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Log/C.R. No. 1024645

On 12 March 2009, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) regarding an incident that occurred in the 20th District, on March 12, 2009, during which it was alleged that an on-duty Chicago Police Department (CPD) sergeant was inattentive to duty when he accidentally discharged his firearm, resulting in minor injuries to himself, as well as three (3) other officers. Based on the sergeant's own statement, in addition to corroborating witness statements given by various CPD personnel, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAINED"** the allegation. IPRA recommended a **reprimand for the accused member.**

Log/C.R. No. 1027827

On 01 July 2009, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) regarding an incident that occurred in the 11th District, on November 4, 2008, involving two (2) on-duty Chicago Police Department (CPD) officers – Officer A and Officer B. It is alleged that Officer A struck the victim in the head/face; observed misconduct and failed to report it; and failed to complete Department Reports regarding his contact with the unidentified victim. It was also alleged that Officer B punched the unidentified victim in the face; failed to complete Department Reports regarding his contact with the unidentified victim; held a cigarette and/or cigar in his mouth while in uniform and in public; and violated a law and/or ordinance by smoking in a public vehicle and/or workplace. It was subsequently alleged that Officer B also provided a false statement to IPRA. Based on video evidence and Officer A's statement, IPRA recommended a finding of **"EXONERATED"** for the allegation that Officer A struck the suspect about the head/face because the type of strike used was permitted in that situation under the Use of Force Model. However, because of the same video evidence and the same statement given by Officer A, which both describe misconduct by Officer B, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer A observed misconduct by Officer B and failed to report it. In addition, based on Officer A's own admission, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer A failed to complete the required report regarding his contact with the suspect. Based on the video evidence and Officer B's statement, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer B punched the suspect on his face when the suspect was not assaulting any of the officers.

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Based on Officer B's own admission, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer B failed to complete the required report regarding his contact with the suspect. Furthermore, based on his own admission, as well as video footage, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer B held a cigarette and/or cigar in his mouth while in uniform and in public; and that he violated a law and/or ordinance by smoking a cigar in a public vehicle and/or workplace. Lastly, having initially denied the allegations found to be 'sustained' against him, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that Officer B provided a false statement during an interview with IPRA. IPRA recommended a **twenty (20) day suspension for Officer A and a sixty (60) day suspension for Officer B.**

Log/C.R. No. 1014583

On 01 March 2008, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) regarding an incident that occurred in the 21st District, on February 29, 2008, in which two on-duty Chicago Police Department (CPD) officers (Officer A and Officer B) were involved. It was alleged that Officer A searched the suspect's car without permission; directed profanity at him; and that Officer A failed to provide his name and badge number upon request. It was also alleged that Officer B directed profanities at the suspect; grabbed the suspect's arms, placed him in a wristlock, and slammed him into the hood of his vehicle; and also failed to provide his name and badge number upon request. No witnesses could be found to either prove or refute any of these allegations. Based on lack of witness statements and the Officers' denial of the allegations, IPRA recommended a finding of **"NOT SUSTAINED"** for these allegations. Subsequently, allegations were made that both Officers A and B determined the suspect to have been driving with a suspended license and failed to issue him a citation; that they allowed the suspect to continue to operate the vehicle knowing his license was suspended; and that they failed to generate any documentation regarding the incident, by either issuing a citation or by preparing a contact card. Based on the statements given by Officers A and B, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that both officers failed to issue a citation to the suspect who was driving without a valid driver's license and also to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that both officers allowed the suspect to continue driving his vehicle knowing that

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the suspect's driver's license was suspended. Based on both officers' statement, IPRA recommended a finding of **"UNFOUNDED"** regarding the allegation that the officers failed to document the incident. IPRA recommended **a reprimand for the accused Officers A & B.**

Log/C.R. No. 1010829

On 10 November 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) regarding an incident that occurred in the 25th District, on November 10, 2007. It was alleged that an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer directed profanities at complainant; displayed her handgun at complainant and her friends; threatened to shoot complainant; and brought discredit on the Chicago Police Department based on her overall conduct in the public view of a Walmart store while she was working secondary employment as an Asset Protection Guard. IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** all the aforementioned allegations against the accused member based on corroborating witness statements and reports. IPRA recommended a **ten (10) day suspension for the accused member.** The officer left the Department on a Family Leave of Absence in 2008, never returned to work, and as a result, was resigned from her position as a police officer with the Chicago Police Department.