SALT LAKE CITY POLICE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD

Investigative Report

Internal Affairs Case Number C 2022-0077

Involved Citizen: (Race/Gender)	Complainant – Elise (W/F) Victim – Brooklyn Tyree (W/F)
Alleged Policy Violation(s):	Courtesy in Contacts Code of Ethics - Unsatisfactory Work Performance
Subject Officer: (Race/Gender) Subject Officer's Years of Service:	Officer Dixon Whitehead (W/M), 2 years Officer Marika Ascarte (W/F), 1 year Officer Isaac Black (W/M), 1 year
Date of Alleged Incidents:	May 5, 2022 May 6, 2022
Date Investigation Requested:	May 10, 2022
Date Filed with Internal Affairs	May 12, 2022
Date Investigation Completed:	October 28, 2022
Panel Members:	Perry Bankhead Turner Bitton Dennis Busch Teresa Garrett Kevin Parke
Date of Panel Meeting:	April 11, 2023
Interviews Conducted:	10

It should be noted that the narratives contained in this report are summaries that have been paraphrased from interviews. They should not be interpreted as verbatim transcripts. The narrative is intended to accurately communicate the substance of the major points in each interview.

I. SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT ALLEGATIONS

Elise Odland alleges SLCPD Officer Dixon Whitehead was discourteous when she reported her daughter, Brooklyn Tyree, and grandson, went missing on May 5, 2022. She additionally alleges he failed to list them as missing in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database and that on May 6, 2022, Officers Marika

Ascarte and Isaac Black also failed to list the victims as missing in NCIC to initiate the necessary public alerts in a timely manner.

II. DOCUMENTS REVIEWED

- 1. SLCPD Incident Report No. 2022-82453
- 2. SLCPD Supplemental Reports No. 2022-82453
- 3. SLCPD Investigative Follow-Up Reports No. 2022-82453
- 4. Body Worn Camera (BWC) Footages
- 5. NCIC Missing Person

III. THE INVESTIGATION

COMPLAINANT'S STATEMENT¹

A complaint letter was submitted to the Mayor's Office by an attoeney representing Brooklyn Tyree's family. The letter documented his conversation with Elise and reads as follows:

Re: Failure to Investigate the Disappearance of Brooklyn Elise Odland Tyree

"On Thursday, May 5, around 4:30 p.m., Elise went to the SLCPD headquarters and spoke with an officer about her concerns that Brook and were missing. Whomever she spoke with basically blew her off and said an officer would meet her at Brook's apartment. A police officer, D. Whitehead finally came to the apartment around 9:30 p.m. he said Brook and would be entered into the NCIS data base. When someone offered Officer Whitehead photos of Brook, he refused them, responding condescendingly, "Oh, we all know Brooklyn." He then provided a case number, #22-82453. When Isabelle Rust, Brook's cousin, stated to Whitehead that a list was begin prepared of friends who might have information, Whitehead responded "Well, that's a lot of people for us to have to go through, wo why don't you contact them." The clear indication was that Whitehead was not interested in doing an investigation and that he didn't think Brook and her family were worth his trouble or that trouble of the SLCPD.

Elise was informed by SLCPD that they had received a ping from Brook's phone in Loa. When family members asked the SLCPD further about the ping, they were disregarded and told that nothing further was going to be done about it because there was no "official investigation." One officer even said, "It was fluke." One officer stated, as if Brook's family was just a big nuisance, "You know we're busy, right?" This was hardly the treatment that would have been afforded a wealthy and powerful family under the same circumstances. From the outset, there was no semblance of equal justice being administered by the SLCPD.

Although members of Brook's family told police officers they had text messages from Brandon with entirely inconsistent, dishonest accounts about Brook and _____, the police never showed any interest whatsoever in the text messages and never even asked for them. That was characteristic of the indifferent attitude demonstrated by police officers until, after flyers were put up by Brook's family members and friends, police

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¹ Written statement submitted by Mr. Rocky Anderson on May 8, 2022.

officer showed the first interest in this matter and the first inkling of empathy for Brook's family members and friends on the evening of Sunday, 5/8, soon after I met with those family members and friends at my home during that evening.

Without any assistance by SLCPD, the family put up hundreds of flyers on May 6 in Pleasant Grove and Salt Lake City.

On May 7, Deanna contacted the Pleasant Grove Police and asked that there be a wellness check related to ______. Later, a police officers said they went to Brandon's they saw a bunch of kids, they never asked to see ______, but simply asked if ______ was there and they were informed he was there. They never confirmed they had actually seen ______

Two SLCPD officer one male, the other female) informed Brook's family that Brook was going to be taken off the NCIS data base², saying that it was because had been located and because Brook did not qualify as a missing person because she was and adult ("Adults are allowed to go missing," one of them said) and she was not an endangered person."

(The Preliminary Investigation determined that Officers Marika Ascarte and Isaac Black were the officers who took statements from Elise on May 6th at the Public Safety Building and therefore, they have also been deemed the Subjects of this investigation.)

EVIDENCE

SLCPD Incident Report No. 2022-82453

An Incident Report was submitted by Officer Dixon Whitehead. The report reads as follows:

Officer Whitehead's Incident Report

"Synopsis: This report is regarding a missing person's at an an Axon camera on Missing Person: Brooklyn Tyree and and asked what happened.

I arrived on scene and made contact with Elise and asked what happened. Elise stated that her daughter Brooklyn Tyree left Tuesday (5-3-2022) to go to a friends in Tooele but has yet to come back. I asked Elise if she knew the friend she was going to Tooele to see or with, Elise stated she did not know. Elise stated that Tyree is usually on her phone a lot but has not been picking up and has gone straight to voicemail. Elise did inform me that Tyree had her infant baby with her when she left (________).

Elise stated she was trying to find all of Tyree friends in the Tooele area and contact them to see if that who she is with. I told Elise if she gets in contact with Tyree to

² The statement is inaccurate because Brooklyn had not been listed in the NCIC database at that time.

call back and use the case number I gave her, and let us know that she has found Tyree.

I called service and check common places for Tyree (like hospitals, Jails, and Homeless shelters) but Tyree was not found.

Tyree and were not listed under NCIC for missing due to not meeting the criteria. (Like Mental issue, medication or self harm/others)

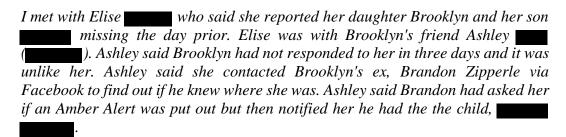
Axon camera on. U95. NFD"

SLCPD Supplemental Incident Reports No. 2022-82453

Supplemental Reports were submitted by Officers Marika Ascarte, Jeremy Atwood, Jake Anderson, Isaac Black and Joshua Hoyle. The reports read as follows:

Officer Ascarte's Supplemental Report

"On 6 May 2022, I responded to the front of the Public Safety Building for a follow up report for a missing person.



Ashley said Brandon was abusive to Brooklyn and and Brooklyn would never leave with Brandon. Ashley said Brandon was recently arrested in Tooele and currently residing there.

I contacted the Tooele County Sheriff's Office and they confirmed Brandon was recently arrested but had an address listed in Pleasant Grove. Tooele was unsure of where Brandon's location may be.

One of Brooklyn's friends, Brandy () was on scene and provided a phone number for Brandon. I contacted Brandon via telephone and he said Brooklyn had dropped (off to him a few days prior and said she could not take care of him and needed to get away from her family. Brandon said Brooklyn did not typically do drugs but it was not unlike her to take off for a few weeks-few months at a time because she would get sick of being around her family and she

I had Pleasant Grove Police Department do a welfare check to verify Brandon had

okay. Brandon's address he provided was Grove, UT. was with Brandon and appeared to be okay. Brandon's address he provided was Grove, UT.
I informed the family we could not list Brooklyn as missing because she did not meet the criteria to be listed.
The family gave a list of people who could be contacted if Brooklyn was located:
My body camera was activated and may/may not have been muted/deactivated for officer consultation or periods of inactivity.
End of Supplemental."
Officer Atwood's Supplemental Report
"On 05/08/2022 at approximately 0043 hours i was dispatched on a call for service telephonically for supplemental information to a missing person case. I contacted the complainants identified as security for the apartment complex (Kayden and Rachael DOB and Rachael DOB Kayden informed me that he located a flyer about the missing persons case and had information on Brooklyn's where abouts.
Kayden stated that Brooklyn lives at the leasing office may have her contact information (leasing office #)
no bwc used- Tele V18"
Officer Anderson's Supplemental Report
"On 05.08.22 at approximately 1854 hrs I responded to assist an officer with a missing person (Brooklyn).
While on scene at the apartment I spoke with Brooklyn's mother, Elise explained to me that she believed Brooklyn went missing on Tuesday (05/03) since that was the last time anyone has had contact with Brooklyn.
Elise went on to explain that on Thursday (05/05), she went over to Brooklyn's apartment. When Elise got there, Brooklyn's dog was inside the apartment alone. Elise stated there was no food or water left in the dog's dishes. Elise further stated that the dog had pooped and peed all over the apartment.

Elise stated that Brooklyn's ex-boyfriend, Brandon, lived in Pleasant Grove. Elise stated that as far as she knew, Brooklyn's baby (who is also Brandon's baby) was

with Brandon. Elise stated Pleasant Grove PD went to Brandon's house and did a welfare check on the baby. Elise was under the understanding that Pleasant Grove PD never actually saw the baby because Brandon told them the baby was sleeping. I do not know where Elise got that information.

Elise also stated that Brandon works at the Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City. Elise stated Brandon only has family back in Kentucky, and no family in Utah. Elise told me that Brandon's mother called Brooklyn approximately two months ago and said (in Elise's words) "Brandon knows where you live, and he's planning something. Please watch out." According to Elise, Brandon's mother and sister stated, "he's a liar, he's capable of anything."

It should be noted that Elise's boyfriend who was there during my contact with them stated that Brandon's mother was "so wishy-washy."

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Officer Black's Supplemental Report

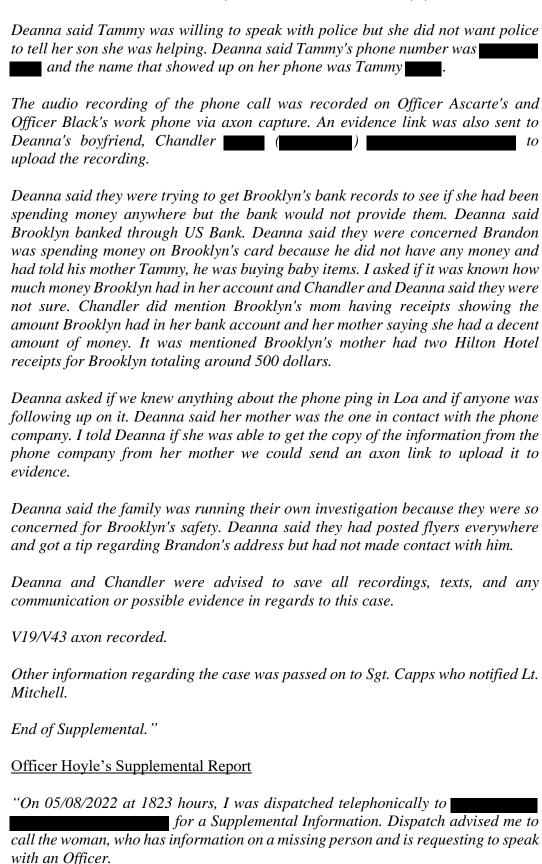
"On 8 May 2022, I responded to in South Salt Lake to meet with Deanna in regards to a phone call she recorded.

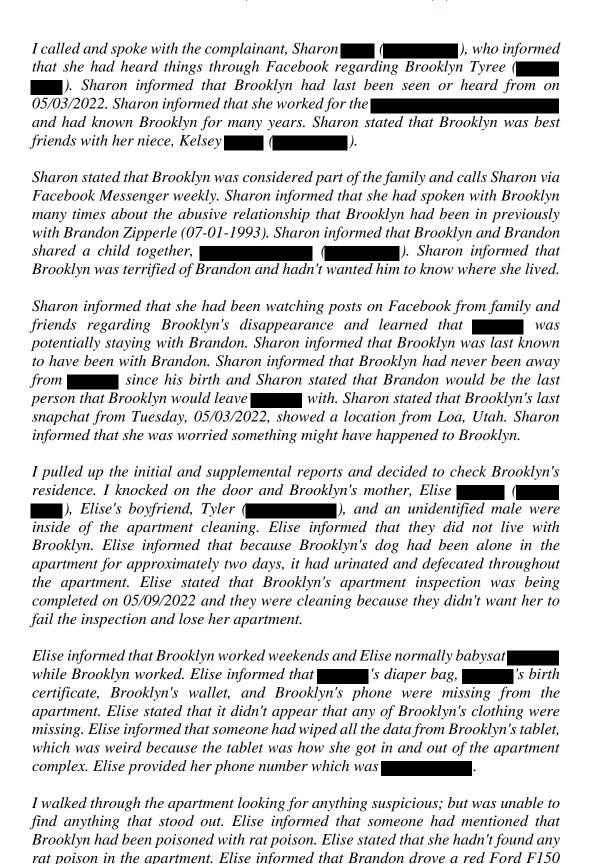
Deanna said she spoke with Brandon's mother, Tammy on the phone on 5/8/2022 at 0100 hours and recorded the conversation regarding Brooklyn. During the conversation Tammy says she is worried Brandon did something to Brooklyn because he was worried about having to pay child support. Tammy says Brandon called her and told her he had the baby and would not have to pay any back pay or child support. Tammy said Brandon later called her crying in a panic saying maybe I should have told police. Tammy said Brandon mentioned door dash, Tylenol, and rat poison and door dash taking a picture. Tammy said Brandon mentioned a half eaten rat poison sandwich and said Brooklyn was arrested and police were trying to cover it up and pin it on him.

In the recording Tammy believes her son did something to Brooklyn with rat poison and a half eaten sandwich. Tammy rambles a lot and parts of the recording do not make sense but Tammy made clear she was worried for Brooklyn and wanted to do the right thing.

Tammy said when she was speaking with Brandon, Elizabeth Ludwig (his girlfriend) was present and someone that sounded like a social worker was also present. Tammy said they were mentioning on the baby needing to be documented. Tammy said Brandon was mentioning the baby

Tammy said Brooklyn and Brooklyn's mother were involved with fraud using Brandon's information and kept mentioning welfare, IRS, and food stamps.





and had parked in the overflow lot directly behind the Public Safety Building (PSB). I tried to speak with Security, however, no one was in the building.

A supplemental report from 05/08/2022 stated that the Security Guard's from Apartments called in regarding the flyer that had been going around from Brooklyn's family; but did not state what they had been calling about. I called and spoke with Rachael () who informed that she had called to inform that she might have been one of the last people to see Brooklyn before she went missing. Rachael informed that she spoke with Brooklyn on 05/03/2022 at approximately 0800 hours near the main lobby elevators. Rachael informed that Brooklyn was pushing a stroller with inside and was walking her dog. Rachael stated that Brooklyn had always spoke of how she feared her baby's father, Brandon. Rachael stated Brooklyn was always worried that Brandon was going to find out where she lived.

Rachael informed that when they spoke on 05/03/2022, Brooklyn informed that she had recently began trying to reunify with Brandon, so he could have a relationship with his son. Rachael stated that Brooklyn was skeptical that this would work out. Rachael informed that she could not remember what Brooklyn was wearing when they spoke. Rachael stated that Brooklyn was one of the sweetest girls that she had ever met. Rachael informed that Security for the apartment complex was unable to pull video footage, however, stated we could call Monday morning and speak with the management at

Due to the amount of calls we had taken regarding Brooklyn's disappearance, family and friends indicating that her disappearance was abnormal, family and friends stating that Brooklyn would never leave ______, Brooklyn still breastfeeding and not taking any of her pump supplies which were clean and sitting on the counter, and Brooklyn not showing up to work on 05/07/2022 and 05/08/2022, I felt there was enough suspicion to list Brooklyn missing on NCIC. I called SLCPD Records and had Brooklyn listed as a missing person on NCIC

I had Ofc Anderson (V17) speak with Crime Lab to determine if they could pull video from the east side of the PSB and see if they could locate Brooklyn leaving with Brandon. Ofc Anderson informed me that Crime Lab stated they didn't know how to access the video. For more information, see Ofc Anderson's supplemental report. Ofc Anderson uploaded the most recent photos of Brooklyn and AXON Capture.

I called and spoke with a former SLCPD Homicide Detective and ran the case by her. I was informed that exigency to ping Brooklyn's phone was probably gone because it had been past three days. As well, I was informed that we probably couldn't get a warrant approved for Brooklyn's phone records. I was informed to call whoever pays the phone bill which I had learned was Elise and have them call the provider to try and get the records. I called Elise and she informed she would try to call Brooklyn's cell phone provider immediately. Elise asked me to contact

Brooklyn's sister, Deanna (), regarding a conversation that Deanna had held with Brandon's mother. A few minutes later, Deanna had called in regarding a possible homicide (22-84960) and requested an Officer to call her. I called and spoke with Deanna who informed that she had spoken with Brandon's mother, Tammy \blacksquare), on 05/08/2022 at approximately 0100 hours and recorded the conversation which she felt Officer's needed to listen to. I sent Ofc Ascarte and Ofc Black to to listen to and record the audio. See Ofc Deanna's Ascarte and Ofc Black's supplemental reports. I called Pleasant Grove Police Department and spoke with Ofc Green who had been the Officer that provided an Agency Assist welfare check for SLCPD at , on 05/06/2022 at approximately 1700 hours. Of Green informed that he didn't place eyes on the first time out, so he went returned when SLCPD called back for a disposition. *Ofc Green informed that* was with Brandon and Brandon's girlfriend and appeared to be well. Ofc Green informed that his body worn camera was activated during this interaction. Ofc Green informed that Tooele County Sheriff's Department was also investigating Brooklyn's disappearance and provided details which were passed on to Sgt Capps and Watch Command.

This concludes my involvement in this case."

SLCPD Investigative Follow-Up Reports No. 2022-82453

Investigative Follow-up Reports were submitted by Detective Nathan Wiley. The reports read as follows:

Detective Wiley's Follow-Up Reports

"May-09-2022 8:37

On today's date I reviewed the case reports and was briefed by Sgt. D. Christensen as to the details pertaining to missing person Brooklyn Tyree. Brooklyn was last seen on Tuesday May 3, 2022 at approximately 0800 hours by the apartment Security personnel. A possible identification hit was sent from Tooele County SO on May 8, 2022. I contacted Sgt. Yale from the Tooele County SO and spoke with him regarding a deceased female body that was located on Faust Road, between Five Mile Pass recreation and Vernon City. Sgt. Yale stated that the body was located about a mile southwest on Faust Road from SR 73. Sgt. Yale stated that there weren't any identifying documents or cellphone(s) found with the body and described the female wearing a multi color with floral pattern leggings and a dark hooded sweatshirt, he stated that physical description was consistent with our missing person Brooklyn Tyree.

I informed Sgt. Yale that I did not have a clothing description or any scars, marks or tattoo information at this time and that I would respond to the apartment

complex to review surveillance footage and speak with the family. At this time it was not confirmed if the deceased was indeed Brooklyn. Sgt. Yale did indicate that it did appear that the female was the possible victim of a homicide. Sgt. Yale and Detectives were attending an autopsy this morning and would contact me if the deceased was positively identified."

"May-09-2022 13:11 IN PROGRESS

On today's date myself and Sgt. Christensen responded to the apartments and spoke with management (Susan) at the leasing office. Susan provided access to the surveillance camera system to review. Below is the documented date and time stamps of significant findings.

May 2, 2022 Elevator Lobby Camera

1409 Brooklyn and Brandon are observed entering the lobby of the apartments. Brandon is pushing the baby in the stroller. Both Brooklyn and Brandon enter into the mailroom out of camera view.

1410 Brooklyn and Brandon exit the mail room and enter the elevator out of camera view.

1746 Brandon, Brooklyn, dog and in stroller, exit the elevator into the lobby area of the apartments.

1747 Brandon, Brooklyn, dog and exit the lobby area into the parking garage out of camera view.

1805 Brooklyn, and dog enter back into the lobby of the apartments. Brandon is not observed coming in with them.

1806 Brooklyn, and dog enter elevator out of camera view.

May 3, 2022 Elevator Lobby Camera

0843 Brooklyn is observed wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt (with a white face on the front) dark under shirt and multi color leggings with a floral design on them pushing a stroller and exiting the lobby.

0850 Brooklyn returns to the lobby and enters the elevator with a female (identified as Brandy).

1159 Male (identified as Dirk)-described as best friend to Brooklyn, is observed wearing a dark shirt, dark pants and a blue baseball cap worn backwards enters the elevator.

12:09 Dirk is observed back in main lobby and is now with Brandy exit the main lobby into the parking garage.

1219 Dirk is observed back in main lobby and enters the elevator.

1307 Dirk is observed back in main lobby and exits the lobby into the parking garage.

1450 Brooklyn is observed back in main lobby holding a baby carrier wearing same multi color leggings, dark hooded sweatshirt, white/black shoes and a black/white backpack. Brooklyn exits the lobby into the parking garage.

May 3, 2022 East Vehicle Entrance Camera

1451 Brooklyn is observed standing on the east side of the apartments near the vehicle entrance holding the a baby in a carseat carrier.

1451 A blue KIA Sportage (SUV) is observed travelling northbound on Blair St towards the east vehicle entrance of the apartments. It appears that Brooklyn is on her cellphone is observed waving her hand towards the Blue KIA Sportage. The KIA Sportage has a front dealer placard on the front of the vehicle from Low Book Sales. The vehicle pulls into the entrance to the parking garage of the apartments and Brooklyn is observed walking towards the vehicle.

1453 The blue KIA Sportage (SUV) is observed turning around in the front entrance and exiting with Brooklyn and baby in the vehicle. The vehicle continues back southbound on Blair Street out of camera view. Partial rear plate was observed of (U405??) It should be noted that this vehicle was identified as a 2012 Kia Sportage with full UT plate number of (U405SE), registered to Elizabeth Ludwig, out of Pleasant Grove. Elizabeth is the current fiance of Brandon Zipperle. The driver never gets out of the vehicle and the camera views were not sufficient enough to determine the identity of the driver. The suspected driver is Brandon Zipperle."

"May-09-2011 16:32

Myself and Sgt. Christensen met with Sgt. Yale and Detective Winger from Tooele County Sherriff's Office at the apartments. Sgt. Yale and Detective Winger had attended the autopsy of the deceased female that they recovered from the Five Mile Pass recreation area. Sgt. Yale provided a photo of the leggings that were on the female to myself and Sgt. Christensen. The photo was a match to the leggings that were worn by Brooklyn on Tuesday May 3, 2022 on the surveillance as well as

the black hoodie that was recovered with the decedent. The Medical Examiner ran prints through AFIS³, however Brooklyn's prints were not on file.

Tooele County Detectives were fairly certain that the decedent was Brooklyn based on the clothing match, but they wanted to see if there were scars, jewelry, tattoos that could be gained from Brooklyn's family. They also requested us to ask the family what Dentist Brooklyn would have visited so that the Medical Examiner could review Dental Records.

I provided screenshots from the Video Surveillance footage that we had recovered from the apartments, to include Brooklyn wearing the multi color floral leggings and black hoodie, Brooklyn standing outside with in the baby carrier preparing to get into the blue Kia Sportage, photo of Brooklyn and Brandon together on Monday May 2, 2022 in the lobby of the apartments.

Tooele County Detectives provided the complete plate to the KIA Sportage and provided the registration to Elizabeth Ludwig, (fiancé) of Brandon. Tooele County Detectives stated that they observed that vehicle parked at the Pleasant Grove apartments where Brandon and Elizabeth reside.

We were briefed with the details of the crime scene in Tooele County and we briefed Tooele County Detectives of the Missing Person's report and findings. At this time a plan was developed by Tooele County Detectives to apply for a search warrant for the Kia Sportage, Brandon and Elizabeth's apartment in Pleasant Grove and a plan to safely take baby into protective custody away from Brandon if possible. I provided a copy of our reports that were completed at this time to Tooele County.

Upon receiving confirmation of the identity to Brooklyn and getting Brandon into custody, SLCPD Detectives would notify NOK to Elise at that time. NFD"

"May-23-2022 10:35

This case will be closed as missing person (Brooklyn Tyree) was located deceased in Tooele County. Tooele County SO is investigating the Homicide.

The case file was uploaded to an external hard drive under this case number and was provided to Tooele County Sheriff's Office. NFD"

Body Worn Camera Footage

The BWC footage from Officer Whitehead, Ascarte and Black captured the following:

Officer Whitehead's BWC Footages

On May 5, 2022, Officer Whitehead was dispatched to investigate a call concerning a missing person. The footage begins with Officer Whitehead responding to an

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³ Automated Fingerprint Identification System

apartment. He was greeted by Elise who said that her daughter was missing, and her 7-month-old grandson was with her. No one in the family had heard from her since Tuesday, May 3rd and she was not active on her social media accounts, which was uncommon. When she said her daughter's name was Brooklyn Tyree, Officer Whitehead said that he knew Brooklyn. Elise asked how he knew Brooklyn and he responded, "Oh we've had our run-ins." Elise said they were worried about Brandon Zipperle; he had recently been released from jail and Brooklyn was having nightmares about him. Brandon is _____''s father, but he did not have direct contact with his son or Brooklyn. He requested Brooklyn's phone number and asked if anyone knew where she went on Tuesday. Elise said Brooklyn was going to Tooele to visit friends but still had not come back. Brooklyn did not drive so one of her friends would have picked her up. Elise said one of Brooklyn's friends was sending her a list of the people Brooklyn knew in Tooele. Officer Whitehead said, "That's a lot of people we'd have to cover, so that would be kinda..." Elise interrupted him and said that she did not know what else to do. A female in the background said the list would not contain that many people. Officer Whitehead told Elise that he had already checked the local hospitals and the ones in Tooele County with negative results, but he would get Brooklyn listed as missing. Elise held up photographs and said she had pictures of Brooklyn and and thought they would help⁴. Officer Whitehead responded, "We all know her. We all definitely know who Brooklyn is." Officer Whitehead requested that if anyone was able to connect with her friends in Tooele or found out that Brooklyn's phone was broken or any of them knew where she was, to let him know so he could get her unlisted. He obtained Elise's phone number and provided her with the case number related to Brooklyn's case. Officer Whitehead exited the apartment and deactivated his BWC.

Officer Ascarte and Black's BWC Footages

On May 6, 2022, Elise went to the PSB and requested to speak to an officer about Brooklyn's case. Officers Ascarte and Black were dispatched to follow up with Elise and located her outside the building. The footage begins with Officers Ascarte and Black approaching Elise and Brooklyn's friend, Ashley Elise said that she had additional information regarding her daughter's missing person case. Officer Black asked if Brooklyn had any diagnosed and Elise responded, "Elise said that Brooklyn was listed on NCIC, and Elise responded that the previous officer [Officer Whitehead] told her that he would put Brooklyn on NCIC as missing.

Ashley said one of Brooklyn's friends said she was going to Tooele to meet Brandon, so Ashley contacted him on Facebook. Brandon said he had not seen or heard from Brooklyn. They realized Brandon lied to them when they got information showing he was at her apartment earlier in the week. When she asked again, Brandon admitted that he saw Brooklyn when she dropped off with him. Brandon responded that they would never see again. Then he blocked Ashley from contacting him on his social media account. Ashley gave Officer Ascarte Brandon's full name and his description. Ashley held up her cell phone and showed Officers Ascarte and Black her

⁴ Officer Whitehead did not refuse to take the photographs from Elise, but he did not physically take the photographs from her when she offered them.

correspondences with Brandon through Facebook. Officer Black obtained Brooklyn's full name and date of birth from Elise so they could look up the previous reports.

When they went to Brooklyn's apartment to search for her, the dog was still there with no food. Brooklyn had not called her family or friends in three days, and she was not active on social media which they say was totally out of character for her. They said they talked to Brooklyn every day, and she was constantly on her social media accounts posting comments and pictures of ______. Ashley said Brooklyn was afraid of Brandon because he "had put hands on her before when she was pregnant" and she was in the process of getting a temporary protection order against him. Brooklyn was the custodial parent and would never leave ______ with Brandon because he had never been in his life. Elise said Brandon was violent and very dangerous and had recently been released from jail for discharging a firearm. Officer Ascarte responded that their hands were tied because Brooklyn was not a juvenile, but her concern was to find out ______ 's location. Officer Black stated, "Maybe you guys should start telling her [Brooklyn] to get away from this guy." Elise and Ashley immediately replied they had told Brooklyn to stay away from Brandon and they did not know she had been talking to him recently.

Officer Ascarte muted the audio/sound on her BWC and went into the PSB to the records office and Officer Black followed her inside the building. Officer Ascarte reviewed documents and then approached Lt. Lisa Pascadlo who was observed in the hallway outside of the records office. They had a brief discussion, but it was not heard.

Officer Ascarte unmuted the sound on her BWC and she and Officer Black went back outside to talk to Elise. She told Elise that Brooklyn had not been placed on NCIC as officially missing but the case was still under investigation. Elise became visibly upset and told them the initial officer assured her Brooklyn would be placed on NCIC. Officer Ascarte informed her that she had other agencies searching for Brandon and them there would be an Attempt to Locate (ATL) put in the system for Brooklyn and Elise asked about pinging Brooklyn's cell phone and Officer Ascarte informed her that could not be done if Brooklyn's phone was off because it would not show a location after being off for three days. Officer Ascarte asked if Brooklyn had a history of illicit drug use, alcohol problems or prescription drug use, and they both responded in the negative.

An unidentified female approached the group and gave Officer Ascarte what she believed was a current phone number for Brandon. Officer Ascarte walked away from the family and put her phone on speaker mode. She called the number as Officer Black stood next to her and listened. A male answered and confirmed he was Brandon. He said he did not know where Brooklyn was, confirmed that was at his home with him in Pleasant Grove, and provided his address. Brandon claimed Brooklyn brought to him and said she could not care for him anymore and needed to get away from her family. Brandon said that was normal behavior for Brooklyn. When she would get tired of dealing with her family, she would leave for a while. Brandon said there was no court order saying he could not be with his son. He denied Brooklyn did

any hard drugs, Officer Ascarte requested Brandon's address and he provided it to her. She informed him that someone would be going to his house to check on and he stated that he understood. Brandon asked if they could let him know when they find Brooklyn because her family had not heard from her in three days. He said her family was contacting him freaking out as if Brooklyn had never disappeared before. Sometimes Brooklyn would leave for a few weeks and other times she would be gone for months. Officer Ascarte thanked Brandon for his time and the call ended. Officer Ascarte called Pleasant Grove PD and requested a welfare check be conducted at Brandon's home concerning.
Officer Ascarte informed Elise that Brandon confirmed he had and Pleasant Grove was going to his home address to check on him. If was there, and was okay, there was not much she could do about locating Brooklyn. Elise repeated that Brooklyn would never leave with his dad. She told Elise that Brooklyn did not qualify as a missing person because she was an adult and was able to leave and she was not in danger. Brooklyn did not meet the criteria to be listed in NCIC and she would not be listed as missing. Elise asked if they could check the surveillance cameras at Brooklyn's apartment building because the cameras should capture vehicles coming and going from the front of the building. She said Brooklyn did not drive and someone would have picked her up. Officer Ascarte wrote down the date and time they last spoke to Brooklyn as a reference point. Officer Ascarte asked that they contact her if they received any new information related to Brooklyn's case. She and Officer Black walked away from the group and deactivated their BWCs.
Missing Person Report The Missing Person Report reflects that on May 8, 2022, at 10:11 p.m., Brooklyn Tyree was entered into the NCIC database as a missing person.
SLCPD WITNESS OFFICERS INTERVIEWED Witness Officer interviews were conducted with Officer Joshua Hoyle, Sergeants Amanda Capps, Derek Christensen and Scott Hall, Lieutenants David Wierman and Lisa Pascadlo, and Detective Nathan Wiley. The interviews were conducted by IA and are detailed below.
Lt. David Wierman's IA Interview ⁵

Sgt. Amanda Capps' IA Interview⁶

 $^{^{5}}$ The interview was conducted by Sgt. Tom Wind on June 20, 2022. Also present, Union Representative Det. Joseph McBride.

⁶ The interview was conducted by Sgt. Tom Wind on June 22, 2022. Also present, IA Sgt. Bron Cruz and Union Representative Sgt. Tiffany Pappas.

Detective Nathan Wiley's IA Interview ⁷	
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⁷ The interview was conducted by Sgt. Tom Wind on June 22, 2022. Also present, IA Sgt. Joshua Allred and Union Representative Sgt. Tiffany Pappas.

Sgt. Derek Christensen's IA Interview ⁸

 $^{^8}$ The interview was conducted by Sgt. Tom Wind on June 22, 2022. Also present, IA Sgt. Joshua Allred and CRB Investigator Tonya Richardson.

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⁹ The interview was conducted by Sgt. Tom Wind on June 22, 2022. Also present, IA Sgt. Bron Cruz, Union Representative Sgt. Tiffany Pappas and CRB Investigator Tonya Richardson.

¹⁰ The interview was conducted by Sgt. Tom Wind on July 13, 2022. Also present, IA Sgt. Tyer Lowe, IA Sgt. Angela Cooper and Union Representative Sgt. Jeffrey North.

¹² The interview was conducted by Sgt. Tom Wind on July 18, 2022. Also present, IA Sgt. Tyer Lowe, IA Sgt. Angela Cooper, Union Representative Sgt. Tiffany Pappas and CRB Investigator Tonya Richardson.

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SLCPD SUBJECT OFFICERS INTERVIEWED Subject Officer interviews were conducted with Officers Dixon Whitehead, Marika Ascarte and Isaac Black regarding the allegations. The interviews were conducted by IA and are detailed below.
Officer Dixon Whitehead's IA Interview ¹³

¹³ The interview was conducted by Sgt. Tom Wind on August 24, 2022. Also present, IA Sgt. Joshua Allred, Union Representative Det. Jennifer Overman and CRB Investigator Tonya Richardson.

Officer Marika Ascarte's IA Interview ¹⁴	
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¹⁴ The interview was conducted by Sgt. Tom Wind on August 29, 2022. Also present, IA Sgt. Angela Cooper, Union Representative Det. Jennifer Overman, Officer Darrell Anderson and CRB Investigator Tonya Richardson.

Officer Isaac Black's IA Interview ¹⁵

Allegation(s):

¹⁵ The interview was conducted by Sgt. Tom Wind on August 30, 2022. Also present, IA Sgt. Joshua Allred, Union Representative Det. Jennifer Overman and CRB Investigator Tonya Richardson.

Elise alleges SLCPD Officer Dixon Whitehead was discourteous when she reported her daughter, Brooklyn Tyree, and grandson, went missing on May 5, 2022. She additionally alleges he failed to list them as missing in the NCIC database and that on May 6, 2022, Officers Marika Ascarte and Isaac Black also failed to list the victims as missing in NCIC to initiate the necessary public alerts in a timely manner.

Relevant SLCPD Policies:

The following policies were in effect at the time of this incident:

315 MISSING ADULT PERSON

Missing person - Any person who is 18 years of age or older and is reported missing to law enforcement when that person's location is unknown. This includes a person who is missing from his/her home environment and is physically or mentally disabled, missing under circumstances that indicate that the person is endangered, missing involuntarily or a victim of a catastrophe (Utah Code 26-2-27(1)(c)).

315.4 INITIAL INVESTIGATION

Officers or other members conducting the initial investigation of a missing person should take the following investigative actions, as applicable:

- (a) Respond to a dispatched call as soon as practicable.
- (b) Interview the reporting party and any witnesses to determine whether the person qualifies as a missing person and, if so, whether the person may be at risk, or qualifies for NCIC entry as a missing person.
- (c) Obtain an initial description (height, weight, hair and eye color, clothing last seen wearing, etc.).
- (d) Ensure that entries are made into NCIC when the missing person meets the NCIC qualifications.
- (e) Notify a supervisor immediately if there is evidence that a missing person is either at risk or may qualify for a public alert, or both (see the Public Alerts Policy and Procedure).

315.5.1 NCIC ENTRY GUIDELINES

All persons under the age of 21 who are reported missing shall immediately be entered into NCIC as a missing person. Adults age 21 and older may be entered as a missing person using one of the following categories:

Disability: Proven medical/mental disability or is senile, thereby subjecting them or others to personal and immediate danger.

This includes subjects who have walked away from nursing homes or medical facilities, are mentally/physically challenged, or those in need of medical assistance.

Endangered: A person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating that his/her physical safety may be in danger.

This includes suicidal subjects, or those believed to be the victim of a crime.

Involuntary: A person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating that the disappearance may not have been voluntary (i.e., abduction or kidnapping).

Juvenile (see the Missing Children and Runaways Policy)

Catastrophe Victim: A person of any age who is missing after a catastrophe.

Other: A person not meeting the criteria for entry in any other category who is missing and for whom there is reasonable concern for his/her safety; or a person who is under age 21 and declared emancipated by the laws of his/her state of residence.

The age of the missing person and severe weather conditions should be considered. If the circumstances do not meet one of the above categories a report will still be generated using the proper NCIC code.

321.4.7 STANDARDS OF CONDUCT, EFFICIENCY

- (a) Neglect of duty.
- (b) Unsatisfactory work performance including, but not limited to, failure, incompetence, inefficiency or delay in performing and/or carrying out proper orders, work assignments, or the instructions of supervisors without a reasonable and bona fide excuse.
- (c) Concealing, attempting to conceal, removing or destroying defective or incompetent work.

321.6 COURTESY IN CONTACTS

Personnel should, when possible, introduce themselves upon initial contact with the public by name, rank, and Department. This includes when responding to calls for service or any other appropriate public contact.

When interacting with a member of the public over the telephone, personnel shall maintain a courteous and professional demeanor, and identify themselves with name, rank, and Department assignment or unit.

When placing business calls or calls to the homes of other members, employees shall identify themselves by name and Department.

Analysis and Investigator Recommendation:

SLCPD 's first encounter with Brooklyn's family was when her mother Elise called 9-1-1 to report her missing on May 5, 2022. Officer Whitehead responded and met with Elise at Brooklyn's apartment. Elise said Brooklyn left with her son on May 3, 2022, to meet some friends in Tooele. Officer Whitehead responded that he knew Brooklyn because they had some run ins in the past and that everyone knew Brooklyn. Elise told Officer Whitehead that Brooklyn's ex-boyfriend and the father of her child, Brandon Zipperle, had recently been released from jail and she was afraid of him and had nightmares since his release. Brooklyn's sister gave Officer Whitehead a phone number she believed was Brandon's. Officer Whitehead told Elise that Brooklyn would be listed on NCIC, but later decided she would not be listed because she did not meet the criteria.

Officer Whitehead failed to ask more questions about Brooklyn and Brandon's relationship or specifically why she was afraid of him. He wrote in his report that Brooklyn did not have mental health issues, did not take medications and was not a threat to harming herself or others, but his BWC did not capture him ask any questions about Brooklyn's family

about her mental state. Officer Whitehead's initial investigation related to a possible missing person was very brief, specifically fourteen (14) minutes. The report he submitted was inaccurate and omitted some important details provided by Brooklyn's family.

Officer Whitehead stated in his interview that his past encounters with Brooklyn were positive, and he did not intent to give the family any negative impressions of her. He did not feel that Brooklyn suffered from any mental illnesses because of the previous encounters. He felt Brooklyn was very friendly and talkative and was a helpful witness in previous cases he responded to. Officer Whitehead believed that Brooklyn left her home willingly with friends and was not in any immediate danger.

On May 6, 2022, Elsie went to the PSB to get updates and information related to Brooklyn's investigation, only to be told that she had not been listed on NCIC as a missing person. Officers Ascarte and Black said they read Officer Whitehead's report but were unsure what he had done with Brooklyn's case. They did not understand his report because it was brief and lacked detailed information, so they decided to obtain more information from her family and friends. Elise and Ashley said they received information that was with his father Brandon. According to Elise, Brandon did not have a relationship with and had not been in his life, and Brooklyn would have never left her son with him. Brooklyn had never been apart from her son and was a good mother. Brooklyn was still nowhere to be found and Brandon said he did not know where she was. She was constantly active on social media but had not been online for several days and had not called her family and friends daily as usual. They both stated Brandon was abusive to Brooklyn and she was afraid of him. Elise described Brandon as violent and dangerous and informed the officers that he had recently been released from jail for brandishing a weapon. Brandon had threatened Brooklyn, but they were not specific about what threats were made.

Officers Ascarte and Black obtained Brandon's phone number and called him and asked if he knew where Brooklyn was. He replied in the negative, but he confirmed his son was with him and was safe. Brandon's demeanor was calm and cordial during his conversation with officers. He did not speak negatively about Brooklyn or insult her in any way, which made his statements convincing. He also told them it was normal for Brooklyn to disappear for weeks or months to get away from her family which contradicted how her mother and friends described her normal behavior.

Officers Ascarte and Black did not ask them to elaborate about the threats to obtain more details. The context of the threats could have triggered more concern about Brooklyn's welfare. Elise answered "when asked if Brooklyn Officers Ascarte and Black failed to ask follow-up questions to determine what Brooklyn's . All the information Elise and Ashley provided to Officers Ascarte and Black about Brooklyn should have raised some red flags regarding her safety. Officer Ascarte discussed the case with a supervisor for guidance. Lt. Pascadlo said she thought Brooklyn had relapsed and did not feel there were enough facts to say Brooklyn was in danger. She was told Brooklyn did not have a drug use history, and there was no indication that Brooklyn was on a drug binge. Officer Ascarte stated in her interview that she agreed with Lt. Pascadlo that they did not

have enough suspicion to list Brooklyn as missing after her initial contact with the family. Officer Black also agreed they did not have enough information to list Brooklyn as a missing person.

Brooklyn was officially listed as a Missing Person on May 8, 2022, and there was a possible match in the system of a female homicide victim's body found found in Tooele County. Investigators presumed that Brooklyn had been deceased since arriving in Tooele County on May 5, 2022.

The Reporting Investigator recommends the Panel thoroughly review the allegation, evidence and interview statements provided in the report to render a finding and recommendation based on the existing SLCPD policies listed above.

Definitions:

Unfounded: The reported incident did not occur.

Exonerated: The employee's actions were reasonable under the circumstances.

No determination is possible: There is insufficient evidence to support a conclusion as to whether or not the employee violated policy.

Sustained: The employee's action(s) are in violation of the policy or procedure of the Police department.

Panel Findings and Recommendation:

As to the allegation of Courtesy in Contacts the Panel determines:

Officer Dixon Whitehead: No Determination

As to the allegation of Unsatisfactory Work Performance the Panel determines:

Officer Dixon Whitehead: Sustained

Officer Marika Ascarte: Sustained

Officer Isaac Black: Sustained

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Date: April 11, 2023