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ALLEGATIONS:

On 11 July 2015, at approximately 2021 hours, Sergeant A, #XXXX, Unit XXX, telephoned CPIC and registered this complaint, on behalf of Subject 1 with Officer A. It is alleged that on 10 July 2015, at approximately 2340 hours, at XXXX N. Canfield Avenue, Officer B, #XXXXXX, Unit XXX:

- 1) Pushed Subject 1 on her chest.

It is also alleged that on an date in August 2014, at an unknown time, at XXXX N. Canfield Avenue, Officer B:

- 2) Punched Subject 1 on her head.

APPLICABLE RULE:

Rule 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

INTRODUCTION:

The Complainant, Subject 1, was involved in an argument with her fifteen year-old son, Juvenile 1, which escalated into a physical altercation, during which she slapped him with the back of her hand and he bit her on her right forearm and punched her about her upper arm. Off-duty Officer B intervened and he allegedly physically maltreated Subject 1. Subject 1 telephoned the police and requested a supervisor respond to their home.

INVESTIGATION:

In his **Initiation Report**, Sergeant A reported that Officer B and Subject 1 were going through a divorce and were having many problems and difficulties. On 10 July 2015, Subject 1 was involved in a disagreement with their 15 year-old son when Officer B placed his forearm on her chest and caused her to stumble in an attempt to separate her from her son, causing her to stumble. Subject 1 claimed that Officer B was verbally abusive toward her, threatening to have her arrested. Subject 1 added that Officer B had been drinking. Subject 1 did not wish to sign a Complaint against Officer B stating, "She didn't want him to lose his job or his pension." Subject 1 did request a report documenting this incident. Subject 1 was subsequently provided a Domestic Incident Report and was advised on how to obtain an Order of Protection. Subject 1 also wished to file this complaint against Officer B. (Att. 4)

In a statement to IPRA on 13 July 2015, **Subject 1** stated that on the day of the incident she was at the Park Ridge Festival with friends. Subject 1 texted her son, Juvenile 1, instructing him to meet her at the festival because it was ending and she wanted to go home. Juvenile 1 arrived at the festival upset and began to yell and curse at Subject 1. An unknown Park Ridge Police Officer overheard Juvenile 1 and told him to stop his actions and to listen to his mother. Subject 1 apologized to the police officer and she and Juvenile 1 left the festival. When they pulled into the driveway of their home Juvenile 1 grabbed the keys from the ignition, breaking the key in half in the

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process. Subject 1 stated that she grabbed his arm, intending to take the keys away from him, at which time he bit her on her right arm near her wrist. Subject 1 continued in her attempt to take the keys away from her son, who then punched her about her upper right arm. Juvenile 1 ran out of their car and went inside their home while Subject 1 went to the side of their house. Juvenile 1 then came outside and Subject 1 saw that he had blood on the bridge of his nose. Subject 1 asked him what happened and he told her that she caused his injury. Subject 1 told him not to say that because she did not hit him. Subject 1 then followed her son back into the house and when she attempted to enter his bedroom her husband, Officer B, called her a “fucking cunt bitch,” pushed her with his arm on her chest, and told her she was going to jail. Subject 1 called 911, reported the incident and requested a sergeant come to her home. Approximately ten minutes later, Sergeant A and two uniformed officers arrived and asked Subject 1 if she wanted Officer B arrested. Subject 1 told them she did not want him arrested. Subject 1 stated she sustained bruising and swelling to her right arm, caused by her son, but she did not seek medical attention.

While providing her statement regarding this incident, Subject 1 added that on 11 August 2014, she and her husband attended a fundraising event at her son’s school. On their way home they argued over an off-duty female police officer that was also at the fundraiser. Subject 1 stated that Officer B punched her on her face while they were driving. Subject 1 was not injured and did not seek medical attention. (Atts. 8, 10)

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General Offense Case Report (RD# HYXXX-XXX) documents that on-duty police personnel responded to a call of a Domestic Disturbance at the family home. Upon arrival, the officers met with Subject 1, who related that she was arguing with her son when her husband, Officer B, intervened and pushed her backwards with enough force to cause her to stumble and almost fall. Subject 1 was not injured and refused all medical attention. Officer B was on-scene, but at the time Subject 1 did not want to prosecute and only wanted the incident documented. (Att. 5)

General Offense Case Report (RD# HYXXX-XXX) documents that Juvenile 1 and his mother, Subject 1, were in their car parked on the driveway of their home and Subject 1 would not allow Juvenile 1 to go into their home. Juvenile 1 attempted to take the car keys out of the car's ignition when Subject 1 struck him on his nose with her right arm.

[JUVENILE INFORMAION REDACTED]

The **Office of Emergency Management and Communication Recording** of Subject 1's 911 call captures her request for a sergeant and a commander to her home because she was being threatened by her son and her husband, a Chicago Police Officer. Subject 1 also reported that her husband pushed her. (Att. 15)

A search for related **Calls for Service Search** and a **Victim Search** in the CLEAR Data

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Warehouse did not produce any relevant information regarding a domestic incident(s) involving Officer B and Subject 1. (Att. 31)

Photographs provided by Subject 1 depicted bruising and swelling to the outside of her upper right arm and her right forearm. (Att. 14)

A **Photograph** provided by Officer B of his son, Juvenile 1, depicted him to have an abrasion to the bridge of his nose. (Att. 28)

In a statement to IPRA on 18 September 2015, **Officer B** stated that he and Subject 1 had been married for approximately 19 years, and that they were currently in the process of divorcing. Officer B stated that he and Subject 1 were currently residing together with their two minor children, Juvenile 1 and Juvenile 2. Officer B stated that on the night of this incident he was home sleeping while his wife and children went to a festival in Park Ridge, Illinois. Officer B stated that at some point during the night he spoke with his son on the phone, and his son told him Subject 1 would drive him home. Officer B stated that Juvenile 1 and Subject 1 came home, and entered the home screaming and yelling at each other. Officer B followed Juvenile 1 to his bedroom and attempted to calm him while Subject 1 continued to yell and curse at their son. Officer B repeatedly told Subject 1 to leave Juvenile 1 alone, but she continued to yell and curse at him. Officer B stated that he slammed Juvenile 1's bedroom door shut. A short time later Officer B heard Subject 1 on the phone

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requesting a Park Ridge Police Officer to her home. Officer B stated that police responded but Subject 1 refused to answer the door. Instead, Subject 1 called and requested a police commander to respond to her home. A Chicago Police Sergeant¹ arrived, and spoke with Subject 1. Officer B stated that he never spoke to the sergeant on the night of this incident. Officer B denied the allegations made against him, and added that he never had any physical contact with his wife.

Officer B added that his son later told him that Subject 1 had been drinking the entire night and that he told her he wanted to leave the festival because he had to be up at 0530 hours the following morning for a baseball tournament. Subject 1 did not want to take him home, and instead insisted that he meet her friends. They began to argue, at which time Subject 1 grabbed him. A Park Ridge Police Officer intervened, but allowed them to leave the festival. Once they got home Subject 1 remained in the car talking on her cell phone to her daughter. Juvenile 1 became impatient and grabbed the car keys. When he did, Subject 1 struck him on his face. Officer B stated that he and his son obtained a Domestic Battery Case Report against Subject 1 two days later. Officer B also denied ever punching Subject 1. (Att. 19)

¹ NKA CPD Sergeant A

CONCLUSION:

The Reporting Investigator recommends a finding of **Not Sustained** for **Allegation #1**; that on 10 July 2015, at approximately 2340 hours, at XXXX N. Canfield Avenue, Officer B pushed Subject 1 on her chest. Subject 1 alleged that during an altercation she was having with her 15 year-old son, Officer B intervened and subsequently pushed her on her chest. There is no evidence to support the allegation. Subject 1 did not sustain any injury from being pushed, and she sought no medical attention. Officer B denied the allegation, and explained that during a verbal altercation between his wife and their son, he (Officer B) he slammed his son's bedroom door shut to separate his son from Subject 1. This investigation revealed insufficient evidence to support or refute the allegation.

The Reporting Investigator recommends a finding of **Not Sustained** for **Allegation #2**; that

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on an unknown date in August 2014, at an unknown time, at XXXX N. Canfield Avenue, Officer B punched Subject 1 on her head. There was no record or evidence to support Subject 1's allegation that Officer B punched as they drove home from a school fundraiser. Subject 1 was not injured and did not seek medical attention. Officer B denied the allegation, adding that he has never struck Subject 1. This investigation revealed insufficient evidence to support or refute the allegation.