

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date / Time of Incident:	May 2, 2018, 11:30 a.m.
Location of Incident:	XXXX S. Prairie Ave., Chicago, Illinois
Date / Time of COPA Notification:	May 7, 2018, 11:34 a.m.

After his arrest for exchanging suspect cocaine for money from a CPD member, the Complainant contacted COPA. After acknowledging that he had in fact sold suspect narcotics, the Complainant alleged that the CPD had improperly documented the transaction, without providing a basis for that allegation.

II. INVOLVED PARTIES

Involved Member #1:	Officer A, Star #XXXX, Employee ID #XXXX; Date of Appointment: XX/XX 1995; Rank: Police Officer; Unit of Assignment: XXX, DOB: XX XX, 1966, MS
Involved Member #2:	Officer B, Star #XXXX, Employee ID #XXXX; Date of Appointment: XX/XX 1988; Rank: Police Officer; Unit of Assignment: XXX; DOB: XX XX, 1963; MB
Subject #1:	Subject 1, DOB: XX XX, 1979; MB

III. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer A	1. To the Complainant's knowledge, the accused did not properly document the serial numbers of the bills used in an undercover drug transaction.	UNFOUNDED
Officer B	1. To the Complainant's knowledge, the accused did not properly document the serial numbers of the bills used in an undercover drug transaction.	UNFOUNDED

IV. INVESTIGATION¹

A. Interview

Complainant, Subject 1, gave a **Digital Audio Recorded Interview** on May 9, 2018.² Subject 1 then described the circumstances of his May 2, 2018 arrest by the CPD, which took place at or near XXXX S. Prairie Ave. Subject 1 freely admitted that he had committed the criminal offense for which he had been arrested and charged – the intended delivery of a controlled substance. Subject 1 made no complaint of excessive force, improper search or seizure, or any other maltreatment by the CPD. Rather, he complained about his understanding of the methodology employed by CPD members in connection with his arrest, specifically, that arresting officers had not “scanned the money” used in the undercover transaction involved, apparently meaning that, to his knowledge, they had not properly documented the serial numbers of the bills used in the transaction.³

B. Documentary Evidence

In an **Arrest Report** dated May 2, 2018,⁴ CPD members described the arrest at issue, explaining that Subject 1 was arrested after he had been identified as the person who had delivered 0.8 grams of suspected crack cocaine to an undercover CPD member in exchange for \$40.00 in “1505 funds.”⁵

V. ANALYSIS / CONCLUSION

Subject 1’s complaint does not include allegations of misconduct. COPA therefore makes the following findings:

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer A	1. To the Complainant’s knowledge, the accused did not properly document the serial numbers of the bills used in the undercover drug transaction	UNFOUNDED
Officer B	1. To the Complainant’s knowledge, the accused did not properly document the serial numbers of the bills used in the undercover drug transaction	UNFOUNDED

¹COPA conducted a thorough and complete investigation. The following is a summary of the material evidence gathered and relied upon in our analysis.

²Attachment #4 is an audio recording of that interview.

³The rambling and disjointed nature of Subject 1’s statements during his interview made it difficult to understand the basis of his actual issue or complaint with CPD. No complaint of misconduct can be discerned from the interview.

⁴Attachment #5.

⁵The expression “1505 funds” is used to designate money seized by law enforcement agencies related to criminal misconduct. See 720 ILCS 570/505, formerly Ill.Rev.Stat., Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1505. See also *People v. Wilson*, 2014 IL App (1st) 130208-U (describing an undercover drug arrest made after the defendant accepted so-called “1505 funds” - a \$20.00 bill whose serial number the arresting officers had recorded prior to the transaction).

Approved:

Deputy Chief Administrator A – Chief Investigator

Date

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

Squad#:	Squad #11
Investigator:	Investigator A
Supervising Investigator:	Supervising Investigator A
Acting Deputy Chief Administrator:	Acting Deputy Chief Administrator A