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Attorney General Brown Announces That No Charges Will Be Filed in the January 10, 2024, Fatal Police In-Custody Incident in Baltimore County

BALTIMORE, MD (August 5, 2024) – Attorney General Anthony G. Brown announced his decision to not seek charges in the January 10, 2024, fatal police in-custody incident in Baltimore County, Maryland.

On January 9, 2024, shortly before 11:00 p.m., five Baltimore County Police Department officers were dispatched for a “suspicious person” in the 10200 block of Reisterstown Road in Owings Mills, Maryland. A 911 caller indicated that the person, later identified as Craig Cousin, may be impaired and was acting aggressively. Upon their arrival, officers located Mr. Cousin standing near a shattered drive-thru window of a restaurant. He was partially clothed, bleeding, and erratic. With help from Mr. Cousin’s family members, officers restrained Mr. Cousin. Officers called for EMS assistance and provided Mr. Cousin with medical aid until EMS arrived. Mr. Cousin was transported to a local area hospital where he was pronounced dead. One officer was also transported to a local area hospital for evaluation.

The Attorney General’s Independent Investigations Division (IID) began investigating the fatal in-custody incident on January 10, 2024, and concluded its investigation on July 31, 2024. After completing its investigation and evaluating all the available evidence, the Office of the Attorney General has determined that none of the officers involved in the fatal in-custody incident committed a crime under Maryland law. Accordingly, the Attorney General has declined to prosecute any of the officers in this case.

A copy of the IID’s detailed investigative findings and analysis of relevant legal issues can be found in its declination report here:

https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/pages/iid/reports/073124_IID_report.pdf.

To view the video that was previously released in the case, please click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGTx2JC5O-g>.

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