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Columbus Special Prosecutor and Independent Investigator File Charges Against Columbus Division of Police Officers for Misconduct During 2020 Summer Protests

*Kathleen Garber and Rick Wozniak File Misdemeanor Charges Against 3 CPD
Officers*

COLUMBUS, OH—Today, the City of Columbus’ independently-appointed special prosecutor Kathleen Garber and independent investigator Rick Wozniak announced charges have been filed against three Columbus Division of Police officers for alleged misconduct during the 2020 protests in Columbus following the killing of George Floyd.

“I was asked by the City of Columbus to independently evaluate the allegations of police misconduct from last summer’s protests so that both citizens and police officers are held to the same standard of accountability,” said Kathleen Garber. “We appreciate the community’s patience over the past year while we have made continued attempts to interview witnessing officers and identify officers committing the alleged misconduct during the protests. We will continue to work to identify additional officers who may have committed misconduct.”

Officer Traci M. Shaw has been charged with three counts of Assault (M-1), three counts of Dereliction of Duty (M-2) and three counts of Interfering with Civil Rights (M-1). Officer Shaw’s charges are related to an event that occurred on May 30, 2020.

Sergeant Holly Kanode has been charged with one count of Falsification (M-1) and one count of Dereliction of Duty (M-2). Sergeant Kanode’s charges are related to an event that occurred on May 30, 2020.

Officer Phillip Walls has been charged with two counts of Assault (M-1), two counts of Dereliction of Duty (M-2) and two counts of Interfering with Civil Rights (M-1). Officer Walls’ charges are related to an event that occurred on May 29, 2020.

Investigations remain open with respect to unidentified officers, as well as in those events that involve witness officers who have not yet been interviewed, pending an arbitration decision. The Columbus City Attorney's Office has prosecuted nearly 100 civilians for violent, aggressive behavior during the protests which included charges of rioting, criminal damaging, and threatening behavior towards police.

[Kanode signed Affidavit and Complaint](#)

[Walls signed Affidavit and Complaint](#)

[Shaw signed Affidavit and Complaint](#)

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