

ABSTRACTS OF SUSTAINED CASES

SEPTEMBER 2009

Log/C.R. No. 1017299

On 12 June 2008, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority regarding an incident occurring in the 4th District. It was alleged that an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer choked and struck a complainant about the head and/or face. Based on the complainant's medical records, corroborating witness statements and the recording of the 911 call requesting medical assistance at the complainant's residence, IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" the allegations that the accused member choked the complainant and that he struck her about the head and/or face. Further, IPRA recommended a **twenty-five (25) days suspension for the accused officer**.

Log/C.R. No. 1001421

On 18 November 2006, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA, f/k/a The Office of Professional Standards) regarding incidents occurring in the 8th and 11th Districts. It was alleged that an off-duty Chicago Police Department field training officer left derogatory voice messages on various dates; that he harassed a fellow department member with various text messages; made derogatory remarks about the fellow department member over the police radio zone; posted photocopied photos of the fellow department member containing derogatory writings at various public locations; on another occasion within the 8th District, was intoxicated, yelled obscenities and threats toward two fellow department members, and pounded on the vehicle of these fellow department members; on another occasion within the 11th District, approached a third fellow department member inquiring about and making derogatory statements about another fellow department member; and on various occasions ordered commercial products from the Internet in the name of and without the authorization of a fellow department member. Because there was no corroborating evidence, IPRA recommended to "**NOT SUSTAIN**" the allegation that the accused officer left derogatory voice messages. Based on the accused officer's admissions and the saved text messages, IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" the allegation that the accused officer harassed a fellow department member with various text messages. Because there were recorded transmissions of the accused officer's derogatory remarks and the accused member's admissions, IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" the allegation that the accused member made derogatory remarks over the police zone radio about a fellow department member. IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" the allegation that the accused officer posted photocopied photos of the fellow department member containing derogatory writings at various public locations, based on the accused officer's admissions, corroborating witness statements, and the physical evidence. Because there was no corroborating evidence to support the allegation that the accused officer was intoxicated, IPRA recommended to "**NOT SUSTAIN**" this allegation. IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" the allegations that the accused officer yelled obscenities and threats toward and pounded on the vehicle of two fellow department members based on the corroborating witness statements. IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" the allegation that the accused officer

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approached a third fellow department member inquiring about and making derogatory statements about another fellow department member based on corroborating witness statements. Lastly, because there was no evidence to support the allegation that the accused officer ordered commercial products from the Internet in the name of a fellow department member without the authorization of that individual, IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** this allegation. IPRA recommended a **twenty-five (25) days suspension for the accused officer.**

Log/C.R. No. 1006654

On 17 June 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA, f/k/a The Office of Professional Standards) regarding incidents occurring outside of the City of Chicago limits. It was alleged that an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer on various occasions harassed a complainant via the telephone and was intoxicated. Based on the recordings of the derogatory messages left by the accused officer and admissions made by the accused officer, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that he harassed a complainant via the telephone. Because there was no corroborating evidence to support the allegation that the accused officer was intoxicated, IPRA recommended to **"NOT SUSTAIN"** this allegation. IPRA recommended a **three (3) day suspension for the accused officer.**

Log/C.R. No. 1026018

On 13 May 2009, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority regarding an incident occurring at various times and at various locations within metropolitan Chicago. It was alleged that an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer on one occasion occurring within the 24th District, pulled the hair of and wrestled a victim to prevent her from entering her vehicle; grabbed her personal phone after she dialed 911, which in turn disconnected the call and prevented her from speaking with an OEMC dispatcher; and was intoxicated. It was also alleged that on another occasion occurring within the 18th District, the off-duty Chicago Police Department officer, again, pulled the victim's hair. It was further alleged that on another occasion occurring outside of the City of Chicago limits, the off-duty accused officer pushed the victim. Because there was insufficient evidence to support the allegation that the accused member was intoxicated, IPRA recommended a finding of **"UNFOUNDED"**. However, because of an agreement reached through mediation, the accused member admitted the misconduct and IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegations that he pulled the hair of and wrestled the victim to prevent her from entering her vehicle; grabbed her personal phone after she dialed 911, disconnecting the call and preventing her from speaking with an OEMC dispatcher; that the accused officer pulled the victim's hair in a separate incident; and that the accused officer pushed the victim. Because of this mediated agreement, the accused member accepted the recommended penalty of a **ten (10) day suspension.**