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Log/C.R. No. 1001937

On 08 December 2006, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA, f/k/a Office of Professional Standards), regarding an incident occurring in the 4th District, involving an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer. The accused officer was alleged to have engaged in an unjustified physical altercation with a fellow department member, verbally abused the fellow member by directing profanities at her, and on separate occasions allegedly harassed her through various communications and/or followed her in his vehicle and parked outside her home, and directed profanity at her while the fellow member was on the line with a "911" dispatcher. IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" the allegation that the accused officer engaged in an unjustified physical altercation with the fellow department member, based on physical evidence of injuries corroborating the fellow member's complaint and upon the fact that the accused member was arrested for Domestic Battery and plead guilty for Disorderly Conduct relative to this alleged incident. Based on corroborating statements and "911" transmissions, IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" the allegations that the accused verbally abused the fellow member by directing profanities at her. Because the accused member admitted to sending harassing communications and that he parked outside of the fellow member's home, IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" these allegations. Further, IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" an additional allegation that the accused provided a false report to IPRA investigators, as his statement was contradicted by multiple witness statements, about the physical altercation between he and the fellow member. IPRA recommended a **thirty (30) day suspension** for the accused member.

Log/C.R. No. 1003658

On 25 February 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA), regarding an incident occurring in the 11th District in which an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer allegedly physically abused a minor victim by striking the minor about the body with an extension cord and/or belt. Based on the accused member's admissions that he struck the victim with a belt, the victim's consistent statements to outcry witnesses, police and IPRA investigators, photographs of the victim's injuries, and recommendations made by DCFS and the victim's doctor indicating child abuse, IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" the allegation that the accused officer physically abused the minor victim. Further, IPRA recommended a **twenty (20) day suspension** for the accused member.

Log/C.R. No. 313961

On 03 July 2006, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA, f/k/a Office of Professional Standards), regarding various incidents occurring in the 2nd District, in which an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer allegedly threatened to kill the victim during a telephone argument, engaged in physical domestic altercations with the victim at various times, failed to properly secure his firearm during one of these domestic altercations, locked the victim's children out of the accused's

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apartment during the victim's incarceration, did not return the victim's personal items after she moved out of the domicile, destroyed her clothes and shoes, used his official position for personal gain/influence in that he obtained the victim's criminal history, and associated/fraternized with a convicted felon. In addition, the victim further alleged that on separate occasions, unidentified Chicago Police Department officers failed to provide proper police service, failed to offer her medical attention and joked about the domestic altercations between her and the accused officer. There were conflicting statements between the accused and the victim, and there were no independent witnesses to corroborate either account, therefore IPRA recommended to "**NOT SUSTAIN**" the allegation that the accused member threatened to kill the victim. During the course of IPRA's investigation, no independent witnesses nor "911" calls for domestic disturbances at the accused's apartment were found to corroborate the multiple incidents of physical domestic altercations between the victim and the accused officer. To this end, IPRA recommended to "**NOT SUSTAIN**" the allegations of the physical altercations, that the accused failed to secure his firearm during one of these altercations, and that the accused locked the victim's children out of the accused's apartment during the victim's incarceration. Although the victim requested police escort in order to remove her personal items from the accused's apartment, the victim did not show up to do so and IPRA recommended to "**NOT SUSTAIN**" the allegations that the accused did not return the victim's personal items and that he destroyed her clothes and shoes, because no independent witnesses were revealed to corroborate these allegations. Because C.P.D. records substantiated that the accused member used his department user ID and password to obtain a copy of the victim's criminal history, IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" the allegations that the accused used his official position for personal gain/influence and that the accused associated/fraternized with a convicted felon, in that he maintained an intimate relationship with the victim after he knew her criminal history. Further, IPRA recommended to "**SUSTAIN**" an additional allegation that the accused officer provided a false report in that he denied having knowledge that the victim was a convicted felon and denied accessing her criminal history. Because there were no records of "911" calls reporting domestic disturbances at the subject location on the dates alleged by the victim, and because various witnesses disclosed by the victim did not cooperate with IPRA's investigation and could not corroborate the allegations that on several occasions, unidentified Chicago Police Department officers failed to provide proper police service, failed to offer her medical attention and joked about the domestic altercations between her and the accused officer, IPRA recommended to "**NOT SUSTAIN**" these allegations. IPRA recommended **separation** for the accused officer.