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COPA PROVIDES STATEMENT ON CASE INVOLVING JOSHUA BEAL

After an extensive, exhaustive and thorough investigation, including the interview of nearly 20 civilians, numerous members of the Chicago Police Department and Chicago Fire Department, review and analysis of video evidence, Trajectory Analysis by the Illinois State Police and other relevant materials, COPA has released its Summary Report of the investigation involving the death of Joshua Beal and concluded the actions taken by Chicago Police Officer Treacy and Sergeant Derouin were within policy. A companion investigation involving other allegations raised by the Beal family have been investigated under a separate log.

COPA recognizes the racially charged and tense nature surrounding the tragic events. Video evidence captured Officer Treacy announcing he was a police officer after a Chicago Fire Department member was being beaten by several members of the group. Officer Treacy initially responded lowering and raising his weapon consistent with the advancement and de-escalation of the crowd. Video evidence does also display a raised weapon in the hand of Joshua Beal prior to the officers discharging their firearms.

As the administrative investigative agency for the city of Chicago careful consideration was given to the interviews, evidence, laws and general orders that govern the actions of Chicago Police Department officers before reaching our conclusion.

COPA's commitment to a full, through and unbiased investigation required the following list of investigative actions before reaching a conclusion:

Interviews:

- 19 Civilian Interviews including 5 members of the Beal family
- 6 interviews of members of the Chicago Fire Department
- 6 interviews of Chicago Police Department Officers including Sergeant Derouin (February 8, 2018) and Officer Treacy (February 21, 2018)

Video Evidence:

- Two sources of relevant third-party video (currently posted on COPA's website)

Analysis:

- Illinois State Police Trajectory Analysis
- Medical Examiner's Office

Other Materials:

- 42- 911 calls

Our duty is to be objective and impartial and to reach findings based upon the evidence, laws and general orders that govern the actions of Chicago Police Department officers. We encourage the public to review the full report posted on our website at ChicagoCOPA.org.

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