door yelling for help. Officers attempted a traffic stop on the 1700 block of Benning Road, NE, but the driver failed to stop and fled. Because it appeared the woman may have been in imminent danger, officers pursued the vehicle into Virginia, where it eventually stopped on the 800 block of South Washington Street. One of the responding officers fired his gun once, not striking anyone. The driver of the vehicle was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

The individuals who were the subject of the serious use of force have not given consent to publicly releasing the body-worn camera footage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger A. Mitchell, Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

Roger A. Mitchell, Jr.
Interim Deputy Mayor

