

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

FINDINGS OF FACT IN USE OF FORCE INCIDENT

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| Force Type (s): | Negligent Discharge of a Service Pistol |
| Incident Date: | October 15, 2024 |
| Publication Date: | March 6, 2025 |
| Involved MPD Member(s): Rank, Division Assigned, Race/Gender: | Officer 1 Black/Male Seventh District |
| Subject of the Force's Race/Gender and Age at time of the use of force incident: | Black/Male 39 years old |
| Use of Force Review Board Date: | February 10, 2025 |

SYNOPSIS OF USE OF FORCE

Officer 1 (OFC1) was cleaning his Department issued service pistol at his residence when OFC1 unintentionally discharged it one (1) time. The round struck OFC1's left hand causing injury.

Consistent with MPD policy, a Negligent Discharge is considered a use of force, this use of force incident was referred to Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD's) Internal Affairs Division (IAD) for investigation. The MPD's use of force investigative procedures are outlined in [GO-RAR-901.07 \(Use of Force\)](#). After all available evidence was collected and analyzed, and statements from the subject of the force, and police witnesses were reviewed, the IAD final investigative report was completed on January 15, 2025. The material facts regarding this use of force incident are outlined below.

EVENTS THAT LED TO POLICE CONTACT

1. On October 15, 2024, Office 1 (OFC1) was inside of a residence located in Maryland. OFC1 began cleaning their Department issued service pistol.

EVENTS THAT LED TO THE USE OF FORCE

1. OFC1 negligently handled their service pistol, incorrectly unloading it for cleaning.
2. OFC1 removed the magazine from the firearm, however a live round was still in the chamber.
3. OFC1 pressed the trigger of the firearm and it discharged one (1) time. The discharged round struck OFC1's left hand causing injury.

ACTIONS AFTER THE USES OF FORCE

1. OFC1 suffered a gunshot injury to the left hand and immediately summoned an ambulance, and called police. OFC1 was taken to an area hospital where OFC1 was treated and released.

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PROSECUTORIAL REVIEW BY THE US ATTORNEY’S OFFICE (USAO)

The negligent discharge of a service pistol is considered a misconduct violation. Consistent with GO-RAR-901.07 (Use of Force), the Director of the Internal Affairs Division (IAD) authorized the issuance Reverse Garrity in this case. This incident did not meet the requirements for prosecutorial review by United States Attorney’s Office (USAO).

**FINDINGS OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION (IAD) ADMINISTRATIVE
INVESTIGATION**

On January 15, 2025, the IAD final investigation made the following findings based on a preponderance of the evidence regarding the use of force by the involved member:

- The Use of Force – Negligent Discharge of a Service Pistol with Injury - by OFC1 was classified as **NOT JUSTIFIED**.

FINDINGS OF THE USE OF FORCE REVIEW BOARD (UFRB)

On February 10, 2025, the UFRB convened to review the final investigative report prepared by the IAD and the evidence regarding the use of force by the involved member. The UFRB ruled:

- The Use of Force – Negligent Discharge of a Service Pistol with Injury - by OFC1 was classified as **NOT JUSTIFIED**.