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**COPA RELEASES VIDEO & OTHER MATERIALS OF THE FATAL OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING NEAR 5200 W. EDDY STREET & RECOMMENDS THE OFFICER BE RELIEVED OF POLICE POWERS DURING INVESTIGATION**

Today, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) released video and other materials of the fatal officer-involved shooting that took place on March 31, 2021, near 5200 W. Eddy Street. Based upon information obtained in the early stages of the investigation, COPA has recommended the Chicago Police Officer who discharged his weapon, fatally injuring Mr. Alvarez, be relieved of police powers during the pendency of this investigation.

Chicago Police Department (CPD) tactical officers attempted to stop and speak with Mr. Anthony Alvarez - an individual familiar to the officers. Mr. Alvarez fled as officers approached, leading to a foot pursuit by the officers. During the brief foot pursuit, officers made verbal commands to Mr. Alvarez to drop the weapon. A Chicago Police Officer fired his weapon multiple times, fatally injuring Mr. Alvarez.

Materials released today, in accordance with and well in advance of the City's 60-Day Video Release Policy, include relevant body-worn footage, 3rd party video, OEMC transmissions, as well as Case Incident and Tactical Response Reports, can be viewed by visiting <https://www.chicagocopa.org/case/2021-1161>.

COPA's investigation into the officer's use of force is ongoing and we encourage members of the community who may have witnessed the incident or have additional information to contact COPA at (312) 746-3609 or visit [chicagocopa.org](http://chicagocopa.org) for more information.

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