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COPA PROVIDES UPDATE ON INVESTIGATION OF OFFICER USING HOMOPHOBIC SLUR

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) has concluded its investigation of a member of the Chicago Police Department who used a homophobic slur, which was captured on video during a protest following the death of George Floyd.

COPA's findings and recommendations, as stated in its ordinance, (<http://www.chicagocopa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/COPA-Ordinance.pdf>), have been forwarded to the Department and are currently pending review.

COPA's Summary Report of Investigation (SRI) will be posted on its website upon the conclusion of Department's review and after the officer has been served with any resulting charges.

Following the incident which occurred June 1, 2020, COPA recommended and the Superintendent agreed to relieve the involved officer of his police powers during the pendency of COPA's investigation.

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

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