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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: November 30, 2022

RE: **Procedure for the Release of Police Officer Names**

In a memo dated November 4, 2022, Councilmember Whitfield-Calloway requested that the Legislative Policy Division inform Council on the Detroit Police Department's (DPD) procedure for the release of the names of police officers involved in police shootings. We requested this information from DPD and have attached their response.

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.



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The Honorable Angela Whitfield-Calloway
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SUBJECT: PORTER BURKS INVESTIGATION

Dear Councilmember Whitfield-Calloway:

Recently, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office announced that there would be no criminal charges against the officers involved in the shooting of Porter Burks. Although the criminal investigation against the officers have been resolved, the administrative investigation is ongoing and has not been completed. Consistent with past practice, the names of the involved officers will not be released until the investigation has been completed and any discipline, if warranted, is fully adjudicated pursuant to the members' respective collective bargaining agreement.

If you have any additional concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (313) 596-2151, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

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