



City of Boston, Massachusetts  
Office of Police Accountability and Transparency  
**Evandro C. Carvalho, Executive Director**

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Michael Cox  
Commissioner, Boston Police Department  
1 Schroeder Plaza  
Boston, MA 02120

Dear Commissioner Cox,

We, the members of the Internal Affairs Oversight Panel (IAOP) of the City of Boston's Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT), are writing to address a lapse in BPD's compliance with our founding ordinance.

According to Section 12-16.15(a)(i) the following categories of cases will be automatically referred by IAD for review within fourteen (14) days of a finding of not sustained, exonerated or unfounded:

- A. In-custody death or serious bodily injury while in Boston Police Department custody;
- B. Use of force cases resulting in death or serious bodily injury;
- C. Allegations of excessive use of force;
- D. Allegations of unlawful arrest or stop;
- E. Allegations of perjury;
- F. Allegations of theft;
- G. Allegations of abuse of authority;
- H. Allegations that the conduct of an officer violated BPD policies regarding the respectful treatment of people, including the Bias Free Policing policy, and/or that was motivated by discriminatory intent, including, but not limited to, slurs relating to race, expression, sexual orientation, and disability;"



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The Panel has not been receiving these automatic referrals from BPD. We are requesting that you and your team begin referring these cases to our panel.

IAOP's review of cases in the above categories is a critical component of the Panel's mandate.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your prompt action.

Respectfully,

*Members of the Internal Affairs Oversight Panel*

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