

**CITIZENS POLICE REVIEW BOARD MEETING
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CITY HALL 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301
APRIL 14, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**

Board Members	Attendance	1/08 – 12/08 Cumulative Attendance	
		P	A
Steven Muffler, Chair	P	2	0
Roosevelt Walters, Vice Chair	P	2	0
Lieutenant Mike DiMaggio	P	2	0
Ted Fling	P	2	0
Captain Brogna	P	2	0
Alan Stotsky	P	2	0
George Trodella	P	2	0
Eileen Helfer	P	2	0
Lt. Gregory Blazs	P	2	0

Staff

Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Clerk, Prototype, Inc.

A. Roll Call

Chair Muffler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.

B. Approve Minutes from February 11, 2008

Chair Muffler noted the Board had not met in March.

Motion made by Mr. Trodella, seconded by Mr. Fling, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting. In a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

C. General Information

Chair Muffler noted there was no general information to be discussed.

D. Review the Following Internal Affairs Investigation

1. Complainant: Bruce G. Roberts, Chief (I.A. Case #07-123)
- Allegation: Use of force – Deadly Force
- Officer: Officer Jason Hersh
- Disposition: Unfounded

The officer was not present. There were no members of the public present to address this item.

Chair Muffler announced the case to be discussed.

Motion made by Mr. Stotsky, seconded by Mr. Fling, to accept the findings of Internal Affairs. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Muffler then opened the hearing to the public, and finding there were no members of the public present, the public comment portion of the hearing was closed.

Chair Muffler asked if it was a reasonable assumption that the DNA got on the gun via sweat. Captain Maglione stated that he did not believe it was determined what type of DNA was present, *i.e.*, blood or sweat. Chair Muffler advised that he was just speculating that if DNA got on an object, it would have to fly on there.

Mr. Fling commented that he believed the investigation that went into this matter was absolutely superb, speaking as a former police officer and having also been involved with shootings himself. Mr. Fling stated that Det. John "Mongo" Curcio should be commended for the amount of work that he put into the 25-page report, along with the people in homicide. He stated that this was indicative of the type of officers in the City. Mr. Fling expressed that he wished the public knew more about how thoroughly an Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) investigation is conducted. He agreed that it is sad when an officer has to fire, whether accidental or not, and someone gets hurt. Mr. Fling acknowledged that he did not believe that citizens were aware of how much effort went into proving or disproving that this was an intentional act, whether the State Attorney reviewed the case or not.

Unrelated to this case, Mr. Trodella inquired as to the reference of an "IBM" number. Captain Maglione advised that an IBM number and CCN number are the same. Captain Maglione also stated that there is a CEN number that is a 6-digit number that is assigned to everyone in the City. He said that the IBM or CCN 4-digit identifier numbers are the same thing. Captain Maglione stated that as an identifier, the numbers are actually better than a badge, because once an officer is above the rank of patrol officer, a badge number is no longer affixed to the person; therefore, if someone asks for an officer's name and ID number, they are simply given the 4-digit CCN number.

Also unrelated to this case, Mr. Trodella asked the meaning of Lima and then a 4-digit number. Captain Maglione advised that Lima is the call sign for an off-duty officer, plus their 4-digit identifier number.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.