

**SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION<sup>1</sup>**

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	February 17, 2017/5:20 p.m. and 19, 2017/8 p.m., [REDACTED] N. Massasoit, Ave., Chicago, IL
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	February 23, 2017/2:44 a.m.
Involved Officer #1:	[REDACTED] Star # [REDACTED] Employee ID # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment [REDACTED], 2012, Police Officer, [REDACTED] District, DOB [REDACTED], 1977, M, Caucasian.
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED], 1987, M, Black.
Case Type:	Excessive Force

**I. ALLEGATIONS**

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer [REDACTED]	1. Used excessive force while handcuffing [REDACTED] on February 17, 2017, injuring a finger(s), in violation of Rules 8 and 9.	Unfounded.
	2. Struck [REDACTED] in the face with a glass bottle, injuring his face and left eye, in violation of Rules 8 and 9.	Unfounded.

**II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE<sup>2</sup>**

On February 17, 2017, 911 was called by family members of [REDACTED] – who was reportedly intoxicated on ‘PCP,’ and would not leave his grandmother [REDACTED] property. No arrests were made, and Mr. [REDACTED] was taken to the hospital by CFD ambulance. On February 19, 2017, 911 was called because [REDACTED] was again intoxicated on PCP and out of control,

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

screaming outside ██████ house with his pants down, and also because Mr. ██████ face was bleeding and eye injured. No arrests were made, and Mr. ██████ was taken to the hospital with a serious eye injury. On February 21, 2017, Mr. ██████ walked to the ██████ District station and reported his brother ██████ had struck him in the face with a glass bottle during an argument, breaking his nose and causing glass to pierce his left eye, necessitating his hospitalization at West Suburban Hospital and transfer to Stroger Hospital for surgery.

COPA recommends each Allegation herein be Unfounded. COPA's findings are further discussed in the Analysis portion of this report.

IPRA and COPA obtained and reviewed all relevant reports, including original case incident reports, case supplementary reports, OEMC-related reports, CFD records, and relevant hospital records. IPRA interviewed complainant ██████ Officer ██████ was not interviewed by IPRA or COPA. IPRA's attempts to formally interview Mrs. ██████ and other fact witnesses were unsuccessful. In-car camera ("ICC") footage momentarily depicted an ambulance and police officers arriving at a residential street but did not depict any footage of Mr. ██████ or any alleged acts. No CPD body-worn camera ("BWC") footage was located for the incident(s) at issue. No arrest warrants or tactical response reports ("TRR's") were found.

### III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

**All allegations** against Officer ██████ are **Unfounded**. The evidence presented in this case, clearly and convincingly established that the Complainant's credibility was profoundly diminished, and that the acts complained of did not occur, or did not occur as alleged.

██████ told IPRA that he was under the influence of PCP on each the dates of the incidents complained of, and the 911 calls and audio corroborated that fact. COPA takes notice of the fact PCP is a known hallucinogen, and that Mr. ██████ likewise admitted to IPRA the drug distorted his perceptions of reality and impaired his memory. On April 11, 2017, Mrs. ██████ told IPRA Investigator ██████ in an informal phone interview that she [Mrs. ██████] called 911 on the date ██████ was taken to West Suburban Hospital [February 19, 2015], when she found him on her porch with his face bleeding and left eye swollen. Ambulance records documented that Mr. ██████ had been punched multiple times. Medical records document that Mr. ██████ reported that his injuries were caused when he was struck in the face/head with a wine bottle at a liquor store. CPD records likewise documented that on or about February 21, 2017, Mr. ██████ walked into the ██████ District station and reported his brother, ██████ struck his eye with a glass bottle, causing severe facial and eye injuries requiring surgery. The case was initiated as a domestic disturbance/aggravated battery and detectives were assigned to investigate. Subsequent CPD records documented that on or about March 1, 2017, Mr. ██████ told Detective ██████ # ██████ in a phone interview that he refused to press battery charges against his brother, and that once his "memory came back" he remembered it was actually the *police* who struck him with the bottle, not his brother. The criminal investigation was thereafter suspended by CPD because Mr. ██████ changed his story and declined to prosecute his brother.

OEMC 911 records documented that on or about February 23, 2017, ██████ called 911 requesting an ambulance because of eye pain. The dispatcher told him because he said he was

injured days prior, it was not a life-threatening emergency and an ambulance could not be sent – that he needed to find his own way to an ER. He thereafter re-called 911 and asked for a police supervisor, claiming that police officers had struck him in the face with a bottle. A sergeant was then dispatched to Mr. [REDACTED] to investigate his complaint, and IPRA was subsequently notified.

None of the objective evidence in this case, including CPD, CFD, or hospital medical records supported the notion that any police officer injuriously handcuffed, arrested, or smashed a bottle in the face of [REDACTED] on February 17 or 19, 2017. To the contrary, the evidence established Mr. [REDACTED] was, during the incidents complained of, profoundly mentally impaired by PCP use to the point his family had to summon help, and that he, most-contemporaneous to his injuries, named his *brother* as his attacker. His mother’s 911 call reporting his facial injuries on February 19, 2017 likewise corroborated that [REDACTED] was injured *prior* to any police involvement at the scene. Given the foregoing, and Mr. [REDACTED] changing account of events, the instant allegations are not credible and a finding of Unfounded is warranted.

Approved:

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Angela Hearts-Glass  
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Date

**Appendix A**

Assigned Investigative Staff

<b>Squad#:</b>	2
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