

INTRODUCTION

On June 11, 2016 at 1:32 p.m., Chicago Police Department (CPD) arrested Civilian A for Armed Robbery. Civilian A made allegations of excessive force against the arresting officers under Log Number 1081109. During the investigation of Log Number 1081109, in-car video revealed that Civilian A was verbally abused by Officer A, the officer who transported Civilian A from the scene of his arrest to the Area Central detective division. Log Number 1084692 was initiated to address the allegations of verbal abuse.

ALLEGATIONS

It is alleged that on June 11, 2016, at approximately 1:32 p.m., in the vicinity of XXXX W. Marquette Road, **Officer A, #12036**:

- 1) directed profanity at Civilian A by referring to him as a “motherfucker,” in violation of Rules 2 and 8,
- 2) directed profanity at Civilian A by referring to him as a “fucking piece of shit,” in violation of Rules 2 and 8,
- 3) directed profanity at Civilian A by referring to him as a “bitch,” in violation of Rules 2 and 8,
- 4) verbally abused Civilian A by falsely telling him his friend was shot by the police, in violation of Rules 2 and 8, and
- 5) verbally abused Civilian A by falsely telling him his friend was dead, in violation of Rules 2 and 8.

APPLICABLE RULES AND LAW

Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department:

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 to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

INVESTIGATION

On June 22, 2016, Witness A, Civilian A ’s girlfriend, **initiated Complaint Log Number 1081109** on behalf of Civilian A, alleging that unknown officers used excessive force against Civilian A during his arrest. Witness A did not witness the incident. (Att. 4)

The **Arrest Report** documents that on June 11, 2016 at 1:32 p.m., Civilian A was arrested and charged with Armed Robbery with a Firearm, Kidnapping, Attempting to Disarm a Peace Officer, Aggravated Battery against a Peace Officer, and Issuance of a Warrant¹. The arresting officers were Sgt. A, #XXXX, and Officer B, #XXXX. Several

¹ Two other individuals were arrested at a separate location in relation to this incident. (Att. 25-26)

officers assisted in Civilian A's arrest, including Officer A, who transported Civilian A from the scene of his arrest to the Area Central detective division. (Att. 5)

In-car video from Beat 813, assigned to Officer A, depicts numerous squad cars with emergency equipment activated—apparently traveling to an emergency call. Officer A's vehicle stopped in an alley behind another police vehicle. Officer A exited his squad car. Numerous police officers emerged in the alley and ran toward a residential yard out of camera view. A male voice is heard via Officer A's in-car microphone saying, "You're a sorry motherfucker." Moments later, Officer A and two unknown officers emerged from a yard and escorted Civilian A to Officer A's squad car. A male voice is later heard via Officer A's microphone referring to Civilian A as a "fucking piece of shit." Officer A left Civilian A in the vehicle for a short time. Officer A returned and asked Civilian A if he was kicking his squad car. Civilian A said he was sorry. Officer A replied, "Know what's gonna happen? See what's gonna happen motherfucker. Kick my windows again, bitch!" Civilian A responded that he could not breathe. Officer A continued to refer to Civilian A as a "motherfucker." As Officer A drove away from the scene with Civilian A, Officer A told Civilian A that his friend was dead, and that the police shot him when Civilian A left in the truck. (Att. 6-9)

In an interview with IPRA on August 4, 2016, Civilian A did not make any allegations of verbal abuse against Officer A or any Department member. (Att. 14)

In an interview with IPRA on April 12, 2017, **Officer A** addressed the allegations against him. Upon viewing the in-car video, Officer A acknowledged that he directed profanities at Civilian A. Officer A stated that he used vulgar language with Civilian A in an effort to stop Civilian A from kicking the window in his squad car. When asked why Officer A continued to use profane language toward Civilian A after Civilian A had stopped kicking the vehicle, Officer A replied, "It was the heat of the moment." Officer A also acknowledged that he falsely told Civilian A that his friend had been shot by the police and was dead. Officer A stated that he could not explain why he said those things to Civilian A when he knew they were untrue. (Att. 22)

CONCLUSION

IPRA recommends a finding of **Sustained** for **Allegations #1-5** against **Officer A**, that he directed profanity at Civilian A by referring to him as a "motherfucker," a "fucking piece of shit," and a "bitch," and that he verbally abused Civilian A by falsely telling him his friend was shot by the police and was dead, all in violation of Rules 2 and 8 of the Chicago Police Department. In-car video revealed that Officer A repeatedly directed profanity at and verbally abused Civilian A. In a statement to IPRA, Officer A acknowledged that he committed the acts attributed to him in the allegations.

FINDINGS

Accused #1: **Officer Officer A, #12036**

Allegation #1: **Sustained – Violation of Rule 2**, “Any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,” in that on June 11, 2016, at approximately 1:32 p.m., in the vicinity of XXXX W. Marquette Road, Officer A directed profanity at Civilian A by referring to him as a “motherfucker.”

Sustained – Violation of Rule 8, “Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty,” in that on June 11, 2016, at approximately 1:32 p.m., in the vicinity of XXXX W. Marquette Road, Officer A directed profanity at Civilian A by referring to him as a “motherfucker.”

Allegation #2: **Sustained – Violation of Rule 2**, “Any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,” in that on June 11, 2016, at approximately 1:32 p.m., in the vicinity of XXXX W. Marquette Road, Officer A directed profanity at Civilian A by referring to him as a “fucking piece of shit.”

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