

# ABSTRACTS OF SUSTAINED CASES

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## *Log/CR No. 1007370*

On 09 July 2007, 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 22nd District, in which an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer allegedly grabbed and twisted his wife's (complainant) wrist and took her to the floor during a verbal dispute; head-butted the complainant about the face during a verbal dispute; and threatened the complainant. IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** the allegations that the accused officer grabbed and twisted the complainant's wrist and took her to the floor during a verbal dispute based on a lack of physical evidence, the accused officer's denial, and the fact that this incident was reported two months after it occurred, Based on documented evidence, and statements from a witness and the accused, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that the accused head-butted the complainant about the face. Due to a lack of evidence, IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** the allegation that the accused made a threatening remark to the complainant. IPRA recommended a **seven (7) day suspension for the accused member.**

## *Log/CR No. 1008869*

On 30 August 2007, 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 04th District, in which an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer allegedly choked and threw the complainant to the ground. It was further alleged that the accused failed to generate a Tactical Response Report. Based on a lack of evidence, cooperation from identified witnesses, and the accused officer's denial, IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** the allegations that the complainant was choked and thrown to the ground. Based on the accused officer's statement describing the Departmental techniques used to subdue the complainant, medical records, and Department policy, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that the accused officer failed to generate a Tactical Response Report. IPRA recommended that the **accused member be suspended for four (4) days.**

## *Log/CR No. 1019576*

On 31 August 2008, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority regarding an incident that occurred in the 07th District, involving a Chicago Police Department officer (Officer A) and a sergeant (Sergeant B). The complaint alleged that during the course of a traffic accident, Officer A was intoxicated while off-duty; carried his firearm while intoxicated; engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation with the complainant; unnecessarily displayed his firearm; engaged in an unjustified physical altercation with the complainant; failed to secure his firearm; failed to properly identify himself and violated a traffic law by driving recklessly. It was further alleged that Sergeant B allowed off-duty Officer A to drive himself to the police station while intoxicated and allowed Officer A, who was intoxicated, to have his gun returned to him following an altercation with the complainant. Based on the results of a breathalyzer test, field sobriety test, statements from the

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complainant, witness, and responding officers, and forensic testing, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegations that Officer A was intoxicated, carried a firearm while intoxicated, engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation with the complainant, unnecessarily displayed his firearm, failed to properly identify himself, failed to secure his firearm, violated a traffic law by driving recklessly and brought discredit upon the Department. Based on statements from Officer A and the complainant, IPRA recommended to **"UNFOUND"** the allegation that Officer A engaged in a physical altercation with the complainant. Further, based on statements from Officer A and Sergeant B, and the totality of the circumstances disclosed during the investigation, IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** the allegations that Sergeant B allowed Officer A to drive himself to the police station and have his gun returned to him when Sergeant B knew Officer A was intoxicated. IPRA recommended that **Officer A be suspended for (90) ninety days.**