



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 4, 2020

COPA PROVIDES UPDATE ON OFFICER-INVOLVED INCIDENT AT CTA RED LINE STATION

Today the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) recommended two Chicago Police Department officers involved in the incident at the CTA Grand Red Line Station on February 28, 2020 be relieved of police powers, effective immediately.

“As the City of Chicago’s police oversight agency, we have a responsibility to keep the public informed and to remain transparent in each of our investigations,” said COPA Chief Administrator Sydney Roberts. “Due to the serious nature of both officers’ actions, I felt it was necessary to recommend the officers involved be relieved of police powers while we continue to investigate this incident.”

COPA reached this decision during its preliminary investigation after careful review of video from the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), civilian third-party cellphone footage, interviews of civilian witnesses and review of all available Department reports.

COPA is in the early stages of its investigation and has not yet reached a conclusion. We ask for patience and cooperation from the community as we continue to investigate this incident.

If anyone has additional information or video pertaining to this incident, please call 312-746-3609 or visit ChicagoCopa.org for more information.

MEDIA CONTACT:

Ephraim Eaddy

Public Information Officer

312-771-3718

ephraim.eaddy@chicagocopa.org