

## SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION<sup>1</sup>

### I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Incident:	December 22, 2016
Time of Incident:	3:00 PM
Location of Incident:	XXXX S. Cicero Avenue
Date of COPA Notification:	December 23, 2016
Time of COPA Notification:	8:52 AM

Subject 1 reported a traffic incident between him and another driver he believed to be a Chicago Police Officer, during which the other driver made a rude gesture.

### II. INVOLVED PARTIES

Involved Officer #1:	Unknown Male White Officer
Subject #1:	Subject 1, DOB: June XX, 1973, Male, Black

### III. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Unknown Officer	1. The complainant alleged that the accused officer was rude to him in that he yelled at him and made a rude gesture during a traffic altercation in violation of Rule 8.	Not Sustained

### IV. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS

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

### V. INVESTIGATION<sup>2</sup>

#### a. Interview

<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. Therefore, 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.

<sup>2</sup> COPA conducted a thorough and complete investigation. The following is a summary of the material evidence gathered and relied upon in our analysis.

In a **statement to IPRA** on December 23, 2016,<sup>3</sup> **Complainant Subject 1** stated that he was driving northbound on Cicero Avenue when he changed lanes to avoid a car that had stopped. Subject 1 then saw a small black “sports car” following him very closely. The driver of the other car had a Chicago Police uniform shirt draped over the back of the driver’s seat and what appeared to be an FOP medallion on the car’s license plate, which led Subject 1 to believe that the driver was a police officer. Subject 1 changed lanes and stopped at a red light next to the small black sports car. Subject 1 rolled down his window and told the unknown officer that he should be driving better and that he was going to report him. The unknown officer yelled at him and pointed his middle finger at Subject 1. Subject 1 could not state what unknown officer yelled at him. The unknown officer made a left turn while Subject 1 was calling 911 to report the incident. Subject 1 stated that he had three other people in his car with him but declined to provide their names or contact information.

**b. Documentary Evidence**

A LEADS search<sup>4</sup> of Illinois License plate XXXX, which was provided by Subject 1 in his interview, yielded negative results for a Chicago Police Department member.

**VI. ANALYSIS**

COPA recommends that Allegation #1 be **Not Sustained** against an **Unknown Officer**, that he was rude to Subject 1, in that he yelled at him and made a rude gesture during a traffic altercation. Subject 1 provided his statement and could not give specifics regarding what the accused officer said to him. This investigation was unable to identify the driver or whether that person is a Chicago police officer and therefore the accused could not provide his account of the incident. There is insufficient available evidence to either sustain or refute this allegation.

**VII. CONCLUSION**

Based on the analysis set forth above, COPA makes the following findings:

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Finding</b>
Unknown Officer	1. The complainant alleged that the accused officer was rude to him in that he yelled at him and made a rude gesture during a traffic altercation in violation of Rule 8.	Not Sustained

Approved:

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*Deputy Chief Administrator – Chief Investigator A*

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 Date

<sup>3</sup> Attachment 5

<sup>4</sup> Attachment 9

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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<b>Squad#:</b>	XXX
<b>Investigator:</b>	Investigator A, #XXX
<b>Supervising Investigator:</b>	Supervising Investigator A, #XXX
<b>Deputy Chief Administrator:</b>	Deputy Chief Administrator A