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Log/C.R. No. 1027294

On 12 June 2009, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA), regarding an incident occurring in the 7th District, on December 14, 2007. It was alleged that a Chicago Police Department officer was inattentive to duty in that, while conducting a test, she accidentally discharged a Taser, deploying the prongs. The discharge struck no persons and resulted in no injuries. Based on statements from the accused officer and reports, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that she was inattentive to duty in that, while conducting a test, she accidentally discharged a Taser, deploying the prongs. IPRA recommended that the **violation be noted in the accused officer's disciplinary file.**

Log/C.R. No. 1027558

On 23 June 2009, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA), regarding an incident occurring in the 7th District, on June 12, 2009. It was alleged that an on-duty Chicago Police Department officer was inattentive to duty by accidentally discharging a Taser while loaded with a cartridge. The discharge struck no persons and resulted in no injuries. Based on statements from the accused officer and reports, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that she was inattentive to duty by accidentally discharging a Taser while loaded with a cartridge. IPRA recommended that the **violation be noted in the accused officer's disciplinary file.**

Log/C.R. No. 1002797

On January 18, 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority regarding an incident occurring in the 14th District, on October 10, 2006, involving two on-duty Chicago Police Department police officers (Officer A and Officer B), two on-duty Sergeants (Sergeant C and Sergeant D), and an on-duty Captain. It was alleged that Officer A falsely arrested the victim for drugs that did not belong to him, took money from the victim and failed to inventory or return the money, conducted a strip search without prior written approval from the Watch Commander, and failed to document on the arrest report that a strip search was conducted on the victim. It was alleged that Officer B falsely arrested the victim for drugs that did not belong to him, took money from the victim and

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failed to inventory or return the money, conducted a strip search without prior written approval from the Watch Commander, and failed to document on the arrest report that a strip search was conducted on the victim. It was alleged that Sergeant C kicked the victim in the groin, threatened to kill the victim, and directed profanities at the victim. It was alleged that Sergeant D failed to document the authorization for a strip search. It was alleged that the Captain failed to document the authorization for a strip search. IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer A falsely arrested the victim for drugs that did not belong to him, because there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegations due to the officers' statements they found drugs, physical evidence of drugs found on him, and the victim's admission that he used drugs. IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer A took money from the victim and failed to inventory or return the money due to the lack of evidence to support or refute the victim's allegations. IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that the Officer A conducted a strip search without prior written approval from the Watch Commander based on the officer's own admission. IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer A failed to document on the arrest report that a strip search was conducted on the victim based on the officer's own admission. IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer B falsely arrested the victim for drugs that did not belong to him, because there was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegations due to the officers' statements they found drugs, physical evidence of drugs found on him, and the victim's admission that he used drugs. IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer B took money from the victim and failed to inventory or return the money due to the lack of evidence to support or refute the victim's allegations. IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer B conducted a strip search without prior written approval from the Watch Commander based on the officer's own admission. IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer B failed to document on the arrest report that a strip search was conducted on the victim based on the officer's own admission. IPRA recommended a finding of **"UNFOUNDED"** for allegations that Sergeant C kicked the victim in the groin, threatened to kill the victim, and directed profanities at the victim due to the lack of evidence that Sergeant C had contact with the victim. In addition, the victim failed to report being

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kicked in the groin while being treated by medical authorities soon after the alleged incident. IPRA recommended a finding of **"EXONERATED"** for the allegation that Sergeant D failed to document the authorization for a strip search due to statements made by Officers A and B corroborating his story that the officers failed to seek out permission to conduct the strip search. IPRA recommended a finding of **"EXONERATED"** for the allegation that the Captain failed to document the authorization for a strip search due to statements made by Officers A and B corroborating his story that the officers failed to seek out permission to conduct the strip search. IPRA recommended a **one (1) day suspension for both Officer A and Officer B.**

Log/C.R. No. 1009147

On 09 September 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority regarding an incident occurring in the 22nd District, on September 9, 2007, involving off-duty Chicago Police Department Officer A and on-duty Chicago Police Department Officer B. It was alleged that while off-duty, Officer A unlawfully entered complainant's residence, which resulted in the officer's arrest for Criminal Trespass, displayed his handgun, which resulted in the officer's arrest for Aggravated Assault, and was intoxicated. In addition, it was alleged that an on-duty Officer B attempted to prevent complainant from pursuing criminal charges against Officer A. Based on statements from the accused officer and witnesses, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer A unlawfully entered complainant's residence, which resulted in his arrest for Criminal Trespass. Further, based on statements from the accused officer and witnesses, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer A displayed his handgun, which resulted in his arrest for Aggravated Assault. Based on statements from the accused officer, witnesses, and tests, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer A was intoxicated. Further, based on statements from the accused officer and witnesses, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer B attempted to prevent complainant from pursuing criminal charges against Officer A. IPRA recommended that **Officer A be suspended for fifteen (15) days and that Officer B be suspended for five (5) days.**