



**Michael C. O'Malley**  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROSECUTOR

November 6, 2018

Chief Calvin Williams  
Cleveland Police Department  
1300 Ontario Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Re: Officer Michael Boyd, Badge 2584

Dear Chief Williams,

The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office is required by law to obtain and to disclose to the defense any and all potential impeachment evidence relative to its witnesses. Potential impeachment evidence includes, but is not limited to, any disciplinary actions against officers and any instances involving dishonesty or a lack of candor, or a demonstration of bias. The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office has determined that the enclosed material we received on 09/12/2018 is NOT potential impeachment evidence.

We respectfully request that you notify Officer Boyd of this decision.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Lisa Reitz Williamson  
First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

ATTN: IAL

cc: Case Prep

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## Internal Affairs Unit

### Investigative Report

File: 2017-0102

Date: 2-1-2018

Examined By:

*Sgt 9124 AOSC*

Date: *2-1-18*

From: Sgt. Mitchell Sheehan #9130

To: Sgt. Jason Steckle #9124 AOIC

Subject: Administrative Interview P.O. Michael Boyd #2584

Sir:

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1019 hours I conducted a Gerrity Interview with P.O. Michael Boyd #2584. Prior to the interview P.O. Boyd was read the Order to Appear for an Administrative Interview form. P.O. Boyd indicated that he understood the form and there were no objections to the form. Also present during this interview was CPPA President Jeff Fullmer. P.O. Boyd was also given the opportunity to review reports and WCS footage prior to the interview. P.O. Boyd was working with P.O. Fedorko the night of the incident.

P.O. Boyd indicated that on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2017, he responded to 2210 Belvoir to assist with a combative male. P.O. Boyd indicated that when they arrived on scene the officers were in a closet with the suspect. He indicated that he was told the suspect was saying he had a gun. He indicated that he was trying to control the male's upper body with P.O. Tylka. He indicated that P.O. Fedorko and P.O. Stevens were trying to control the male's lower body because he kept using his legs to push himself back into the closet. He indicated that they managed to pull him out, control him and take him out to the car. I asked P.O. Boyd if P.O. Fedorko told him that he had a broken toe. P.O. Boyd indicated that he heard him when he told Sgt. Haist. I asked if P.O. Fedorko told him how he broke his toe. P.O. Boyd indicated that P.O. Fedorko said it was from the male flailing and kicking. P.O. Boyd indicated that P.O. Fedorko initially told him he didn't know how he broke his toe. P.O. Boyd indicated that he was not present at the hospital when P.O. Fedorko confronted P.O. Tylka about breaking his toe. P.O. Boyd indicated he didn't remember P.O. Fedorko saying he broke his toe other than from the male kicking him. P.O. Boyd indicated that he completed his report and form-1 based off of what P.O. Fedorko told him. P.O. Boyd indicated that he not witness the injury, and that he was facing the other way when it happened. I showed P.O. Boyd a photograph of the mirror that had been thrown out of the closet, and asked if P.O. Fedorko ever mentioned that the mirror had landed on his foot. He indicated that he did not, as far as he could remember. I asked P.O. Boyd if he ever observed P.O. Fedorko talking with P.O. Tylka at the hospital or later at the district. He indicated that it was 10 months ago and he couldn't remember.

I asked P.O. Boyd what the male was doing when he was trying to get him under control. P.O. Boyd indicated that the male was initially holding on to a "dresser thing, a piece of wood that they store stuff in". He indicated that P.O. Tylka threw the dresser and it hit him in the testicles on accident. P.O. Boyd indicated that him and Tylka where trying to control his upper body. P.O. Boyd indicated that any time the male would get out of the closet he would push with his feet and get back up into the closet. P.O. Boyd indicated that it was frustrating because he didn't know if the male had a screwdriver, and he kept saying he had a gun. P.O. Boyd indicated that he was worried the male would grab something because they didn't know what was in the closet. I asked if the male was kicking and flailing. P.O. Boyd indicated that to get momentum to push himself up he would have to be kicking and flailing his feet. P.O. Boyd indicated that the male had to be using a lot of force to be able to push himself up with both P.O. Boyd and P.O. Tylka on top of him.

I asked P.O. Boyd if P.O. Fedorko told him he used a leg lock on the male. P.O. Boyd indicated that he did not, as far as he could remember. P.O. Boyd is currently assigned to the Cleveland Police Academy Unit to assist with use of force training for recruits and in-service. I asked him what the purpose of using a leg lock would be. He replied "Whenever someone is flailing and kicking their legs, just to control them so they stop striking you. We teach it to curl the legs up whenever they are cuffing,



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and you just block the leg.” He continued “To a normal person that may feel like a leg lock, like their ankle is getting twisted, but if you’re grabbing someone’s ankle and pulling them out, that may feel like your leg is getting twisted.” I described what P.O. Boyd referred to as a heel lock and he indicated that it takes a lot of training to do that successfully. I asked if it could cause a fracture if applied correctly, and he indicated it would cause ligament tears. I asked if it could sprain an ankle, and he indicated it would sprain the knee.

I asked P.O. Boyd if he remembered having a text conversation with P.O. Fedorko about going to see Doctor Robinson. He indicated that he couldn’t recall. He indicated that he deletes his text messages monthly. I read a text conversation that was on P.O. Fedorko’s phone. The conversation implied that P.O. Fedorko was going to make his injury appear worse than it was so he could stay off for an event that weekend. P.O. Boyd indicated that he didn’t remember that text but if it was on the phone to his number he likely received it. He indicated that he doesn’t read all the text from P.O. Fedorko because he sends books. P.O. Boyd indicated that he thought P.O. Fedorko wanted to come back to work earlier. He indicated that he would have advised P.O. Fedorko to make sure his injury was healed before he came back. P.O. Boyd indicated that he knows P.O. Fedorko well and he wouldn’t want to take more time off of work. P.O. Boyd indicated that P.O. Fedorko loves to come into work, and he was going crazy when he was off because he loves being a police officer.

I began questioning P.O. Boyd about a possible unreported vehicle pursuit that occurred on 5-17-17. I showed P.O. Boyd a picture of zone car 541 that was taken on 5-18-17 when the bumper had fallen off. He indicated that he thought it happened when the vehicle went through a car wash. I asked P.O. Boyd if he drove the car through a field on the previous day. He stated that he did drive through a “cut” while searching for a homicide suspect, but it did not damage the zone car. I showed him picture I took in the area of E99th and Lowell. He indicated that the field he drove through was further south, closer to Lowell. I asked if there was a pursuit, and if the white Nissan took off when they saw it. He replied “No.” I asked if he was sure and he replied “not that I recall”. I read several text messages between P.O. Orville Taylor, P.O. Fedorko, and P.O. Boyd. P.O. Boyd indicated that he didn’t remember the text but, acknowledged that if they showed up to his phone that he likely received them. He indicated that sometimes the bumper on 541 would hang down and it could be pushed back into place. I questioned him further about the possible pursuit, and he indicated that they saw it turn, but didn’t see it after that. P.O. Boyd indicated that the gang unit was in the area and kept sending them to different cars that weren’t the actual one they were looking for. I asked P.O. Boyd why his partner would mention a “90’s style car chase” in text messages from that day. He replied “sir we weren’t in a car chase.” He further indicated that they lost the car really quick, and it may have also drove through “something”. He further indicated that he thought the car went through a backyard, and that’s why they went through a field. P.O. Boyd indicated that he thinks the car took off because the driver saw the gang unit. He indicated that he didn’t observe any members of the gang unit pursuing the vehicle or drive through the field. I asked why he didn’t have his body camera on during this incident, and he replied it was because there wasn’t contact with any people. I asked if he thought he was following the policy and he replied yes. He indicated that he thought his camera was on while he was searching yards. He also thought he turned his camera on

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when he found the guy's car. He indicated that there was no damage that occurred to zone car 541 during this incident, or during the rest of his shift.

This interview was video recorded.

Respectfully



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Sgt. Mitchell Sheehan #9130