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Re: Transparency Policy – COPA Log # 2020-2881

Dear Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel Nelson:

This letter serves as notification that on August 21, 2020, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) has scheduled for release, pursuant to the Transparency Policy, files related to Complaint Log No. 2020-2881. The Office of Cook County State's Attorney requests a thirty-day extension to September 21, 2020 in accordance with Section IV(B) of the Transparency Policy to publicly release files related to this incident.

Criminal charges were filed against an involved person and release of the materials at this time could create a substantial likelihood that the person will be deprived of a fair trial or an impartial hearing pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(d)(iii). Due to COVID-19, city misdemeanor branch courts were all closed. This matter has just been added to the court call for the first time and was given a court date of September 3, 2020. The defendant was given an I-Bond at the station and at this time, neither the State nor defense has any materials related to this case. The defendant in this matter has not been informed of any release of materials as he is entitled to such information. The defendant in the charged matter may or may not seek a court order asking that the materials not be released. The criminal case number that was just assigned is 20119895701 and is next up on September 3, 2020. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

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