

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 Jose Rodriguez of the Metropolitan Police Department on Friday, February 26, 2021, in the 900 block of Rhode Island Avenue, NE.

The officer was working part-time employment in full uniform at the Home Depot. He followed an individual suspected of stealing items from the store out into the parking lot. The individual ignored commands to stop and got into a vehicle that was being driven by an unknown individual. As the officer approached the vehicle with his service weapon in hand, he fired the gun once, but it did not injure anyone. Although the individual and the unknown driver fled the scene in the vehicle, the individual was subsequently located and arrested. MPD is investigating the officer's actions for possible discipline.

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 over a white background.

Chris Geldart  
Acting Deputy Mayor

