

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	October 26, 2019, 9:50 p.m., 13359 S. Avenue M, Chicago, IL
Date of COPA Notification:	October 27, 2019
Involved Officer #1:	██████████ Star #5582, Employee # ██████████, DOA July, 7, 1997, Police Officer, Unit 004, DOB ██████████ 1964, Female, White
Involved Officer #2:	George Davros, Star #1196, Employee # ██████████ DOA Sep. 5, 1995, Sergeant, Unit 006, DOB ██████████ 1969, Male, White
Case Type:	Domestic-related

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer George Davros	1. Officer ██████████ alleged that on October 26, 2019, at approximately 9:50pm., at Georgie’s Tavern located at 13359 S. Avenue M, her husband, accused Sgt. George Davros, forcefully grabbed her by the arm.	Not Sustained
	2. Officer ██████████ alleged that on October 26, 2019, at approximately 9:50pm., at Georgie’s Tavern located at 13359 S. Avenue M, Sgt. Davros squeezed her arm.	Not Sustained
	3. Officer ██████████ alleged that on October 26, 2019, at approximately 9:50pm., at Georgie’s Tavern located at 13359 S. Avenue M, Sgt. Davros pushed her towards the door.	Not Sustained
	4. Officer ██████████ alleged that on an unknown date in 2016, near the Horseshoe Casino, located at 777 Casino Center Dr, Hammond, IN, the accused struck her on the face.	Not Sustained
	5. Officer ██████████ alleged that on an unknown date in 2016, near the Horseshoe Casino, located at	Not Sustained

	<p>777 Casino Center Dr, Hammond, IN, snatched her glasses off her face.</p> <p>6. Officer ██████████ alleged that on an unknown date in 2016, near the Horseshoe Casino, located at 777 Casino Center Dr, Hammond, IN, struck her about the body.</p>	<p>Not Sustained</p>
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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE¹

On October 26, 2019, at approximately 11:10 p.m., Officer ██████████ went to the 004th District Station and filed this complaint against her husband, Sgt. George Davros. She explained that the marriage had been deteriorating after she found out that Sgt. Davros was having an extra-marital affair. ██████████ reported that earlier that evening, after learning that Sgt. Davros was at a local bar in the neighborhood, she went to the bar and observed her husband sitting with a woman. When Sgt. Davros observed ██████████ he got up, grabbed ██████████ by the arm and squeezed it tightly as he attempted to explain his actions. ██████████ told him to let her go as she questioned Sgt. Davros about the woman. Sgt. Davros again grabbed and squeezed her arm as he moved her backwards toward the door. ██████████ repeated herself and told him to let her go, at which time both Sgt. and ██████████ exited the bar. ██████████ went home and Sgt. Davros arrived shortly thereafter. Additionally, ██████████ related that Sgt. Davros had been drinking alcohol that night and had been drinking heavily on and off for a few years. These allegations were documented in a **Case Incident Report** (JC487791) for Domestic Battery² and in an **Initiation Report**.³

According to the **911 call**,⁴ the female caller reported that her “father put his hands on her mom.” While she was speaking to the call taker, another female, now known to be ██████████ took over the conversation and began reporting the incident. ██████████ reported that “he” grabbed her, and he had been drinking. ██████████ related that she did not need the police to respond as she was going to the district, in-person, to file a report.

██████████ obtained an **Order of Protection**⁵ on Oct. 28, 2019, but it was terminated on November 18, 2019. ██████████ has since filed a **Petition of Dissolution of Marriage**⁶ under 2019D009262.

¹COPA 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.

² Att. 2

³ Att. 1

⁴ Att. 7

⁵ Att. 3

⁶ Att. 23

COPA obtained a statement from Officer ██████████ on November 5, 2019. ██████████ related that she and Sgt. Davros made plans to attend her son's school fundraising event on the evening of October 26, 2019. He abruptly changed his mind and decided to stay home with their daughter. Around 9:00 p.m., while in route to her home and after being at the event for approximately two hours, ██████████ spoke to her son and learned that Sgt. Davros was not home and had left their daughter unattended. ██████████ related that she was near her home when she called Sgt. Davros to inquire about his whereabouts. He told her that he was at Georgie's bar, a tavern near their home. ██████████ related that since she was a few blocks away from the bar, she decided to join her husband. When ██████████ entered the bar, she observed Sgt. Davros walking towards the rear of the bar. ██████████ called her husband's name and he turned around and walked towards her. Sgt. Davros grabbed ██████████ arm and stated, "I told you that I would be home in a couple of minutes. I want to finish my beer." As she began to argue with Sgt. Davros about his sudden decision to not attend the event with her, ██████████ noticed a female sitting at the end of the bar and in the same area that Sgt. Davros was sitting when ██████████ first arrived. ██████████ pointed at the woman and asked St. Davros if she was the woman that he had been having an affair with and he admitted that it was.

██████████ told her husband that their marriage was over, and she wanted a divorce. ██████████ stated that she was upset and yelling, "I'm done!" When ██████████ turned to leave, Sgt. Davros grabbed her arm again and told her that he wanted to explain. ██████████ explained that Sgt. Davros was squeezing her arm, applying pressure, and pushing her towards the door. ██████████ demanded that Sgt. Davros let her go. ██████████ stated that both she and Sgt. Davros left the bar at the same time. As ██████████ walked to and entered her car, Sgt. Davros was still trying to explain himself. Sgt. Davros tried to enter her car by pulling on the handle, but the door was already locked. ██████████ drove home, called her sister-in-law, told her what happened, and asked her to come over. Sgt. Davros showed up shortly thereafter, still attempting to apologize and explain. Sgt. Davros left the home after ██████████ stated that they both could not stay in the same home and the marriage was over. Her daughter called the police, but ██████████ took the phone and told the dispatcher that she was going to the station to report it. ██████████ sustained soreness to her arm, but she did not observe a bruise on her arm until the following day.

██████████ reported that there were only a few patrons inside of the bar and did not recall any music playing. ██████████ stated that she and her husband were speaking at a low and hushed tone until she observed Sgt. Davros' mistress, who he been having an affair with for over a year, sitting at the bar. ██████████ admitted that she got loud and yelled to the woman, "You ruined my life. You ruined my kids' lives." The woman responded, "Too fucking bad." ██████████ reported that the only other time Sgt. Davros was physically abusive was in 2016, when they were returning home from Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, IN. She related that while inside of the car. Sgt. Davros grabbed her glasses, struck her on the face, and hit her on the arm and thigh. ██████████ did not report the incident to the police but stated that her sister-in-law took photos of her injuries.

⁷ Att. 11

██████████ submitted two **photos**⁸ that she took of her arm to COPA. Both photos depict a small are of very light discoloration to what appears to be the upper left arm near the lower bicep.

During the course of this investigation, COPA contacted ██████████⁹ the sister of Sgt. Davros and sister-in-law of ██████████ who related that she did not wish to provide a statement to COPA. She did relate that she loved both her brother and her sister-in-law, and she believed they were both wrong in how they handled the situation but gave no further comment on the events that transpired on October 26, 2019. She added that on the night of the incident she was shocked to hear ██████████ state words to the effect of, "I have to get him on paper (relating to CPD complaints) before he gets me."

COPA obtained a statement from **Accused Sgt. Davros**¹⁰ on February 5, 2020. Sgt. Davros related that he has been married to ██████████ for 18 years and they have two minor children in common. The couple is currently involved in divorce proceedings and there is an agreed no-contact order in place restricting conversation between the couple and barring Sgt. Davros from the marital residence. Sgt. Davros related that on October 26, 2019, he was at Georgie's bar having a beer with unnamed neighborhood friends when his wife called. She asked him questions regarding his whereabouts, and he told her that he was at the bar and would be home shortly. Sgt. Davros initially agreed to go to a wine tasting event with ██████████ at their son's school, but ██████████ decided a few days prior to attend the event with friends instead. Sgt. Davros related that as he was walking towards the exit and preparing to leave the bar, he observed ██████████ enter the bar. Sgt. Davros stated that he could tell that she was upset and angry by the look on her face. ██████████ saw ██████████ the woman he had an extramarital affair with, inside the bar and immediately walked in her direction. ██████████ was screaming at them and while he could not recall exactly what ██████████ was saying, he related that both women were calling each other names. In an attempt to prevent ██████████ from having a physical confrontation with ██████████ he stepped in front of her, stretched his arm out, grabbed ██████████ by the coat sleeve, and began to guide her back towards the door. Sgt. Davros related that he was shocked that ██████████ came to the bar and "threw a fit." He stated that she was irate, jumping up and down, and yelling and he was only trying to persuade her to go home. Both Officer and Sgt. Davros left the bar at the same time. Sgt. Davros related that his contact with ██████████ was not malicious or abusive and he was only trying to prevent an altercation between ██████████ and ██████████. Sgt. Davros refused to provide contact information for ██████████

Sgt. Davros related that he was not intoxicated on October 26, 2019 and had only consumed a beer or two while at the bar. Sgt. Davros added that there were approximately six or seven patrons inside the bar at the time, but he did not know their names. Sgt. Davros related that while ██████████ and ██████████ had never met in person, the two had talked on the phone after the affair was exposed.

Sgt. Davros categorically denied all the allegations relating to the 2016 incident and related that he vaguely recalled the incident that occurred at the Horseshoe Casino. He stated that Officer

⁸ Att. 12,13

⁹ See Note CO-0063049 in CMS

¹⁰ Att. 18,19

Davros was a frequent visitor to the casino and once he had to go there to persuade her to come home because she spent so much time there. He stated that they did have an argument, but it did not escalate to a physical altercation.

In the **surveillance videos**¹¹ obtained from the bar, ██████████ is observed entering the bar. ██████████ gesticulates using her left arm and leans forward at which time Sgt. Davros appears to grab her left upper arm. ██████████ and Sgt. Davros move towards the door with Sgt. Davros still holding ██████████ arm as she moves it and pulls her arm away. The two stand and appear to continue their argument, during which Sgt. Davros appears to direct ██████████ outside by raising his arm and pointing outside. The two then leave the bar.

III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

COPA finds that **Allegations #1-3** that Sgt. Davros grabbed ██████████ arm, squeezed it, and pushed her are **Not Sustained**. While ██████████ immediately notified the department, obtained a domestic battery case report, and appears to have slight discoloration to her arm, Sgt. Davros denied the allegations as alleged. COPA does not find either Officer or Sgt. Davros to be more credible than the other. Sgt. Davros explained that he grabbed her by the sleeve and guided her towards the exit door to prevent her from being involved in a physical altercation with ██████████ who was seated at the bar. The video supports the fact that Sgt. Davros made physical contact with ██████████ who was clearly upset and agitated and directing her anger towards him and someone else at the bar. However, ██████████ does appear to lean towards another individual while yelling. It is only when ██████████ does this that Sgt. Davros makes contact with her. While COPA cannot determine what amount of pressure Sgt. Davros used, it is possible that his conduct was an attempt to diffuse the situation rather than to cause harm or make contact in an abusive manner. Therefore, these allegations are Not Sustained.

COPA finds that **Allegations #4-6** that Sgt. Davros struck ██████████ on her face and body and snatched her glasses are **Not Sustained**. Officer and Sergeant Davros provided vastly different accounts of the incident. While ██████████ alleged that Sgt. Davros physically attacked her while they drove home from the casino, Sgt. Davros stated that they did, in fact, get into an argument at the casino but did not ride home together. ██████████ did not report the incident but stated that she told her sister-in-law, ██████████ and they took pictures of her injuries. ██████████ did not cooperate with the COPA investigation and no photos of the injuries were provided to COPA. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegations as they were alleged. Therefore, these allegations are Not Sustained.

Approved:

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August 28, 2020

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¹¹ Att. 14-17

Appendix A

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