POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

801 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET · HONOL DU HAVAIT 968 COMM. NO. 405 TELEPHONE: (808) 529-3111 · INTERNET: www.honolulupd.org

RICK BLANGIARDI MAYOR



RADE K. VANIC

OUR REFERENCE RI-DK

May 20, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President State Senate State Capitol, Room 409 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi:

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) recently became aware from the Department of the Corporation Counsel (COR), City and County of Honolulu, that our Legislative Disciplinary Report for 2021 is not compliant with Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 52D-3.5 (Reports to legislature) and recommended for the HPD to submit an amended version. The 2021 Legislative Disciplinary Report does not contain the identities of police officers who were disciplined and have a pending collective bargaining agreement (CBA) grievance to contest it.

The recommendation by COR was a result of Circuit Court Judge Dean Ochiai's decision on a civil litigation, which was filed by the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (SHOPO), that challenged the legality of the enacted law or bill (Act 47) for the matter. Judge Ochiai denied SHOPO's motion and though SHOPO has appealed it, there is no stay of his order.

Upon considering the guidance provided by COR, enclosed is the HPD's amended Legislative Disciplinary Report for 2021. The amended report includes the identities of all police officers who received discipline regardless of a pending CBA grievance.

Should there be any questions, Major Aaron Takasaki-Young of the Human Resources Division may be contacted at (808) 723-3564.

Sincerely,

Rade K. Vanic

Interim Chief of Police

Enclosure

cc: Department of the Corporation Counsel

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

801 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET · HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813 TELEPHONE: (808) 529-3111 · INTERNET: www.honolulupd.org

RICK BLANGIARDI MAYOR



RADE K. VANIC

OUR REFERENCE RI-DK

May 20, 2022

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives State Capitol, Room 431 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Speaker Saiki:

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) recently became aware from the Department of the Corporation Counsel (COR), City and County of Honolulu, that our Legislative Disciplinary Report for 2021 is not compliant with Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 52D-3.5 (Reports to legislature) and recommended for the HPD to submit an amended version. The 2021 Legislative Disciplinary Report does not contain the identities of police officers who were disciplined and have a pending collective bargaining agreement (CBA) grievance to contest it.

The recommendation by COR was a result of Circuit Court Judge Dean Ochiai's decision on a civil litigation, which was filed by the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (SHOPO), that challenged the legality of the enacted law or bill (Act 47) for the matter. Judge Ochiai denied SHOPO's motion and though SHOPO has appealed it, there is no stay of his order.

Upon considering the guidance provided by COR, enclosed is the HPD's amended Legislative Disciplinary Report for 2021. The amended report includes the identities of all police officers who received discipline regardless of a pending CBA grievance.

Should there be any questions, Major Aaron Takasaki-Young of the Human Resources Division may be contacted at (808) 723-3564.

Sincerely,

Rade K. Vanic

Interim Chief of Police

Enclosure

cc: Department of the Corporation Counsel

Reference No.	Employee Name	Summary / Findings	PAT Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. with Same Officer
17-002	Walter Gouveia	Posted an unprofessional and offensive caption on social media.	No	1 day	Α	
17-032	Albert Lee	Operated a subsidized vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant and got into a motor vehicle collision. Made untruthful statements to investigators at the scene of the motor vehicle collision and throughout the subsequent investigation. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant Inattention to Driving	Yes	Discharged	F	
17-044	Denny Santiago	Used profanity and unprofessional language when interacting with a supervisor. Made derogatory and unprofessional comments about several other supervisors. Called a suspect and made misleading statements about the Honolulu Police Department.	No	3 days	F	21-012
18-003	Lianne Wolfram	Intentionally damaged the property of another without permission. Failed to report a change of home address as required by policy. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Criminal Property Damage in the Third Degree	Yes	10 days	Р	

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending

Reference No.	Employee Name	Summary / Findings	PAT Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. with Same Officer
18-006	Matthew Chang	Operated a subsidized vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant and rear-ended another vehicle. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant *Due to unrelated non-disciplinary issues, employee was placed	Yes	*Reinstated	F	
19-009	Ming Wang	in a non-sworn civilian position. Tackled a family member while attempting to restrain them from leaving a residence. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Abuse of Family or Household Members	Yes	1 day	А	
20-003	Derek Hahn	Committed and was found guilty of criminal felony offenses involving Conspiracy and Attempt to Obstruct an Official Proceeding with the former Chief of Police. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Conspiracy Attempt to Obstruct an Official Proceeding *FBI Investigation	*No	Discharged	P	
20-008	Anthony Pangan	Posted an offensive photograph and made an inappropriate comment on his social media account.	No	1 day	Α	

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending

Reference No.	Employee Name	Summary / Findings	PAT Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. with Same Officer
20-010	Kirk Uemura	Was partial and exhibited unprofessional conduct by using his authority as an officer to actively investigate, follow, detain, and question a minor who was accused of harassing the officer's family member.	No	1 day	Р	
20-011	Zachary Pang	While off duty, stole numerous items from a retail business. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Theft in the Second Degree	Yes	Discharged	Р	
20-012	Daniel Sellers	Committed and pled guilty to a federal criminal offense for the disclosure of confidential information. Failed to submit proper documentation as required by department policy. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Disclosure of Confidential Information *FBI Investigation ** Pursuant to the grievance process, the arbitrator vacated the discharge and imposed a 20-day suspension.	*No	**20 days	F	
20-013	Yvette Miura	Submitted a falsified HPD document. Failed to submit a report in a timely manner as required by department policy. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Tampering with a Government Record	Yes	3 days	A	
20-019	Grandon Costa	Submitted falsified information on multiple required Federal grant documents for an Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant roadblock.	No	10 days	А	

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending

Reference No.	Employee Name	Summary / Findings	PAT Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. with Same Officer
20-024	Eric Hokama	Submitted falsified information on required Federal grant documents for an Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant roadblock.	No	5 days	A	
20-027	Reynwood Makishi	Used a work computer to obtain a female's personal contact information for nonwork-related purposes. Sent unwanted text messages to the female. Failed to activate his body-worn camera. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Harassment *Unable to establish the elements of a crime.	*No	1 day	A	
20-029	Blake Oshita	Operated a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant	No	Discharged	Р	
20-031	Imanueli Kotobalavu	Provided false information on numerous issued citations and related documents while working a federal grant. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Tampering with a Government Record	Yes	Discharged	Р	

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending

Reference No.	Employee Name	Summary / Findings	PAT Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. with Same Officer
20-033	Sheldon Watts	In an incident involving multiple traffic fatalities, engaged in a motor vehicle pursuit and failed to follow departmental policy. Failed to activate his body-worn camera. Provided false information regarding the motor vehicle pursuit in his police report. Criminal Conduct Initiated: False Swearing in Official Matters	*No	Discharged	Р	
20-035	Charles Nakagawa	*Unable to establish the elements of a crime. Reported for duty while intoxicated and made inappropriate comments of a sexual nature.	No	8 days	А	
20-036	Lucius Crabbe	While off duty, assaulted a male at a liquor establishment. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Assault in the Third Degree *Pursuant to the grievance process, discharge was reduced to 99-day suspension.	Yes	*99 days	F	
20-037	Bruce Kim	Operated a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant *Pursuant to the grievance process, discharge was reduced to 130-day suspension.	Yes	*130 days	F	

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending

Reference No.	Employee Name	Summary / Findings	PAT Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. with Same Officer
20-039	Christopher Hsia	Failed to take appropriate action when an individual was forced to lick a urinal. Failed to report the incident. Failed to arrest the individual for an outstanding warrant. **Pursuant to the grievance process, suspension reduced to 10 days.	No	**10 days	F	
20-040	Jordan Marie Kapiioho- Robinson	Failed to take appropriate action when she suspected an individual was forced to lick a urinal. Failed to report the incident. Failed to arrest the individual for an outstanding warrant. **Pursuant to the grievance process, suspension reduced to 5 days.	No	**5 days	F	
20-042	Mark Villegas	Used unnecessary and excessive force while attempting to detain an arrestee, causing injury to the individual. Used profanity during the incident.	No	Discharged	А	
20-044	Diana Lugo	During an off-duty altercation, pushed an individual that resulted in bodily injury. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Abuse of Family or Household Members	Yes	Discharged	A	
20-047	Nathan Oshima	Displayed partiality when responding to a domestic argument involving HPD personnel. Failed to notify a supervisor, deactivated the body-worn camera, and failed to submit a written report.	No	1 day	A	

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending

Reference No.	Employee Name	Summary / Findings	PAT Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. with Same Officer
20-048	Albert Moniz	Displayed partiality when responding to a domestic argument involving HPD personnel. Failed to notify a supervisor, failed to activate the body-worn camera, and failed to submit a written report.	No	1 day	Р	
20-051	Cary Izuka	Failed to follow motor vehicle pursuit and use of force departmental policies. Failed to notify supervisor in a timely manner after a critical incident.	No	3 days	Р	
20-052	Lordy Cullen	Failed to follow motor vehicle pursuit and uniform/equipment policies. Failed to submit a report in a timely manner.	No	1 day	А	
20-053	Jeffrey Tallion	Failed to supervise and did not immediately intervene and/or take appropriate action to stop an argument between another officer and a detainee which subsequently escalated to a physical confrontation. Failed to file required departmental documentation and take appropriate administrative action regarding the incident.	No	10 days	А	
20-054	Micah Medeiros	Was unprofessional and used unreasonable force when addressing and detaining an individual. Failed to properly document the incident as required by departmental policy.	No	10 days	Р	
20-055	Erik linuma	Made explicit comments, jokes, and gestures of a sexual nature in the workplace on multiple occasions.	No	5 days	Р	
20-056	Steven Ono	Showed an image of a sexual nature to a co-worker. Failed to take corrective or preventive measures to stop further sexual harassment from occurring in the workplace.	No	3 days	Р	
20-058	Stephen Silva	Directed an inappropriate comment of a sexual nature to an employee.	No	1 day	F	21-016

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending

Reference No.	Employee Name	Summary / Findings	PAT Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. with Same Officer
21-001	Michael Rourke	Was involved in a physical confrontation with the complainant, causing pain and injury. Harassed and/or acted inappropriately when he continued to approach and argue with the complainant after she told him to leave her alone. Sent numerous text messages to the complainant that were demeaning and/or manipulative. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Abuse of Family or Household Members Criminal Property Damage in the Third Degree	Yes	Discharged	Р	
21-002	Gilbert Lanai	Operated his police vehicle in an unsafe manner. Failed to activate his body-worn camera and failed to document the omission. Was untruthful and intentionally made false statements to police investigator(s). Criminal Conduct Initiated: False reporting to Law Enforcement Authorities	Yes	Discharged	Р	
21-003	Tyler Kerch	Knowingly falsified his submitted police reports. Failed to prepare and/or submit a property receipt for the items he accepted as found property. Failed to activate his body-worn camera, failed to document the omission and failed to immediately notify his supervisor. Revealed his confidential departmental password to another officer. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Tampering With a Government Record	Yes	Discharged	Р	

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending

Reference No.	Employee Name	Summary / Findings	PAT Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. with Same Officer
21-004	Jonathan Thorpe	Conspired to have another officer submit a falsified police report in an attempt to have an item released to an individual who was not the finder/reporting person. Was untruthful to Honolulu Police Department personnel and knowingly falsified his police report. Attempted to log into another officer's departmental account. Criminal Conduct Initiated:	Yes	Discharged	Р	
21-005	Christian Rodrigues-	Tampering With a Government Record Without authorization, took and/or was in illegal possession of a	Yes	Discharged	Р	
	Gum	dangerous drug. Disposed of the pills in a manner that would conceal the identity of the culprit that took them. Criminal Conduct Initiated:				
		Promoting Dangerous Drugs in the Third Degree Theft in the Fourth Degree				
21-006	Alfred Collins	Threatened and attempted to intimidate the complainant through comments posted on Facebook.	No	1 day	F	
21-007	Grant Robello	Failed to utilize his blue lights and/or siren to initiate a traffic stop when he observed a motorist driving in a hazardous manner and/or committing traffic infractions. Failed to use his blue lights and siren and failed to declare a pursuit. Failed to activate his body-worn camera, failed to document the omission, and failed to immediately notify his supervisor.	No	1 day	F	

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending

Reference No.	Employee Name	Summary / Findings	PAT Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. with Same Officer
21-008	Gary Pascual	Failed to immediately notify the Communications Division about a barricade incident and/or when the incident reached the containment stage. Directed his subordinates to prepare to make forcible entry into the unit despite the incident being a barricade situation and/or lacking exigent circumstances necessitating such action.	No	3 days	F	
21-009	Jefferey Pohaku	Worked unauthorized outside employment jobs, and the hours worked conflicted with the hours of his work shift. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Theft in the Third Degree *Officer retired prior to 3-day suspension.	No	*3 days	F	
21-010	Mark Montez	Worked unauthorized outside employment jobs. While working in an outside employment capacity, was attired in his police uniform and/or carried a firearm. Failed to submit an Outside Employment Request at least five business days prior to starting the employment. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Theft in the Second Degree	No	1 day	F	
21-011	Sonny Roden	Failed to provide leadership, failed to take appropriate action, and failed to assume control of a crime scene.	No	1 day	F	

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending

Reference No.	Employee Name	Summary / Findings	PAT Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. with Same Officer
21-012	Denny Santiago	Made detrimental statements against Honolulu Police Department personnel and operations. Was insubordinate when he failed to follow a verbal order. Revealed the aforementioned detrimental statements and/or confidential information regarding past and current administrative investigations to entities outside of the department without authorization to do so.	No	5 days	F	17-044
21-013	Thomas Deponte	Was untruthful when he intentionally gave false statements to individuals within and outside of the Honolulu Police Department regarding his exposure to COVID-19. *Officer retired prior to discharge.	No	*Discharged	Р	
21-014	Duane Hookano	Was discourteous and overbearing and used profanity toward the complainant during a traffic stop.	No	1 day	Р	
21-015	Joseph Trinidad	Failed to maintain a respectful workplace environment and failed to take appropriate action and/or maintain discipline.	No	1 day	F	
21-016	Stephen Silva	Was unprofessional and/or disrespectful when he yelled at and used profanity when speaking to a superior officer. Was unprofessional and/or failed to create and maintain a respectful workplace environment.	No	2 days	F	20-058
21-017	Robert King	Yelled at and degraded a subordinate officer.	No	1 day	Р	
21-018	Justin Castro	Engaged in a dating and/or romantic relationship with a subordinate officer. Compelled and/or caused the complainant to continue the relationship or face possible termination. *Officer resigned prior to discharge.	No	Discharged	F	

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending

Reference No.	Employee Name	Summary / Findings	PAT Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. with Same Officer
21-019	Scott Valdez	Swore multiple times at the complainant and his passenger. Failed to activate his body-worn camera, failed to document the omission, and failed to immediately notify his supervisor.	No	3 days	Р	
21-020	Mason Jordan	Committed a criminal act and/or acted inappropriately when he permitted a minor to possess and/or consume intoxicating liquor without the consent of the minor's parent or legal guardian. Failed to participate with and/or respond to the administrative investigation of this incident. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Promoting Intoxicating Liquor to a Minor *Officer resigned prior to discharge.	No	*Discharged	F	
21-021	Mark Kutsy	Made numerous and misleading statements which criticized orders given by various supervisory personnel and criticized the handling of personnel complaints.	No	1 day	Р	
21-022	Dorian Soto	Operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant and collided into another vehicle. Failed to comply with traffic regulations when he operated his motor vehicle while holding and/or using a mobile electronic device with no legal exemption to do so. Criminal Conduct Initiated: Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant	Yes	Discharged	Р	
21-023	Richard Schenk	Failed to remain impartial when he cancelled a citation. Did not submit the citation and all required paperwork stating the reason for the cancellation.	No	1 day	Р	

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending

Reference No.	Employee Name	Summary / Findings	PAT Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. with Same Officer
21-024	Paul Carroll	Failed to establish an inner perimeter, and failed to notify the Communications Division about the barricade incident. Made forcible entry into the apartment despite the lack of exigent circumstances necessitating such action.		1 day	Р	
21-025	Christopher Fredeluces	Failed to establish an inner perimeter, and failed to notify the Communications Division about the barricade incident. Made forcible entry into the apartment despite the lack of exigent circumstances necessitating such action.	No	1 day	F	
21-026	Grant Kimura	Failed to establish an inner perimeter, and failed to notify the Communications Division about the barricade incident. Made forcible entry into the apartment despite the lack of exigent circumstances necessitating such action.		1 day	F	
21-027	Mikel Kunishima	Failed to conduct a proper and/or fair investigation regarding misconduct by a subordinate officer.	No	1 day	Р	

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending

Suspended	Discharged	Standard of Conduct
0	0	Malicious Use of Physical Force
0	0	Mistreatment of Prisoners
0	1	Use of Drugs and Narcotics
0	0	Cowardice

NOTE: The initiation of a criminal case does not imply that the case was accepted for prosecution or that it was a determining factor in the disciplinary action taken against the officer.

F = Final

P = Grievance Pending