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AS NEW ACTING MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF CONDUCTS INTERNAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE MATTIOLI CASE, THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION WITHDRAWS ITS DISCIPLINARY HEARING TO ALLOW MPD PROBE TO MOVE FORWARD

Decision to Ensure a Fair, Just, and Swift Outcome

Milwaukee, WI - With the announcement today that the Milwaukee Police Department has undertaken an internal investigation into the case of Officer Mattioli, the FPC is withdrawing its disciplinary hearing to allow the MPD process to be completed.

“This is an important and welcomed development that provides consistency and integrity, while safeguarding both due process and appeal rights,” said FPC Executive Director Griselda Aldrete. “Today’s development is a healthy step to ensure due process is protected and will move forward effectively, justice is served, and a strong relationship is rebuilt with the police department and the FPC.”

The Fire & Police Commission (FPC) affirmed the Milwaukee Police Department’s ability to conduct a concurrent internal investigation, as well as acting Chief of Police Brunson’s right to issue discipline while an FPC complaint investigation is underway. The Milwaukee Chief of Police has always possessed this ability to investigate and issue discipline to officers even while the FPC is conducting its own ongoing complaint investigation. Since the complaint investigation has been officially concluded and charges have been referred by the FPC to Officer Mattioli, the Executive Director and the Board of Commissioners have made the decision to withdraw its disciplinary trial of Officer Mattioli and allow the Acting Chief to issue discipline as he sees fit, which is the normal procedure in these matters.

The Fire and Police Commission made the decision to take over the Mattioli investigation on May 18, 2020, largely due to concerns that MPD leadership at the time was not taking necessary action. Acting Chief Brunson, who assumed the top leadership post at the MPD just weeks ago, announced today the Department has initiated an internal investigation into the Mattioli matter.

After conferring with the Executive Director and the Board of Commissioners, Chief Brunson informed the FPC that he issued orders to Officer Mattioli to participate in MPD’s Internal Affairs Division (IAD) investigation into the tragic incident of April 19, 2020, leading to the death of Joel Acevedo.

Since the FPC complaint investigation, led by Executive Director Aldrete, has concluded, and now just awaits a disciplinary trial, the Executive Director and the Board of the Commissioners will withdraw the scheduled disciplinary hearing to allow the MPD to complete its work.

“The FPC thanks Chief Brunson for his clear and decisive leadership in this case, and stands ready to perform all of its statutory obligations to resolve this matter fairly and appropriately, and provide justice for the people of the City of Milwaukee.”

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