

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION¹

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	April 18, 2015/10:05 AM/ [REDACTED]
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	August 24, 2016/10:34 AM
Involved Officer #1:	[REDACTED] Star # [REDACTED] Employee ID# [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: [REDACTED] 2009, Police Officer, Unit [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1982, Male, White
Involved Officer #2:	[REDACTED] Star # [REDACTED] Employee ID# [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: [REDACTED] 2004, Police Officer, Unit [REDACTED] District, Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1979, Male, Hispanic
Involved Officer #3:	[REDACTED]
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] 1981, Male, Black
Case Type:	Excessive Force

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer [REDACTED]	1. The complainants alleged that on April 18, 2015, at approximately 1000 hours, at [REDACTED] you: planted a handgun on him.	Not Sustained
Officer [REDACTED]	1. The complainants alleged that on April 18, 2015, at approximately 1000 hours, at [REDACTED] you: planted narcotics on [REDACTED]	Not Sustained

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE³

On April 18, 2015, at approximately 10:00 a.m., Officers with the Chicago Police Department Area South Gun Team arrested four individuals after the execution of a search warrant⁴ at [REDACTED]

¹ On September 15, 2017, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) replaced the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) as the civilian oversight agency of the Chicago Police Department. Therefore, this investigation, which began under IPRA, was transferred to COPA on September 15, 2017, and the recommendation(s) set forth herein are the recommendation(s) of COPA.

² COPA did not address allegations made against Officer [REDACTED] because the officer retired during the investigation and therefore COPA no longer has jurisdiction over the alleged excessive force.

³ COPA conducted a full and complete investigation of this matter, including the interview of all pertinent civilian and officer witnesses, and the collection and review of digital, documentary, and forensic evidence. As part of COPA’s ongoing efforts to increase case closure capacity, certain cases opened under IPRA are summarized more succinctly in a Modified Summary Report of Investigation, pursuant to COPA Guideline Modified Summary Report of Investigation Template and Approvals, effective February 13, 2019.

⁴ 15SW [REDACTED]

offense. See *e.g.*, *People v. Coan*, 2016 IL App (2d) 151036 (2016). Clear and Convincing can be defined as a “degree of proof, which, considering all the evidence in the case, produces the firm and abiding belief that it is highly probable that the proposition . . . is true.” *Id.* at ¶ 28.

IV. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

COPA finds the **Allegations** against Officer [REDACTED] and Officer [REDACTED] **NOT SUSTAINED**. There is not sufficient objective and independent evidence to determine whether Officer [REDACTED] “planted” a gun on [REDACTED] or whether Officer [REDACTED] “put heroin” on [REDACTED]. Officer [REDACTED] received information that lead to the recovery of a weapon [REDACTED] reportedly attempted to discard. [REDACTED] denies doing so. [REDACTED] denies being in possession of heroin but officers state that they recovered it on his person. There is no third party or digital evidence available to help determine what occurred. Therefore, the lack of sufficient evidence requires the allegations made against the officers to be Not Sustained.

Approved:

[REDACTED]

October 27, 2019

Andrea Kersten
Deputy Chief Administrator – Chief Investigator

Date

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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Investigator:	██████████
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