

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



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

May 3, 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 Howard Lee of the Metropolitan Police Department on Friday, April 30, 2021, in the 1100 block of 4th Street, SW.

At approximately 9:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to an apartment building in response to a 911 call for a domestic dispute. The responding officers were let into the residential unit and were beginning to interview the two adult occupants. The male occupant suddenly pulled out a handgun and appeared to point it in the direction of the female occupant and one of the MPD officers. In response, an officer discharged his weapon, striking the male in the chest. Officers rendered medical assistance until the arrival of Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel. The injured individual, Terrance Maurice Parker, 36, of Southeast DC, was transported to a local hospital where he later died from his injuries. A handgun was recovered from the scene.

Mr. Parker's next of kin has consented to the public release of the 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 light blue horizontal line.

Chris Geldart
Acting Deputy Mayor

