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CCRB FINDS 145 OFFICERS COMMITTED MISCONDUCT DURING BLM PROTESTS THUS FAR

NEW YORK – Today, the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) released an updated protest data snapshot updating the public on the status of the 321 complaints stemming from the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests. Thus far, 316 cases have been closed, resulting in 267 substantiated allegations against 145 members of service. The CCRB has recommended Charges and Specifications, the highest level of discipline for the most serious allegations of misconduct, against 88 officers. 78 of those officers should face an administrative trial run by the CCRB's Administrative Prosecution Unit (APU). The NYPD has thus far closed 44 cases, waiving discipline for 23 members of service, deviating from the CCRB 7 times, and agreeing with the CCRB's recommendation 10 times. 3 officers have retired and will not face discipline while one officer was disciplined by the NYPD prior to the CCRB's recommendation.

"We are approaching the two-year anniversary of the death of George Floyd which sparked thousands of protests around the world. While New Yorkers took to the streets across all five boroughs to protest police brutality, hundreds of people faced fresh incidents of police misconduct. The CCRB was flooded with complaints." Said **Interim Chair Arva Rice**. "In the height of the pandemic, our investigators used all possible resources, including thousands of hours of BWC footage, civilian footage, police records and more, to fairly and impartially investigate some of the most complicated cases the Agency has seen. As of last week, the CCRB has finalized 98% of cases and submitted its recommendations to the NYPD. I hope to work closely with the NYPD to ensure officers who committed misconduct are held accountable and to continue to build back police community relations."

This summer, the CCRB will release a comprehensive report detailing the Agency's key takeaways on how to improve NYPD protest response and CCRB protest investigations. For instance, 26% of fully investigated cases have been closed due to inability to identify officers largely due to the failure to follow proper protocols. By comparison, only 10% of all other cases in 2020 were closed due to an unidentified officer. The CCRB will identify and address gaps in

training and procedures both internally and for the NYPD. To see the full data snapshot, click here.

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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.