

**Civilian Review Board  
Incident Review Report  
Unbecoming Conduct/Conducted Energy Weapons Review**

**Case Information**

**Date of Case Review:** March 25, 2026

**Date of Report:** April 9, 2026

**Case Number:** 2025-0052

**Date of Incident:** November 15, 2025

**Location of Initial Response:** Walnut Alley and 18<sup>th</sup> Street

**Law Enforcement Agency:** Richmond Police Department

**Officers Involved:**

- Officer A
- Officer B
- Officer C
- Officer D

**Nature of the Complaint / Review**

This review was conducted by the Civilian Review Board Subcommittee following an incident involving alleged violations of General Order 01-01 (Code of Conduct), Section X(E) - Unbecoming Conduct, and General Order 01-21 - Conducted Energy Weapons, Section VI(C)(1)(E) and (F), by members of the Richmond Police Department. The purpose of this review was to assess the actions of responding officers during an incident involving the detention of suspects, recovery of evidence, and the use of force during a foot pursuit. The Subcommittee reviewed all available reports and body-worn camera footage to evaluate compliance with department policy and professional standards.

**Incident Overview**

After review of the body camera footage, the confirmed key facts of the case:

During the evening of November 15th, Richmond Police Officers were on routine foot patrol in the Shockoe Bottom area due to an increase in reported criminal activity. At around 2345 hours, police were notified of an altercation in the area of Walnut Alley and 18th Street. Upon arrival, Officer A observed three individuals walking together. Officer A noted a bulge on Suspect 1's person. Officer A approached Suspect 1, conducted an inquiry, and

performed a pat-down, during which a concealed firearm was located. One of Suspect 1's companions questioned Officer A regarding the detention, while the other individual, identified as Suspect 2, continued into a nearby alley and returned to the scene. A witness advised Officer A that Suspect 2 had discarded an item in the alley. Officer A requested back up, and Officers B, C, and D responded to the scene. Suspect 2 subsequently returned to the area where Suspect 1 was being detained. Officer A questioned Suspect 2 regarding his actions in the alley as a witness told him Suspect 2 disposed of something in the alley. Officer A requested Officers B and C to remain with Suspect 1 and Suspect 2 while he searched the alley. While searching the alley, Officer A spoke with an additional witness, who indicated the location where Suspect 2 had discarded an item. Officer A recovered a handgun from that location and advised Officer B of the finding. Officer B then detained Suspect 2 and placed him in handcuffs with his arms behind his back. At that time, Suspect 2 had not yet been searched. At approximately 2356 hours, Suspect 2 became argumentative and made an abrupt movement before fleeing from officers while still in handcuffs. As the pursuit began, Officer B used a racial slur while referring to Suspect 2's decision to flee. (Both Suspect 2 and Officer B are Black.) Officer B pursued Suspect 2 into the Bakery Apartment complex and located him hiding behind an HVAC unit. Suspect 2 attempted to flee again by climbing onto an air conditioning unit. Officer B discharged his taser twice while Suspect 2 was in an elevated position; however, the deployments were ineffective. Suspect 2 continued to flee. At approximately 0008 hours, Suspect 2 was located by Officer C in the swimming pool area of the same apartment complex. Suspect 2 again fled on foot. Officer C deployed a bola device and a taser as Suspect 2 attempted to climb over a wall from an elevated position. The bola deployment was unsuccessful; however, the taser made contact. Suspect 2's fall was partially broken by the metal banister; he landed hard on the concrete pool deck, sustaining minor injuries. Following apprehension, Suspect 2 stated he was too drunk to remember what he did and why he ran. Supervisors responded to the scene due to the injury sustained during the apprehension.

**Note:**

- Suspect 2 had a prior felony firearm possession charge, which explains why he ran when apprehended by the police
- Officer B had a prior encounter with Suspect 2

**Evidence Reviewed**

The Civilian Review Board Subcommittee reviewed the following materials as part of this investigation:

- Richmond Police Department Internal Affairs Division investigative summary report

- Body-worn camera footage from Officers A, B, C, and D

**Administrative:**

- Officer B
  - Violation 1: General Order 01-01 Code of Conduct X (E) Unbecoming Conduct. Officer B uttered a racial slur at the suspect
  - Violation 2: General Order 01-21 Conducted Energy Weapons (C) CEW Deployment Restrictions #1 (E & F). (E) When the suspect is effectively restrained by handcuffs, leg irons, a belly chain, flex cuffs, or any other restraint device, and (F) When the suspect is in a position or engaging in an activity which may result in serious collateral injury (potential examples include: fall from height, operating a vehicle, located in water, in a flammable environment)
- Officer C
  - Violation 1: General Order 01-21 Conducted Energy Weapons (C) CEW Deployment Restrictions #1 (E & F). (E) When the suspect is effectively restrained by handcuffs, leg irons, a belly chain, flex cuffs, or any other restraint device, and (F) When the suspect is in a position or engaging in an activity which may result in serious collateral injury (potential examples include: fall from height, operating a vehicle, located in water, in a flammable environment)

**Civilian Review Board Analysis:**

The Civilian Review Board Subcommittee conducted an independent review of the available documentation and body-worn camera footage.

The review found that officers responded to a reported altercation and promptly identified and detained the individuals involved. Officers recovered firearms based on observations and information provided by witnesses. The Subcommittee observed that officers took appropriate steps to investigate the situation, including conducting a pat-down of Suspect 1 and locating a discarded firearm linked to Suspect 2. The Subcommittee further observed that officers pursued Suspect 2 after he fled while in handcuffs and utilized force in an attempt to apprehend him. The use of force, including taser and bola deployments, was reviewed in the context of the suspect's continued attempts to evade custody. The Subcommittee determined that the manner in which these devices were deployed was inconsistent with department policy. Additionally, the Subcommittee noted that during the foot pursuit, Officer B used unprofessional language inconsistent with departmental expectations. The Subcommittee also finds that Suspect 2's injuries were sustained as a result of the taser deployment. Based on the materials reviewed, the Subcommittee identified conduct that was inconsistent with department policy and professional standards.

**Findings:**

Upon review of all available evidence, including body-worn camera footage and official reports, the Civilian Review Board Subcommittee concurs with the findings of the Internal Affairs Division.

The Subcommittee finds that:

- The deployment of force, including taser and bola devices, was inconsistent with Richmond Police Department policy.
- Officer B's use of a racial slur during the pursuit was unprofessional and inconsistent with department policy and standards of conduct.
- Suspect 2's injuries were sustained as a result of the taser deployment.

**Conclusion:**

Based on a review of the evidence and the findings outlined above, the Civilian Review Board Subcommittee agrees that policy violations occurred as described. However, the Subcommittee has no direct knowledge of any disciplinary action that may be taken against the officers involved.

The Subcommittee recommends consideration of corrective action, including, at a minimum, a written reprimand, additional training in the use of Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW), and reinforcement of departmental standards regarding professional conduct.

- The Subcommittee respectfully requests that it be informed of the outcome of any disciplinary proceedings related to this matter.

**Civilian Review Board**

Subcommittee Review Panel

Richmond, Virginia