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COPA IS PLEASED WITH DECISION TO CHARGE CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER COREY DEANES

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) is pleased with the decision by the Cook County State's Attorney Office (CCSAO) to present charges on Chicago Police Officer Corey Deanes regarding ongoing battery and official misconduct.

In early July of 2018 COPA received complaints and began an investigation into unwanted sexual advances by Deanes and promptly contacted Chicago Police Departments Bureau of Internal Affairs (BIA) and requested charges be considered for criminal prosecution. COPA Chief Administrator, Sydney Roberts, also requested the officer be relieved of his police powers immediately after being informed of the complaints and initial investigation.

"The public trusts COPA to conduct thorough, fair and objective investigations but as the administrative investigative agency we are also entrusted to alert law enforcement when criminal acts have been committed by an officer and have an obligation to refer those matters to BIA or the Cook County State's Attorney Office (CCSAO) when such events occur," said COPA Chief Administrator Sydney Roberts. "I believe this is an example of each of the respective agencies working to protect the rights of the citizens of the city of Chicago, rights that every person deserves."

COPA is the city of Chicago's civilian led accountability agency responsible for receiving complaints from the public and law enforcement and investigates allegations of police misconduct.

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