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Ongoing Investigation Necessitates Delayed Release of Body Camera Footage from May 4th Fatal Officer-Involved Shooting in Essex

BALTIMORE, MD (May 23, 2022) – In order to carry out an appropriately thorough investigation and conduct untainted interviews, the Independent Investigations Division (IID) is delaying the release of the body-worn camera footage from the fatal officer-involved shooting in the city of Essex in Baltimore County on May 4.

A key component of IID investigations is witness interviews. While typically the IID is able to interview relevant witnesses within 14 days so that the video may be released, that timeline cannot always be met. To ensure witness interviews are not compromised by their viewing of external evidence, the release of the body-worn and dashboard camera footage will be delayed.

Once the release of the video will not compromise the investigation, the IID will make public the body-worn camera footage on its [video channel](#).

Per the IID protocols, “The IID will generally release body camera footage within 14 days of the incident. There may be situations where more than 14 days is necessary, including if investigators need more time to complete witness interviews, if there are technical delays caused by the need to redact the identities of civilian witnesses, or to allow family members to view the video before it is released to the public.”

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