



## South Carolina Department of Public Safety

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Dear Mr. Appleby:

I have received your email with the following question(s):

...below is a list of OPR files with the correlating "action taken." Can you tell me what the action taken means for each? I'm assuming the ones that say "Opened as..." mean the file was re-opened under the different OPR file number and the Subcommittee members should simply look at the action taken in the "opened as..." file number. Please let me know if this is correct. Also, please let me know what "See..." means. Does it mean the same action was taken as the other file (i.e. On the first row below, was the same action in PR-13-0061 as in IR-13-0235 and 0236?)...

Response:

Your assumptions are correct on the cases that have "Opened as ..." The original case was assigned to an OPR investigator (PR) but was later reassigned to a Division Investigator (DI). The PR cases were "administratively closed" and the action taken are reflected in the DI cases log or vice versa (DI to PR).

In the instances where an "IR" was referred to, the incident was handled as an "internal review (IR)." OPR is mandated by policy / standards to review all Use of Force and Vehicle / Foot Pursuit incidents. The purpose of the IR is to verify that all DPS policies and procedures were adhered to during the event. If a policy or procedure violation is noted during the review, the incident will be assigned an appropriate DI or PR case number. It is imported to note that if cases were closed with an IR number, OPR did not find any violations and no disciplinary action was taken.

I hope this information is helpful. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Leroy Smith  
Director

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