

**TO:** Chief Administrator  
**FROM:** COPA Investigator A/Major Case Specialist A  
**DATE:** January 10, 2018  
**REFERENCE:** Log # 1082630

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**INCIDENT**

**DATE/TIME:** October 14, 2016 at approximately 11:54 PM

**LOCATION:** XXXX W. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Apt. XX, Chicago. IL 60638

**INVOLVED**

**OFFICER:** Officer A; #XXXXXX; Employee # XXXXXXX; Unit, XXX; White, male; Off-duty; CPD start date, February 19, 2013.

**WEAPON:** Glock; Model 17; 9mm semiautomatic pistol; Serial # XXXXXXX; City registration # XXXXXXXXX; FOID # XXXXXXXXX.

**SUMMARY OF INCIDENT**

On October 14, 2016, Officer A arrived home from work and was attempting to unload his weapon to secure it. As he was attempting to unload the weapon, the weapon slipped from his hand. In an attempt to regain control of the weapon, Officer A grabbed the weapon and inadvertently pressed the trigger. The discharged round went through his mattress, struck the bed frame, struck the floor and ricochet off the floor and lodged in the wall.

**Allegations:**

It is alleged that on October 14, 2016, at approximately 11:54 PM, at the location of XXXX W 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, **Officer A # XXXXX**

1. Violated Rule 10: Inattention to duty of the Chicago Police Department's Rules and Regulations Policy.

**Investigation:**

As part of this investigation the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA)<sup>1</sup> obtained documentary evidence associated with this incident. IPRA also interviewed the officer that discharged his weapon. The following is a summary of the information gathered.

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<sup>1</sup> On September 15, 2017, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) replaced the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) as the civilian oversight agency of the Chicago Police Department. Thus, this investigation, which began under IPRA, was transferred to COPA on September 15, 2017, and the recommendation(s) set forth herein are the recommendation(s) of COPA.

The following documents were obtained by IPRA:

- Initiation Report (Att. 4)
- Case Report: RD XXXXXXXXX (Att. 5)
- Tactical Response Report (TRR) (Att. 6)
- Inventory Sheet: XXXXXXXXX (Att. 7)
- Office of Emergency Management and Communication (OEMC) Event Query (Att. 8)
- Attendance and Assignment Records (Att. 9, 10)
- Bureau of Internal Investigations Synoptic Report (Att. 11)
- Alcohol and Drug Test OIS Form/Results (Att. 12)

### Officers Statement

On December 12, 2016 **Officer A # XXXXX** was interviewed at IPRA. Officer A said when he arrived home after work he went into his room to secure his weapon in his safe. He drew his weapon, pointed it in a safe direction “and as I was going down to load it it slipped from my hand and when I got control of it my finger hit the trigger and it shot into my bed.” Officer A said he rents a condo and his unit is on the ground floor. Officer A said he was following his normal routine and had nothing to drink that evening. After he discharged his weapon, Officer A said he called his father, his supervisor from that day, the police station and spoke with the lieutenant on duty, and then he called 9-1-1 to let them know what happened and requested a supervisor. The expended shell casing and bullet were recovered from the apartment. Officer A said he did not believe he was careless in handling his firearm, he pointed it in a safe direction, the gun slipped from his hand. It was an accident and he was glad no one was injured. (att. 18, 19)

Submitted:

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COPA Investigator A/Major Case Specialist A

Approved:

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COPA Supervising Investigator A

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

### **APPLICABLE RULES**

Rule 10: Inattention to duty

### **ANALYSIS**

Based on the totality of the circumstances, although unintentionally, **Officer A** lost control of his weapon due to his inattention to the task at hand causing him to discharge the firearm. Officer A did not attempt to conceal the incident and reported his actions to his superiors shortly after the incident. Officer's A blood alcohol concentration was .00<sup>2</sup>.

### **CONCLUSION AND FINDINGS**

1. The Civilian Office of Police Accountability recommends that Allegation #1 against **Officer A # XXXXX** be **SUSTAINED**.

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COPA Deputy Chief A

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<sup>2</sup> Att. 11