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**COPA PROVIDES UPDATE ON OFFICER USING HOMOPHOBIC SLUR**

Today the Civilian Office of Police Accountability officially identified the Chicago Police Officer using a homophobic slur and recommended the officer be relieved of police powers pending the outcome of its investigation. The Department has concurred with COPA's decision.

COPA made its initial recommendation to the Superintendent on June 5<sup>th</sup>, after a video of the incident was reported to our office.

As Chicago's civilian police oversight agency, COPA is obligated to demonstrate our commitment to objectivity, integrity, transparency and swift action when responding to misconduct.

Additionally, if anyone has experienced, witnessed or has information on an incident involving police misconduct, you can file a complaint via our website at [chicagocopa.org/complaints](http://chicagocopa.org/complaints) or by phone on our hotline voicemail at 312-743-COPA (2672).

If a person has additional information about a complaint previously filed that relates to the recent protests, please email [copa-info@chicagocopa.org](mailto:copa-info@chicagocopa.org). This information can include videos and photos of incidents witnessed or seen in the media. Please be sure to add your complaint log number, if known, as well as date, time and location of the incident and your contact information.

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