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**Statement by the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor (ODCA)  
On the ODCA Review of MPD Use of Force in Officer-Involved Fatalities  
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On July 16, 2020, the Office of the D.C. Auditor (ODCA) initiated a review of the policies and practices of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) on the use of force in officer-involved fatalities focusing on cases from 2018 and 2019. Following discussions with D.C. Police Reform Commission Co-Chairs Robert Bobb and Christy Lopez, ODCA is adding to the ongoing review the September 2, 2020, death of Deon Kay.

ODCA contracted with The Bromwich Group, led by Michael R. Bromwich who served as monitor for the [2001 Memorandum of Agreement](#) between the U.S. Department of Justice and the District of Columbia on use of force. Previously the firm conducted a comprehensive review of MPD compliance with the 2001 MOA for ODCA with a report published in 2016, [The Durability of Police Reform: The Metropolitan Police Department and Use of Force 2008-2015](#).

As specified in the ODCA contract with The Bromwich Group, the firm is now reviewing the policies, procedures, and operations of MPD in connection with the 2018 officer-involved fatalities of D’Quan Young, Jeffrey Price, and Marqueese Alston and the 2019 fatality of Eric Carter. These and the fatality of Deon Kay will be reviewed for consistency with requirements of the 2001 MOA; District of Columbia law; and MPD policies, practices, and general orders, including but not limited to the conduct of officer-involved death investigations and the use of body-worn cameras. Because of the recency of the Kay fatality, that review will be conducted concurrently with the MPD investigation rather than after it has been completed. The firm will report on consistency with policy and whether emerging best practices in police use of force should prompt consideration of changes to District law or MPD policy.

“It is our hope that this review will contribute constructively to the national and District conversations on policing overall and police use of force,” D.C. Auditor Kathy Patterson said.