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Log No. / C.R. No. 1009073

On 7 September 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA), regarding an incident that occurred in the 4th District, in which an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer allegedly threatened and physically mistreated a relative. Because internal CPD reports and admissions made by the accused confirmed the events as alleged regarding the physical mistreatment, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegations of the physical mistreatment. Because there were no corroborating witness statements to support the allegation that the accused made threatening remarks, IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** this allegation. IPRA recommended a **three (3) day suspension** for the accused member.

Log No. / C.R. No. 1009368

On 17 September 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA), regarding an incident that occurred in the 16th District, in which an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer allegedly sent verbally abusive and threatening communications to, and impersonated a fellow department member. Because there were no corroborating witness statements nor physical evidence to support the allegation that the accused impersonated a fellow department member, IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** this allegation. IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegations of abusive and threatening communications based on recordings of these transmissions and on admissions made by the accused. IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** an allegation that the accused gave a false report to IPRA investigators, and to impose a **fifteen (15) day suspension** as penalty for the misconduct.

Log No. / C.R. 311248

On 16 February 2006, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA, formerly known as the Office of Professional Standards), regarding an incident that occurred in the 8th District, in which a Chicago Police Department officer was alleged to have grabbed an individual around the neck and placed said individual in a chokehold, pressed the barrel of his gun against the individual's head, directed profanity at said individual, threatened death, pushed the individual's head into a gated window, held the individual without probable cause, failed to complete a field contact card to record contact with the individual, and directed profanity at a private citizen. A second and third accused officer were alleged to have witnessed the misconduct and failed to report it. Based on corroborating witness statements, physical evidence, and admissions made by the accused, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the following allegations against the first accused member: that the accused grabbed the individual around the neck, put a gun to the individual's head, threatened death against the individual, directed profanity to the individual and a private citizen, pushed the individual, failed to complete a field contact card, detained the individual without probable cause, and that the accused provided a false report. Further, because there were no corroborating witness statements nor material evidence to support the allegations against

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the second and third accused members, that they witnessed the misconduct and failed to report it, IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** these allegations. IPRA recommended **separation** from the department for the first accused member.

Log No. / C.R. 1004248

On 21 March 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA, formerly known as the Office of Professional Standards), regarding an incident that occurred in the 25th District, in which four (4) Chicago Police Officers responding to the scene of a battery, allegedly failed to report the misconduct of a fellow department member. Based on video footage and on corroborating witness statements, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** multiple allegations that the accused members failed to report the misconduct of a fellow department member, were inattentive to duty, disobeyed a written/oral direct order, and made a false report. IPRA recommended a **sixty (60) day suspension for each of these accused members**. As to the other two (2) accused members, IPRA recommended that the allegations that they failed to report the misconduct of a fellow department member, were inattentive to duty, disobeyed a written/oral direct order, and made a false report be **"UNFOUNDED"** because evidence indicated that the other two (2) accused members did not receive information relating to the misconduct of the fellow department member.

Log No. / C.R. 284070

On 11 September 2002, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA, formerly known as the Office of Professional Standards), regarding an incident that occurred outside of Chicago jurisdiction, in which an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer was alleged to have directed profanities at and struck a law enforcement officer, resisted on-duty law enforcement officers and failed to identify himself as a Chicago Police Department officer. Based on videotape footage of the incident, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegations against the accused that he resisted on-duty law enforcement officers, was arrested and charged with battery, and that the accused failed to properly secure his firearm. Also based on this videotape footage, IPRA recommended that the allegations that the accused member struck a law enforcement officer and that the accused failed to identify himself as a Chicago Police Department officer, be **"UNFOUNDED."** Lastly, IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** the allegation against the accused that he directed profanities at a law enforcement officer, because there were no corroborating witness statements. IPRA recommended a **five (5) day suspension** for the accused member.

Log No. / C.R. 304935

On 19 April 2005, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA, formerly known as the Office of Professional Standards), regarding an incident that occurred in the 23rd District, in which an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer was alleged to have

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unnecessarily displayed his firearm, was intoxicated, and was arrested and found guilty of two counts of aggravated assault. Based on corroborating witness statements and internal reports, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegations against the accused that he displayed his firearm without cause, was intoxicated, was arrested and found guilty on two counts of aggravated assault. IPRA recommended **separation** for the accused member; however said member retired from the Department during the course of IPRA's investigation.

Log No. / C.R. 304344

On 21 March 2005, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA, formerly known as the Office of Professional Standards), regarding an incident that occurred in the 23rd District, in which several Chicago Police Department officers allegedly failed to obtain medical attention for an individual within a timely manner after observing the individual place an unknown object in his mouth and complain of an inability to breathe, failed to conduct themselves in a professional manner, and observed the misconduct of those officers principal to this incident and failed to report it. It is further alleged that one of the accused officers struck the individual in the face. Based on internal reports and witness statements, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegations against three (3) principally involved officers that they failed to obtain medical attention for the individual in a timely manner after observing the individual place an unidentified object into his mouth and complained of difficulty breathing, and that the accused officers failed to conduct themselves in a professional manner by failing to provide said attention. In addition, IPRA recommended that an allegation against a fourth accused officer that he allegedly failed to obtain immediate medical attention for a detainee, be **"UNFOUNDED"** because witness statements established that he did not witness the individual put the object in his mouth and therefore was not aware of the need for medical attention, and also he said that he had, as a matter of course, offered medical attention and it was declined. For allegations against those officers alleged to have been witnesses to the mistreatment of the individual and to have failed to report any misconduct and failed to conduct themselves in a professional manner, IPRA recommend to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** these allegations because witness statements were inconsistent and could not establish their presence when any misconduct occurred. Further, IPRA recommended a **ten (10) day suspension for each of the three principally accused members.**

Log No. / C.R. 1007211

On 3 July 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA, formerly known as the Office of Professional Standards), regarding an incident that occurred in the 20th District, in which an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer allegedly attempted to exploit her Department position for personal gain, and physically mistreated and verbally abused a private citizen. Based on videotape footage and corroborating witness statements, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegations against the

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accused that she attempted to exploit her Department position for personal gain, pushed the individual, used profanity, and that accused engaged in conduct discrediting the Chicago Police Department. IPRA recommended **separation** from the Department.