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Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Antwoine White
Subject: RE: Excessive Force

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To: LeVette Fuller; Henry L. Whitehorn; Arthur Thompson; James Flurry; Adrian Perkins; Jerry Bowman
Subject: RE: Excessive Force

Yes ma'am. I understand your concerns but we have had in-depth conversation with the Louisiana State Police regarding them working some of our shooting investigations. Their agency was clear that they have a limited number of investigators that work a 7 parish area in Northwest Louisiana and they simply cannot handle our caseload. They agreed to investigate an officer involved shooting that resulted in the death of an offender but warned that even those instances would be dependent upon having adequate staff at the moment.

I do not perceive this instance to have been a lack of transparency as we are conducting an in-depth criminal investigation to include the coroner's ruling and eventually a review of all evidence by the district attorney's office, which has been our practice for the 18 months that I have held this position. I am preparing a memo based on your previous email as an overview of both cases and hope to get that to you later this afternoon. Thank you for expressing your concerns and we will continue to work together to bring unity to this city.
Ben

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From: LeVette Fuller
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Ben Raymond; Henry L. Whitehorn; Arthur Thompson; James Flurry; Adrian Perkins; Jerry Bowman
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I belive it is a good thing to send this out for external investigation, but I would be remiss if I didn't point out that it should not have taken the Minneapolis case to make this assessment. You've got a hard job, Chief, I respect that you have tough decisions to make every day. But this is exactly the sort of situation that should have been brought to the attention of council without delay. Please consider the potential trajectory of this situation if this accidental lack of transparency is misconstrued by citizens or the media. I hope you appreciate that this entire community's capacity for compassion and patience was stretched prior to COVID-19. The stay at home orders have only exacerbated tensions.

Thanks,

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Councilwoman Fuller, neither investigation has been officially closed by investigators at this point; I thought the Wavey Austin investigation was completed but we are awaiting the coroner's autopsy report. The investigators and I have both spoken to the coroner but without the written report our case is not yet complete.

In light of the circumstances in Minnesota, I have asked the Louisiana State Police to review our investigative findings with regards to Tommie McGlothen prior to sending the packet to the DA's office.
Our investigation did not find any criminal wrongdoing but I will feel more comfortable sending the packet to the DA's office for another independent review. I can discuss with you what I know about these incidents tomorrow if that would be helpful since I am unable to release any reports at this time Ben

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From: LeVette Fuller
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Ben Raymond; Henry L. Whitehorn; Arthur Thompson; James Flurry; Adrian Perkins; Jerry Bowman
Subject: Excessive Force

Chief Raymond,

Please provide to me a detailed summary of the review or investigation of excessive force. Please include the make up of any investigating committees as well as the entire process. I need this ASAP.

I would also like to know the details of the two arrests which culminated in death in custody. Let me be clear I'm not asking for a reiteration of Dr. Thoma's account. I want to know the circumstances of those arrests.

Thank you,

LeVette Fuller
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