

HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER STEPHEN BARONE: FROM PARK STREET TO FLATBUSH AVENUE AND PROMOTION

- September 12th 2014**
Officer Barone at the direction of Sgt. Spell prevents Peruta from recording at a homicide on Park Street
Media: Video clips taken by Peruta
- September 14th 2014**
Peruta files an Internal Affairs Complaint
Media: IA Complaint filed by Peruta
- August 7th 2015**
Kelsey Street incident that results in the death of Matthew Russo – Peruta is prevented from recording the scene
Media: Video Clips taken by Peruta
- August 10th 2015**
Peruta files a First Amendment civil action against the City for the Park Street and Kelsey Street incidents
Media: Federal Complaint filed by Peruta
- June 4th 2016**
Flatbush Avenue Incident that results in Sgt. Spell's arrest on December 8th 2016 for misdemeanor assault and breach of peace. Officer Barone attributes turning off his dash cam at the scene to "muscle-memory."
Media: Video clips taken by law enforcement
- September 15th 2016**
Peruta deposed in federal case where he is presented with Hartford Police Civilian Review Board investigative reports prepared by Jacqueline Manning-Bainer of Integrated Security Services that are inaccurate, false, and misleading.
Media: Deposition transcript, ISS reports, video and written testimony of Manning-Bainer.

7. **September 20th 2016**

Peruta and Attorney Baird attend their 1st Hartford Police Civilian Review Board Meeting and find out that Peruta's September 14th 2014 IA Complaint was tabled by the Board as they were advised to do if a complaint was in litigation.

Media: 4 Videos Uploaded on 2017.09.23 to Summary Judgment YouTube

8. **September 26th 2016**

Peruta opposes Chief Rovella's reappointment as police chief

Media: Letter to Hartford Common Council

9. **October 18th 2016**

Peruta and Attorney Baird attend their 2nd HPCR B Meeting and present information obtained through the FOIA to the Board, including the City corporation counsel's legal opinion that the Board should table complaints if there is litigation pending.

Media: Video of meeting taken by Peruta; documents shown to the Board

10. **November 16th 2016**

Mandatory HPCR B meeting canceled.

Media: Video of Peruta and Attorney Baird in front of cancelation sign

11. **December 8th 2016**

Sean Spell (now retired with a pension) arrested for misdemeanor assault and breach of peace for June 4th, 2016 Flatbush Avenue incident.

Media: Arrest Warrant

12. **December 16th 2016**

Deposition of Officer Stephen Barone – attorneys for City and officers object to any questions about Flatbush Avenue and seek protective order from the federal court. Officer Barone confirms at deposition that he is on list for promotion to Sergeant.

Media: Video deposition and deposition transcript at pages 80-84

13. December 20th 2016

Mandatory HPCRБ meeting canceled.

Media: Video of Peruta and Attorney Baird in front of cancelation sign

14. January 17th 2017

City Legislative Assistant Linda Bayer attends HPCRБ meeting and asks assistant corporation counsel Jonathan Beaman to readdress opinion letter advising Board to table complaints if there is pending litigation. Board member Ricardo Torres moves for an inquiry into the statement in arrest warrant for Sean Spell that 19 officers refused to submit to interviews in the state police investigation of the Flatbush Avenue incident.

Media: Video of meeting

15. February 10th 2017

Date of Internal Affairs Report for Case # 2016-005, Flatbush Avenue Incident. Recommendations for Charges of Violations for Officer Barone under General Orders, Article 1, Section 1.00 and Article VI, Section 6.09

Media: IA Report at pages 63-65

16. February 21st 2017

Last HPCRБ review meeting before all members are removed except for Ramon Espinoza

Media: Agenda and Minutes

17. April 7th 2017

25 officers promoted at a public ceremony covered by the Hartford Courant inside Aetna's headquarters on Farmington Avenue. Officer Barone is not among them.

Media: Hartford Courant article

18. April 24th 2017

In an Interdepartmental Memorandum on Discipline, Chief Rovella elects to withdraw Article 1, Section 1.00 charge against Officer Barone

Media: Memo

19. **April 26th 2017**
Flatbush Avenue IA Report Published in Hartford Courant
Media: IA Report
20. **August 30th 2017**
Federal court ruling denying City's motion for protective order and allowing Peruta to ask Officer Barone (and other officers where the claim was preserved or who have not yet been deposed) questions about the Flatbush Avenue incident.
Media: Federal Court Decision
21. **September 7th 2017**
Peruta sends notice to Officer Barone's attorney of the continuation of the deposition of Officer Barone on Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 to ask questions about the Flatbush Avenue incident.
Media: Notice of Deposition
22. **September 19th 2017**
Chief Rovella informs Mayor Bronin of intent to retire
Media: Letter
23. **September 21st 2017**
Chief Rovella promotes Officer Barone to Sergeant in private closed-door ceremony in his office, effective September 24th 2017
24. **September 26th 2017**
Scheduled continuation of Officer Barone's deposition to ask questions about the Flatbush Avenue incident