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**COPA PROVIDES UPDATE ON OFF-DUTY OFFICER ARRESTED FOR ACTIONS IN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING NEAR 5200 S. MONITOR**

Today, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) was informed that Officer Joseph Cabrera has been arrested for aggravated assault and making a false statement stemming from the off duty shooting which occurred on October 13, 2020. COPA's investigation into this matter commenced upon our arrival to the scene of the incident which occurred near 5200 S. Monitor.

Investigative efforts to date reveal this shooting was preceded by a verbal altercation between Officer Cabrera and another individual ultimately resulting in the officer discharging his firearm in the direction of the civilian(s). There were no reported injuries. On October 16, 2020, COPA made notification to the Cook County State's Attorney and the Superintendent regarding the need for a criminal review of this matter.

COPA's administrative investigation into Officer Cabrera's use of deadly force has concluded. COPA continues to investigate the actions of responding officers in the aftermath of the shooting.

On December 10, 2020, one day before COPA's required release of video and other materials pursuant to the City's Video Release Policy, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office requested an extension in the release of these materials which was approved by the Department of Law setting the new release date for Friday, January 8, 2021. Absent receipt of a Court Order, COPA shall facilitate the release of video and other materials in accordance with the City's Video Release Policy.

COPA remains committed to conducting a full and thorough administrative investigation of this officer involved shooting and the actions taken by the officers in the aftermath.

COPA's Summary Report of Investigation (SRI) regarding this incident will be publicly posted on COPA's website upon conclusion of the investigation, following the Department's review and the serving of any resulting disciplinary charges against involved officers.

As Chicago's civilian police oversight agency, COPA is committed to objectivity, integrity, transparency and swift action when responding to misconduct. If anyone has information regarding this incident or relevant video, please contact 312-743-COPA (2672) or email [COPA-info@chicagocopa.org](mailto:COPA-info@chicagocopa.org).

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