

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



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

May 28, 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 Noah Rathbun of the Metropolitan Police Department on Monday, May 24, 2021, in the 1300 block of Alabama Avenue, SE.

At approximately 11:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to an apartment building in the 1100 block of Mississippi Avenue, SE, for a check on the welfare of an individual. Officers made contact with a man inside the residence who was holding a woman against her will and threatening to shoot the officers. Around 11:45 a.m., MPD declared a barricade at the scene; however, at some point, the man forced the woman to leave the residence and flee from the scene. Around 3:00 p.m., officers on patrol located the man and woman near the Malcom X Opportunity Center on the 1300 block of Alabama Avenue. The male brandished a long gun and pointed it at an officer. In response, the officer fired his weapon, striking the male in the upper body. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and transported the individual, Vedo Hall, 26, of Northeast DC, to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. The woman who had been held against her will did not report any injuries. A rifle with a drum magazine was recovered from the scene.

Mr. Hall's next of kin has not consented to the public release of the body-worn camera footage.

Sincerely,

Chris Geldart  
Acting Deputy Mayor

