

INTRODUCTION:¹

Subject 1 complained that unknown officers grabbed her arms before arresting her for trespassing at a concert in Douglas Park. In her statement to investigators, Subject 1 added complaints that officers took property and failed to inventory or return it and that a XXth District supervisor failed to complete a report for her.

ALLEGATIONS:

The complainant, Subject 1, alleged that on 17 September 2016, at approximately 2100 hours, in the vicinity of XXXX S. California, **Unknown Officers: 1)** Grabbed her arms, in violation of Rule 8.

Subject 1 further alleged that on 17 September 2016, at an unknown time, at an unidentified police facility, **Unknown Officers: 1)** Took her property and failed to inventory or return it, in violation of Rule 6 and General Order 06-01-12 “Inventory of Arrestee Personal Property.”

Subject 1 also alleged that on an unknown date and time, at the XXXst District Police Station, XXXXXX, **Lieutenant A, #XXX, Unit XXX: 1)** Failed to complete a police report for her, in violation of Rule 5.

APPLICABLE RULES:

Rule 5 – Failure to perform any duty.

Rule 6 – Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.

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

General Order 06-01-12 – “Inventory of Arrestee Personal Property”

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:

On 28 September 2016, **Complainant Subject 1** provided a statement to COPA, in which she stated that she went to the Riot Fest in Douglas Park on 17 September 2016 and entered the VIP tent through the exit. Subject 1 did not have a ticket to the concert. Subject 1 stated that she attends concerts as a VIP due to her status as a “socialite.” Subject 1 began to leave the concert and two officers near the exit grabbed her and handcuffed her. Subject 1 then “blacked out” for an unknown reason and woke up in a “basement cell” where a white male officer and a black female officer spoke to her and took her jewelry. The white male officer eventually brought her upstairs and a supervisor tried to give her bond paperwork but Subject 1 refused to take it. Subject 1 asked

¹ As of September 15, 2017, the Independent Police Review Authority (“IPRA”) office closed and was replaced by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (“COPA”). In the interest of clarity, this report will use the acronym “COPA” to refer to the investigative actions of both agencies.

the supervisor for a ride home but he refused and she hitchhiked home. Subject 1 stated that she went to the XXXX District Station several days later to report that she was missing her driver's license and that someone caused her telephone chargers to stop working.² Subject 1 showed Accused Lieutenant A her phone to show that her battery was dead and Lieutenant A asked if she was mentally ill. Subject 1 then left the police station. Subject 1 stated that she had one beer and a prescribed dose of Prozac. (Att. 5)

An **Arrest Report** and **Case Report under RD #HZ-XXXXXX** completed subsequent to the incident indicate that Subject 1 walked past security and into a restricted area at the Riot Fest concert in Douglas Park. Concert security asked Subject 1 to leave and she refused and became irate. Security detained Subject 1 until Chicago police officers arrived to take Subject 1 into custody. (Att. 9, 11, 12)

Body Worn Camera video of the incident depicts Subject 1 being uncooperative, belligerent, and loud toward officers. No officer is seen to use any kind of force against Subject 1. The only physical contact visible during the incident is when Subject 1 is handcuffed, escorted to the transport vehicle and into the District station, and when she is searched prior to processing. Subject 1 identified herself variously as a lawyer, a CIA operative, an acquaintance of President Obama, a member of an organization called "Women for Trump", a Muslim, and a paralegal student. Subject 1 repeatedly names "Lieutenant A of the 012th District" during her rants on camera. Subject 1 did not complain about being handcuffed too tightly. During the video, officers are heard saying that Subject 1 fought with concert security but she is to be arrested for trespassing. The officers recorded asked Subject 1 if she had any identification and she stated that it was taken from her condo "yesterday" and that she had reported it at the station. (Att. 15-22)

Inventory Sheets indicate that Subject 1's jewelry, shoes, and purse were all inventoried and are ready to be returned to Subject 1. (Att. 23-25)

CONCLUSION:

COPA recommends a finding of **UNFOUNDED** for Allegation #1 against **Unknown Officers**, that they grabbed Subject 1's arms. No officer is visible on body worn camera video committing the actions alleged by the complainant, nor does she complain to anyone about any physical contact or injury. The videos depict Subject 1 yelling and being belligerent toward officers. Based on the available evidence and the totality of circumstances, it is more likely than not that the incident did not occur as alleged.

COPA recommends a finding of **UNFOUNDED** for Allegation #1 against **Unknown Officers**, that they took her property and failed to inventory or return it. The property Subject 1

² Subject 1 did not provide any further explanation about her claim regarding her cell phone chargers.

complained about was properly inventoried at the time of her arrest and made available for her to retrieve. The incident did not occur as alleged.

COPA recommends a finding of **UNFOUNDED** for Allegation #1 against **Lieutenant A**, that he failed to complete a police report for Subject 1. Subject 1 stated that in addition to her missing driver's license she complained about someone damaging her phone chargers. Lieutenant A then asked Subject 1 if she was mentally ill and Subject 1 left the District. Given Subject 1's various claims regarding her status as a socialite and as a CIA operative, Lieutenant A's question about Subject 1's mental health is not entirely unwarranted when one considers that she was complaining about someone damaging her phone chargers. Nevertheless, Subject 1 left the station and did not stay to see if Lieutenant A would complete the report or not. Because this allegation is clearly unfounded, it is not necessary that Lieutenant A address it in any way.