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## Interim Investigative Report Released for August 2022 In-Custody Death Investigation in Baltimore City

**BALTIMORE, MD (March 31, 2023)** – The Independent Investigations Division (IID) of the Office of the Attorney General today released its interim investigative report of the August 4, 2022, in-custody death investigation in Baltimore.

On August 4, 2022, at approximately 11:15 a.m., Baltimore Police Department officers responded to the 2400 block of Sherwood Avenue for the report of a possible drug overdose. Once on scene, Officer Gregory Vilchez located an adult male, later identified as Eugene Douglas, in distress being restrained by a civilian in the roadway. Officer Vilchez handcuffed and put leg restraints on Mr. Douglas to restrain him and prevent further injury. Emergency medical personnel arrived on the scene moments later and began treating Mr. Douglas, who became unconscious. Medics then placed Mr. Douglas on a stretcher and put him inside an ambulance. Once inside the ambulance, Officer Vilchez removed the handcuffs and leg restraints as requested by paramedics. Mr. Douglas was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Because all aspects of the investigation were final other than the autopsy report, the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office requested the IID to provide an interim report of its investigation. The IID forwarded its interim investigative report to the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office on February 8, 2023. The Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office notified the IID on March 24 of its decision not to prosecute the case.

The IID's report contains detailed investigative findings and an analysis of relevant legal issues. Because the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office—not the IID—retains prosecution authority in this case, the report does not make any recommendations as to whether any individual should or should not be charged. A copy of the interim investigative report can be found [here](#).

By law, the IID's report must remain confidential until any related prosecution is completed or the State's Attorney's Office declines to prosecute. If the local State's Attorney decides to prosecute the matter, the IID will release the report, with appropriate redactions for confidentiality, within 30 days of a final judgment of all defendants in the case. If the local

State's Attorney declines to prosecute, the IID will release the report, with appropriate redactions for confidentiality, within 30 days of that determination.

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