

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



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

March 5, 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 Paris Hughes of the Metropolitan Police Department on Friday, February 26, 2021, in the 1600 block of New York Avenue, NE.

Uniformed patrol officers were on patrol when they observed an adult male laying in the street. After officers made contact with the individual to assess his condition, the individual brandished a knife and began walking toward the officers. Officers repeatedly ordered the individual to stop and drop the knife, but the individual ignored the orders. One officer fired his firearm, 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. The individual's knife was recovered.

The individual was charged with Assault on a Police Officer While Armed (Knife).

The individual who was the subject of the serious use of force has not consented to the public release of body-worn camera footage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Geldart', written in a cursive style.

Chris Geldart  
Acting Deputy Mayor

