

**SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

**I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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| Date of Incident:          | April 21, 2018           |
| Time of Incident:          | Approximately 1700 hours |
| Location of Incident:      | [REDACTED]               |
| Date of COPA Notification: | October 8, 2018          |
| Time of COPA Notification: | 2:57 pm                  |

Mr. [REDACTED] alleged that he was falsely arrested by the Chicago Police department on April 21, 2018. On April 21, 2018, [REDACTED] was arrested by Officer [REDACTED] on the signed complaint of his ex-girlfriend, [REDACTED] for Domestic Battery. Ms. [REDACTED] obtained Case Report # [REDACTED] on February 6, 2018, in which she reported that Mr. [REDACTED] had entered her apartment, pushed her against a wall, and choked her. On April 21, 2018, Ms. [REDACTED] called 911 to report that Mr. [REDACTED] was at her residence and had kicked in her door. Police responded, and arrested Mr. [REDACTED]. Ms. [REDACTED] subsequently obtained Order of Protection # [REDACTED] against Mr. [REDACTED] who had been convicted of Domestic Battery in 2002. As of the writing of this report, Mr. [REDACTED] is awaiting trial for Domestic Battery stemming from his arrest on April 21, 2018.

COPA’s investigation determined that the officers involved acted in accordance with Department procedures. Accordingly, no allegations against the officer was served in this matter. A detailed analysis of COPA’s findings is discussed below.

**II. INVOLVED PARTIES**

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| Involved Officer #1:    | Officer [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Employee # [REDACTED] DOA: [REDACTED]<br>DOB: [REDACTED] 1984; F/WH. |
| Involved Individual #1: | [REDACTED], 1960; M/B  |

**ALLEGATIONS**

| Officer                         | Allegation  | Finding / Recommendation |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Officer [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] | 1. It is alleged that on April 21, 2018, at approximately 1700 hours, on the street at [REDACTED] the accused falsely arrested [REDACTED] | Unfounded                |

### III. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS

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#### Rules

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Rule 2 – Any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.

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#### Special Orders

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Special Order SO8-01-01 “Conduct of Complaint Investigations”

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### IV. INVESTIGATION

#### a. Interviews

[REDACTED]

COPA interviewed [REDACTED] on October 12, 2018. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was falsely arrested by Officer [REDACTED] because he had done nothing to [REDACTED] and was only in his vehicle in front of her house on April 21, 2018, because Ms. [REDACTED] had invited him to her residence to meet an unknown female friend of hers. Mr. [REDACTED] denied battering Ms. [REDACTED] at any time and repeatedly stated that he was falsely arrested. Mr. [REDACTED] denied pushing and choking Ms. [REDACTED] on February 6, 2018, as documented in the Case Report for Simple Domestic Battery [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] denied kicking Ms. [REDACTED] door in on April 21, 2018. Mr. [REDACTED] further stated that Ms. [REDACTED] had lied to 911, the police and the court when she obtained Order of Protection # [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] described Ms. [REDACTED] as a drug abuser who was illegally squatting in her apartment after being evicted by the Chicago Housing Authority. Mr. [REDACTED] also stated that Ms. [REDACTED] had him arrested in retaliation for his ending their romantic relationship.<sup>1</sup>

#### b. Documentary Evidence

The **Arrest Report** for [REDACTED] documented that he was arrested on signed complaints after officers responded to a Domestic Battery Call at [REDACTED] on April 21, 2018. The victim, [REDACTED] told officers that Mr. [REDACTED] was her ex-boyfriend who was a named offender in Case Report # [REDACTED]. After verifying the report with the [REDACTED] District Station, Mr. [REDACTED] was taken into custody. It was noted that Ms. [REDACTED] did not intend to seek felony charges.<sup>2</sup>

The **Case Report** for Simple Domestic Battery ([REDACTED] named Mr. [REDACTED] as the offender in the February 6, 2018 incident at [REDACTED]. The victim, Ms. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. [REDACTED] knocked on her door and then pushed his way into her apartment when she opened the door. Mr. [REDACTED] pushed Ms. [REDACTED] against the wall and choked her. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that her

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<sup>1</sup> Attachment 4.

<sup>2</sup> Attachment 6.

son, [REDACTED] exited his room in response to the commotion and Mr. [REDACTED] fled the premises. Ms. [REDACTED] did not seek medical attention but did sustain redness to her neck.<sup>3</sup>

The **Case Supplementary Report** for Simple Domestic Battery ([REDACTED]) documented that Mr. [REDACTED] had previously been convicted of Domestic battery—Bodily Harm in 2002. It was noted that Ms. [REDACTED] was present in the [REDACTED] District at the time of Mr. [REDACTED] processing by Officers [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]. The Reporting Detective spoke with Ms. [REDACTED] via telephone. Ms. [REDACTED] declined to pursue felony charges at the time but would attend the initial court date on April 23, 2018. The case was classified as “Cleared Closed (Arrest and Prosecution).”<sup>4</sup>

**c. Additional Evidence**

[REDACTED] **Order of Protection** # [REDACTED] against Ms. [REDACTED] on April 23, 2018. Ms. [REDACTED] reiterated the events of February and April 2018 in her **Petition for Order of Protection**, adding that she was in fear of Mr. [REDACTED] whose violence against her had escalated since their breakup. Ms. [REDACTED] wrote that Mr. [REDACTED] would kill her if allowed unrestricted access to her. As of the date of this report, the Order of Protection was still active against Mr. [REDACTED]

**Special Order SO8-01-01.II.B.13** dictates that the investigation will be terminated at any time that the incident is unfounded or if the member is clearly exonerated.<sup>5</sup>

**V. ANALYSIS**

COPA recommends a finding of unfounded for allegation 1 against Officer [REDACTED] in that she falsely arrested Mr. [REDACTED]. The victim, Ms. [REDACTED] signed a complaint against Mr. [REDACTED] on April 21, 2018, for the February 6, 2018 incident. Officer [REDACTED] arrested Mr. [REDACTED] based on this signed complaint and therefore the arrest was not false. For these reasons, COPA recommends a finding of Unfounded.

**VI. CONCLUSION**

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

| Officer                         | Allegation                    | Finding / Recommendation |
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| Officer [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] | 1.Falsley arrested [REDACTED] | Unfounded                |

<sup>3</sup> Attachment 7.  
<sup>4</sup> Attachment 8.  
<sup>5</sup> Attachment 32.

Approved:

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*Deputy Chief Administrator – Chief Investigator*

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Date

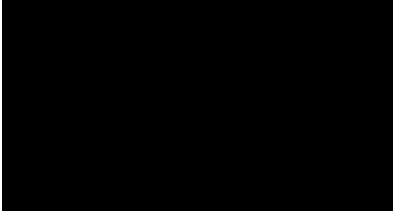
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Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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| <b>Squad#:</b>                     | 6  |
| <b>Investigator:</b>               |  |
| <b>Supervising Investigator:</b>   |  |
| <b>Deputy Chief Administrator:</b> |  |