

**SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

**I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Date of Incident:	July 7, 2018
Time of Incident:	9:50AM
Location of Incident:	XXXX West 111 <sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago 60643
Date of COPA Notification:	July 7, 2018
Time of COPA Notification:	3:53PM

As seen on the Accused Officer’s dashcam, Complainant Involved Civilian 1 ran a stationary stop sign. After observing Involved Civilian 1 run the stop sign, the Accused Officer initiated a traffic stop, and cited her for the traffic violation. Afterwards, Involved Civilian 1 initiated this complaint, asserting that the officer improperly issued her the citation.

**II. INVOLVED PARTIES**

Involved Officer #1:	P.O. Officer A: Star #XXXX; Employee #XXXXX. DOA: XX/XX/2012; DOB: XX/XX/1973. Unit: XXX. Female/Black.
Subject #1:	Involved Civilian 1. DOB: XX/XX/1981. Female/Black.

**III. ALLEGATIONS**

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer A	1. It is alleged that on July 7, 2018, at 9:50AM, at XXX West 111th Street, you issued a traffic citation to Involved Civilian 1 in violation of Department Rules.	Exonerated

**IV. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS**

Rules
1. Misconduct during issuance of a citation – Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9.

## V. INVESTIGATION<sup>1</sup>

### a. Interviews

Complainant Involved Civilian 1 provided a statement to COPA on July 26, 2018, and a summary follows. She stated that, on July 7, 2018, at approximately 9:45am, she was west bound on XXX<sup>th</sup> Street in Chicago, when she was stopped by CPD. She stated that two uniformed officers approached her vehicle with extreme caution.<sup>2</sup> Involved Civilian 1 also claims that the female officer [later identified as Officer A] told her she was stopped because there was “a lot of movement in her vehicle.”<sup>3</sup> [4].

Involved Civilian 1 states that the female officer took her driver’s license and insurance information back to the police vehicle. She claims that the officers took an excessive amount of time before returning to give her a traffic ticket. Involved Civilian 1 denied running the stop sign and began to question the female officer on why she was stopped. After the officer gave Involved Civilian 1 the citation, both officers returned to their vehicle and left.

### b. Digital Evidence

The officers’ **Dash Cam video** shows a Silver Chrysler, fail to stop at a at an intersection with a 3-way stop.<sup>5</sup> Notably, multiple preceding vehicles had all come to a complete stop at the intersection. Officers promptly curbed the vehicle and Officer A issued the driver, Involved Civilian 1 a citation for running the stop sign.

The **BWC** and **Dash Cam** footage both show the officers approaching Involved Civilian 1’s vehicle, obtaining her license and registration, returning to their car to run registration, and finally giving the Involved Civilian 1 the traffic citation. BWC footage shows that the officers spent approximately seven minutes in their car as they ran Involved Civilian 1’s information.

Additionally, the **BWC footage** covers the entirety of the officers’ interactions with Involved Civilian 1. This includes Officer A advising Involved Civilian 1 that she was stopped for running the stop sign and advising her that the incident was being recorded. In the video, Involved Civilian 1 is argumentative, denies running the stop sign, and initially refuses to sign the ticket before relenting.

## VI. ANALYSIS

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

<sup>2</sup> The Officers were later identified as P.O. A and P.O. B, Star #XXXX.

<sup>3</sup> It is unclear from the video how the officers’ approach alarmed Involved Civilian 1 or what led her to construe it as “extremely cautious.” In their conversation, Involved Civilian 1 inquires as to the need for the “cautious” approach. Officer A informed her that they saw movement inside the car as it was stopping. Involved Civilian 1 pointed to a young boy in the front seat, indicating that his movements were what the officers saw. Neither the video nor the conversations between the officers and Involved Civilian 1 indicate that any weapons were improperly displayed.

<sup>4</sup> Att. # 11. Axon BWC 2018-07-07 0950.

<sup>5</sup> Att. #11 – Dash Cam Video at 1:00.

Dash Cam footage clearly shows Involved Civilian 1 failing to stop at a stop sign after at least 3 prior vehicles had made complete stops. In the BWC video, the officers were courteous and they verified the license and registration and prepared the citation without delay. The officers were not argumentative and waited patiently as Involved Civilian 1 challenged them as to the reason for the stop. Accordingly, the allegation against P.O. A is Exonerated.

**VII. CONCLUSION**

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

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Finding</b>
Officer A	1. It is alleged that on July 7, 2018, at 9:50AM, at XXXX West 111th Street, you did issue a traffic citation to Involved Civilian 1 in violation of Department Rules.	Exonerated

Approved:

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 Deputy Chief Administrator – Chief Investigator A  
*Deputy Chief Administrator – Chief Investigator*

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 Date

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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