

ABSTRACTS OF SUSTAINED CASES

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Log/CR No. 1001401

On 17 November 2006, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA, f/k/a The Office of Professional Standards) regarding an incident that occurred in the 10th District, in which a Chicago Police Department officer allegedly was inattentive to duty when she accidentally discharged her firearm while in vehicular pursuit of offenders driving a stolen vehicle. There were no injuries reported as a result of the accidental discharge. Based on the officer's admission and physical evidence, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation. IPRA recommended a **reprimand for the accused member.**

Log/CR No. 1009451

On 20 September 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority regarding an incident that occurred in Norridge, Illinois, involving an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer. After a traffic accident, the accused officer allegedly approached the complainant's vehicle and engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation by referring to her as a "fucking bitch" and /or "stupid," and committed a battery against the complainant by punching/pushing a camera into her face causing injuries without legal justification. Based on statements from the complainant and an independent witness, corroborative evidence including the ambulance report, medical reports, photographs, and the officer's statement, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegations. IPRA further recommended a **fifteen (15) day suspension for the accused member.**

Log/CR No. 1009476

On 21 September 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority regarding an incident that occurred in the 7th District, involving two Chicago Police Department officers (A & B) and a detective (C). The complainant alleged that during the course of a narcotics investigation, Officer A grabbed him by the neck, pushed him to the ground, and poked him about the body with an unknown object. It was further alleged that Officers A and B and Detective C failed to obtain medical care, and Detective C had knowledge of alleged misconduct and failed to report it. Based on documentary evidence and the complainant's and involved members' statements, IPRA recommended that the allegations that Officer A grabbed the complainant by the neck, pushed him to the ground, and poked him several times in the body be **"UNFOUNDED."** Based on the statements of the involved members, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officers A and B, and Detective C were inattentive to duty in that they failed to obtain immediate medical attention for the complainant. Finally, based on an admission, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Detective C had knowledge of alleged police misconduct and failed to notify a supervisor and/or prepare a written report. IPRA recommended that **Officers A and B be suspended for two days, and that Detective C be suspended for three days.**

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Log/CR No. 1012986

On 30 December 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority regarding an incident that occurred in the 14th District, in which a Chicago Police Department probationary police officer allegedly engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation with the bouncer at a local nightclub in the 14th District, and was intoxicated and in possession of his firearm. It was further alleged that a second Chicago Police Department officer improperly provided the accused probationary police officer with the case report regarding the incident. Based on witness statements, forensic tests, and official reports, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegations against the probationary police officer. Further, based on the admission of the second accused officer, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that he improperly provided the official report. **The probationary police officer was terminated by CPD as a result of this incident.** IPRA recommended that **the second accused member receive a reprimand.**

Log/CR No. 1013205

On 08 January 2008, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority regarding an incident that occurred in the 8th District, in which an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer allegedly pinned down his wife (complainant) and struck her on the face; grabbed his step-daughter (victim) by her hair, struck her on the arm, dragged her down the stairs; and locked the complainant and victim out of the house. The accused officer was arrested for Domestic Battery. Based on a witness statement, reports from responding police personnel, photographs, and the accused officer's admission to engaging in a physical altercation with the complainant, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegations that the accused officer pinned down the complainant, struck her on the face, and locked the complainant and victim out of the house. Due to lack of evidence, IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** the allegations that the accused officer grabbed the victim's hair, struck her on the arm, or dragged the victim down the stairs. IPRA recommended a **twenty-five (25) day suspension for the accused member.**

Log/CR No. 1018768

On 4 August 2008, 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 was intoxicated and spit in the complainant's face, an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer and the accused officer's wife. Based on breathalyzer and forensic tests and statements from the complainant and responding officers, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation of intoxication. IPRA recommended to **"UNFOUNDED"** the allegation that the accused officer spit on the complainant due to there being no evidence that the accused officer

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intentionally committed this act. IPRA recommended a **ten (10) day suspension for the accused member.**

Log/CR No. 1020556

On 5 October 2008, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) regarding an incident that occurred in the 6th District, in which an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer allegedly engaged in an unjustified physical altercation with his wife (complainant) in that he flipped the mattress causing the complainant to fall to the floor; and he struck the complainant on the face with a laptop case. The complainant did not sustain injuries. Based on the complainant's statement, the 911 transcripts of the complainant's request for police service, the reports from responding police personnel, and the accused officer's admission, IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" the allegations and recommended a **one (1) day suspension for the accused member.**

Log/C.R. No. 1021212

On 24 October 2008, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority, regarding an incident occurring in the 1st District on 15 October 2008, involving the Superintendent of Police, while on duty. It was alleged that the Superintendent participated in a partisan political campaign/activity by way of comments made to a television reporter, brought discredit/disrepute to the Department because of said comments, and was inattentive to his duty. Based on the recording of the interview, and witness/accused interviews, IPRA recommended that the allegation that the Superintendent participated in partisan political campaign/activity be "**UNFOUNDED**", in that his comments did not speak to his role or participation in the campaign. Further, IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" the allegations that the Superintendent impeded the Police Department's operations and was inattentive to his duty in that while in uniform and on television he made comments that favored a particular political candidate. IPRA recommended that the Superintendent receive a **reprimand.**