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# CCRB Recommends Discipline for 65 Officers Accused of Committing Misconduct during the BLM Protests

The CCRB has recommended Charges and Specifications, the highest of four levels of discipline, against 37 officers, and less severe discipline for an additional 28 officers.

New York, NY – the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB), released new data on the 313 complaints from the Black Lives Matter protests. So far, the CCRB has completed 127 full investigations resulting in 42 substantiated complaints of misconduct containing 91 allegations against 65 officers. The CCRB has recommended Charges and Specifications, the highest level of discipline for the most serious allegations of misconduct, against 37 officers. Each of these officers will face an administrative trial run by the CCRB's Administrative Prosecution Unit (APU), and if found guilty, can face loss of vacation days, suspension, or termination. Trial proceedings will begin once the NYPD serves these charges to the respective officers. The CCRB has also recommended discipline for another 28 offending officers for their misconduct that will be addressed through training or the loss of vacation days. The meticulous work of CCRB investigators to provide fair and conclusive judgements on these complaints is ensuring accountability for all New Yorkers.

Unfortunately, 34% of complaints could not be effectively investigated due to an inability to identify officers. This is a jump from an average of 10% in all CCRB cases in 2020. This was largely the result of a lack of proper protocol, including officers covering their names and shields, wearing protective equipment that belonged to someone else, improperly using Body Worn Cameras, and improperly completing paperwork. This once again highlights the CCRB's need for unfettered and direct access to body worn camera footage and the police documents needed to investigate a complaint.

### **Statement from CCRB Chair Fred Davie:**

"After fully investigating over a hundred cases, the CCRB continues its commitment to investigating, and when necessary, prosecuting the officers responsible for committing misconduct against New Yorkers during last year's Black Lives Matter protests. The APU is

prepared to move forward with trials for the 37 officers who have received the highest level of disciplinary recommendations, as soon as the NYPD serves officers. Thanks to the thorough work of our investigators, we will start to get accountability for the hundreds of New Yorkers who were mistreated last year. The other 28 officers must also face discipline including those who need to be retrained on proper ways to interact with members of the public. It is important for all misconduct to be taken seriously and all officers who commit misconduct must be held accountable."

In addition to routinely updating the public with data snapshots. The CCRB is committed to releasing a public report further analyzing the NYPD's response to the Black Lives Matter protests last summer in order to shed light on the police misconduct that took place and outline key takeaways and recommendations for the NYPD moving forward. Please see the most recent data snapshot <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

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The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is the largest police oversight entity in the nation and is empowered to investigate, mediate, prosecute, and recommend disciplinary action for complaints alleging misconduct by NYPD officers. See NYC Charter § 440(c)(1). The agency's jurisdiction includes excessive and unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and use of offensive language. To further this mission, CCRB issues monthly, biannual, and special statistical and qualitative reports analyzing trends and recurring issues arising from the many thousands of civilian complaints it receives each year.