

City of Richmond, California  
Community Police Review Commission  
**PUBLIC CASE SUMMARY**

Case #	Date Received	Date Completed
2019-2 (Williams)	4/3/2019	11/4/2020

**CATEGORY OF CONDUCT:** (check one)

Unnecessary Force	Racial Bias
<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>

**FINDING OF FACT:** (brief summary of complaint and investigation)

On October 25, 2017, Richmond Police Sergeant Moody responded to a call for service about a conflict between a security guard and Keyon Williams, who was visiting family at an apartment complex. There were calls for service both from the security guard, who alleged he detained Williams for trespassing, and from Mr. Williams' family, who alleged the security guard assaulted Mr. Williams. Sgt. Moody and Officer Reid responded and investigated the matter, with Reid filing an incident report that failed to charge either party. The report also did not include a statement from Williams or his family members related to the alleged assault.

Williams alleged that the security guard assaulted him due to LGBT bias and in retaliation for Williams filing a complaint against him in the past with the apartment management. Williams further alleged that Sgt. Moody failed to treat him with respect and failed to take a report about his assault. Williams alleged that Moody's behavior toward him was due to Moody's racial bias, as well as his bias against LGBT people and those who are gender non-conforming. Williams did not provide any evidence that Moody used force against him. Williams also made other allegations against Moody that are troubling, but do not touch on matters within the investigative authority of the Commission.

Give the complete lack of evidence that Sgt. Moody in any way used excessive force against Williams, the Commission made a finding of Exonerated for this allegation. In addition, the Commission found that, even assuming that Sgt. Moody favored the security guard's version of events during the incident, this would not be evidence of racial bias by Moody. Given that the security guard and Williams were both Black, any favoritism toward the guard cannot be said to show racial bias. Lacking any other evidence of racial animus, the Commission made a finding of Exonerated on the allegation of racially abusive behavior by Sgt. Moody. Finally, the Commission lacks authority to adjudicate an allegation of LGBT bias, and thus does not reach a finding on this allegation.

**RECOMMENDED FINDINGS:** (check one)

<u>SUSTAINED</u>	<u>NOT-SUSTAINED</u>	<u>UNFOUNDED</u>	<u>EXONERATED</u>
			<u>X</u>