

INTRODUCTION:

Complainant alleged that on 10 November 2016 at approximately 2155 hours, she went to the XXX District Station and was pushed out of the station by Officer A, who also called her a "bitch." Complainant alleged that after she left the XXX District Station, she went to the XXX District Station to file a missing person's report. While at the XXX District Station, Sergeant A failed to provide her with the report and verbally abused her when he stated, "Get your black ass out of here."

ALLEGATIONS:

The complainant alleged that on 10 November 2016, at approximately 2155 hours, at XXXX N. Larrabee, XXX District Station, the accused, **Officer A, #XXXXX, Unit XXX:**

1. Pushed Complainant several times on her back and out of the station in violation of Rule 8; and
2. Called Complainant a "bitch," in violation of Rule 9.

It is alleged that on the same date at approximately 2250 to 2300 hours, at XXXX S. Halsted, XXX District Station, lobby area, **Sergeant A, #XXXX, Unit XXX:**

1. Failed to provide Complainant assistance, in that no police report was filed regarding her missing family, in violation of Rule 2;
2. Verbally abused Complainant when he stated, "Get your black ass out of here," in violation of Rule 9.

APPLICABLE RULES AND LAW:

- Rule 2:** Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
- Rule 8:** Disrespect or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
- Rule 9:** Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

INVESTIGATION:

In her statement to IPRA on 11 November 2016, **Complainant** alleged that she went to the XXX District Station to provide the dessert to the persons involved in an unknown event at the station and they were refused. Complainant stated that she was immediately turned away by Officer A, who pushed her several times on her back causing pain. Further, Officer A called her a "bitch." Complainant stated she proceeded to go to the XXX District Station to file a missing person report on family members that she has not seen for over two weeks. While at the XXX District Station, a Civilian 1 assisted her and called her mother's house to locate the missing family members. Civilian 1 spoke with Complainant's brother and children and informed her that they were not missing.

Complainant stated that Sergeant A approached, refused to provide her with the report and stated to her, "Get your black ass out of here." Complainant stated that she sought medical treatment at

Hospital A for pain to her back and her feet. There were no visible injuries to Complainant, but photographs were taken. (Att. 5)

The **Medical Records** from Hospital A documented that Complainant sought treatment for pain to her feet. The medical records did not document any pain to Complainant's back or about her body, or any notes regarding the allegations against the police. Complainant was diagnosed with Heel Spur. (Att. 9)

Evidence Technician Photographs document that Complainant did not display any visible injuries to her back area. (Att. 16)

Attempts were made to locate any **videos** in the XXX District Station, but the cameras at the district are inoperable. (Att. 12)

In her statement to IPRA on 14 February 2017, **Officer A** stated that she recalled seeing Complainant on three consecutive nights at the XXX District, but could not recall having any conversations or disturbances with her on those occasions. Other co-workers informed Officer A that Complainant likes to spit at personnel when she is being placed under arrest. Officer A denied having any conversation or physical contact with Complainant and denied the allegations made against her by Complainant. Officer A has no idea why Complainant filed this complaint against her. (Att. 38)

In his statement to IPRA on 21 February 2017, **Sergeant A** stated that Complainant came into the station and requested a missing person report on her adult children. Civilian 1 (a police clerk at the front desk) called Complainant's children and learned that they were not missing. Civilian 1 informed Complainant of what she learned and Complainant became upset, loud and verbally abusive. Sergeant A approached and attempted to assist Complainant, and explain the situation to her, but she continued to cause a disturbance. Sergeant A told Complainant to leave the station, and she complied without any further incident. Sergeant A denied the allegations made against him. (Att. 37)

In her statement to IPRA on 28 February 2017, **Police Administrative Civilian (PAC) Civilian 1** stated she assisted Complainant in finding her missing adult children and explained along with Sergeant A why a report would not be filed. PAC Civilian 1 denied the allegations made against Sergeant A. Furthermore, PAC Civilian 1 denied that Complainant complained of any injury or informed them of allegations against an officer from the XXX District. (Att. 39)

CONCLUSION:

IPRA recommends that **Allegations 1 - 2** against Officer A that she pushed Complainant several times on her back and out of the station in violation of Rule 8, and that she called her a bitch a violation of Rule 9 be closed **Not Sustained**. There are no witnesses to the incident and Officer A denied that these allegations occurred. Further, Complainant went to the XXX District Station after leaving the XXX District Station, and she did not mention the stated allegations to anyone at the XXX District station. There is insufficient evidence to support or refute these allegations.

IPRA recommends that **Allegation #1** that Sergeant A failed to provide Complainant assistance by completing a missing person report regarding her family, a violation of Rule 2, be closed **Unfounded**. Sergeant A stated that after learning that Complainant's children were adult and were not missing, he decided that no police report would be generated. His account was supported by Civilian 1, a police aide at the station.

IPRA recommends that **Allegation #2** against Sergeant A that he verbally abused Complainant and stated, "Get your black ass out of here," a violation of Rule 9, be closed **Not Sustained**. Sergeant A denied the allegation and his account was supported by Civilian 1, a police aide at the district. Civilian 1 stated that at no time did Sergeant A direct any profanities or racial slurs at Complainant. Civilian 1 stated that Complainant suffers from mental health problems and appeared to be homeless, and that it was she who verbally abused her and Sergeant A.