

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION¹

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	July 16, 2015/4:20 p.m., [REDACTED] Chicago, IL
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	July 24, 2015/11:20 a.m.
Involved Officer #1:	[REDACTED] Star # [REDACTED] Employee ID # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment [REDACTED] 1991, Sergeant, Unit [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED], 1965, M, Black.
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] 1976, F, Hispanic.
Case Type:	Order of protection/Domestic abuse.

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Sergeant [REDACTED]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The accused threw a cup of cold water in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] face and filed false police charges against her for domestic abuse, in or about June 2015. 2. The accused pulled down [REDACTED] shorts, pulled up her skirt, and attempted to force himself upon her, on or about July 13, 2015. 3. The accused twisted one of [REDACTED] arms and injured her back, after she refused to have relations with him, on or about July 15, 2015. 4. The accused told [REDACTED] on or about July 15, 2015, that if she did not sign divorce papers, she “would see what was going to happen [to her and her family].” 	<p>Not Sustained.</p> <p>Not Sustained.</p> <p>Not Sustained.</p> <p>Not Sustained.</p>

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.

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE²

On July 15, 2015, ██████████ filed an *ex parte* petition for Emergency Order of Protection (“EOP” or “Order”) against her then-husband, CPD Sergeant ██████████ requesting exclusive possession of the marital residence and her personal property.³ She also submitted an Affidavit in Support of her petition, in which she attested to multiple instances of physical and verbal cruelty in June and July of 2015; she also reported that responding officers sided with Sgt. ██████████ and made inappropriate comments about her.⁴ The Order was granted; on August 27, 201, the Order was Vacated based on a Motion to Dismiss submitted by Mrs. ██████████

Sergeant ██████████ learned of the Order after receiving notice on July 23, 2015 that his Illinois FOID card was revoked pending the EOP. He then reported the matter to his superior officers, including: CPD Deputy Chief ██████████ Lieutenant ██████████ Lieutenant ██████████; and Executive Officer ██████████ CPD thereafter notified IPRA of the complaint against Sergeant ██████████

IPRA and COPA’s attempts to interview Mrs. ██████████ were unsuccessful, and she did not provide a sworn statement to either agency.

The investigation revealed that police have responded to multiple complaints of domestic disturbances involving the parties in the past.⁵ On all but two of those occasions, Sergeant ██████████ alleged that his wife physically abused him; on at least two incidents, ETs were assigned to photograph his injuries.⁶ On two occasions, Mrs. ██████████ also alleged physical abuse by Sergeant ██████████ she did not cooperate with the corresponding IPRA investigations.⁷

COPA recommends each allegation herein be Not Sustained. COPA’s findings are further discussed in the Analysis portion of this report.

IPRA and COPA obtained and reviewed all relevant records, including original case incident reports, BIA report(s), Illinois State Police records, and civil pleadings and orders. COPA

²COPA 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.

³██████████ EOP petition did not complain of any permanent physical injury, medical care or hospitalization(s) resulting from the alleged actions by Sergeant ██████████ and COPA is independently unaware of any such injuries or resultant medical care.

⁴ IPRA failed to identify or investigate the responding officers; COPA declined to seek CPD Superintendent permission to investigate these allegations due to both the passage of time since the incident and the inability to identify which responding officer(s) reportedly made the inappropriate comments.

⁵ Attachments 17-25.

⁶ In his statement to COPA on November 18, 2019, Sergeant ██████████ additionally alleged responding officers mishandled one or more of his domestic abuse complaint(s) against ██████████ COPA, declined to seek CPD Superintendent permission to investigate these allegations.

⁷ Log numbers 1062476 and 1035980.

interviewed accused Department member Sergeant [REDACTED] who denied the substance of each allegation. No in-car camera (“ICC”) footage or body-worn camera (“BWC”) footage was recovered related to the alleged incidents. No arrest warrants or tactical response reports (“TRR’s”) were found.

III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

All allegations against Sergeant [REDACTED] **are Not Sustained.** Because of [REDACTED] lack of cooperation with IPRA and/or COPA -- including not providing a live, sworn statement to either entity -- COPA was compelled to utilize her EOP petition affidavit for its investigation of this case. As such, COPA could not adequately determine the overall credibility of her allegations. F Therefore, the available evidence neither supports nor refutes the allegations by a preponderance of the evidence. A finding of Not Sustained for each claim is therefore warranted.

Approved:

[REDACTED]



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Date

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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