

**SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	January 1, 2020 11:20 p.m., 700 E. 63 <sup>rd</sup> Street
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	January 1, 2020, 12:00 a.m.
Involved Officer #1:	Noel Rodriguez, Star #19006, Employee ID # [REDACTED], Date of Appointment January 17, 2017, Rank Police Officer, Unit of Assignment 003, DOB [REDACTED] 1988, Male, WWH
Involved Officer #2:	Calla Roulds, Star #8592, Employee ID # [REDACTED], Date of Appointment August 29, 2016, Rank Police Officer, Unit of Assignment 003, DOB [REDACTED] 1990, Female, BLK
Involved Officer #3:	Ricardo Mendez, Star #18779, Employee ID # [REDACTED], Date of Appointment July 15, 2013, Rank Police Officer, Unit of Assignment 003, DOB [REDACTED] 1988 Male, WWH
Involved Officer #4:	Andre Jackson, Star #15540, Employee ID # [REDACTED], Date of Appointment October 27, 2014, Rank Police Officer, Unit of Assignment 003, DOB [REDACTED] 1975, Male, BLK
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] 1994, Black
Case Type:	Excessive Force

**I. ALLEGATIONS**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Finding</b>
Officer Noel Rodriguez	It is alleged that on or about January 1, 2020 at approximately 11:20 p.m. at or near 700 E. 63 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Officer Noel Rodriguez Star No.: 19006, committed misconduct through the following act or omissions, by:  1. Using excessive force against [REDACTED] causing a laceration to his forehead.	<b>EXONERATED</b>
Officer Calla Roulds	It is alleged that on or about January 1, 2020 at approximately 11:20 p.m. at or near 700 E. 63 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Officer Calla Roulds Star No.: 8592,	

	<p>committed misconduct through the following act or omissions, by:</p> <p>1. Using excessive force against [REDACTED] causing a laceration to his forehead.</p>	<b>EXONERATED</b>
Officer Ricardo Mendez	<p>It is alleged that on or about January 1, 2020 at approximately 11:20 p.m. at or near 700 E. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Officer Ricardo Mendez Star No.: 18779, committed misconduct through the following act or omissions, by:</p> <p>1. Using excessive force against [REDACTED] causing a laceration to his forehead.</p>	<b>EXONERATED</b>
Officer Andre Jackson	<p>It is alleged that on or about January 1, 2020 at approximately 11:20 p.m. at or near 700 E. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Officer Andre Jackson Star No.: 15540, committed misconduct through the following act or omissions, by:</p> <p>1. Using excessive force against [REDACTED] causing a laceration to his forehead.</p>	<b>EXONERATED</b>

**II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE<sup>1</sup>**

COPA received an initiation report<sup>2</sup> from Lieutenant Scott Oberg on January 1, 2020. Lieutenant Oberg conducted a Tactical Response Report<sup>3</sup> (“TRR”) investigation and a review of Body Worn Camera (“BWC”) videos<sup>4</sup> of Officers Noel Rodriguez, Calla Roulds, Ricardo Mendez and Andre Jackson. On BWC video, [REDACTED] accused the involved officers of causing the laceration on his forehead and neck pain.

In summary, BWC video of Officers Roulds and Rodriguez captures the traffic stop<sup>5</sup> in which [REDACTED] is the backseat passenger. Officer Rodriguez requests the identification of [REDACTED] states falsely states his name is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Officers Rodriguez, Mendez and Jackson conduct an

<sup>1</sup>COPA conducted an investigation of this matter, including the interview of all necessary civilian and officer witnesses, and the collection and review of digital, documentary, and forensic evidence. As part of COPA’s ongoing efforts to increase case closure capacity, certain cases opened under IPRA are summarized more succinctly in a Modified Summary Report of Investigation, pursuant to COPA Guideline Modified Summary Report of Investigation Template and Approvals, effective February 13, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Attachment #7

<sup>3</sup> Attachment #10

<sup>4</sup> Attachment #3

<sup>5</sup> Attachment #6

in-car name-check of the information provided by ██████ which revealed the ██████ actual identity as ██████ and an active arrest warrant for ██████

A review of the BWC videos of Officers Rodriguez, Mendez and Jackson captures ██████ as he is arrested, handcuffed and placed in the back seat of the patrol vehicle. Officer Rodriguez observes ██████ attempting to “jump the cuffs” by moving the cuffs from behind his back to under his legs. Rodriguez warned ██████ to leave his arms behind his back and to not attempt to defeat the arrest or to escape. The video captures ██████ laying on his back across the backseat with his arms behind his upper legs.

Officers Rodriguez, Mendez and Jackson ordered ██████ to step out of the car. Officers Jackson and Rodriguez reach into the vehicle to assist him to his feet. Officer Rodriguez adjusts the handcuffs. ██████ complained to the officers that the handcuffs were “too tight and hurting.” Before re-entering the backseat, ██████ states to Officer Jackson ‘you don’t have to put your hands on me.’ The BWC video of Officer Jackson captures ██████ being held by the arm by Officer Jackson as Officer Rodriguez re-adjusts the cuffs. The officers assist ██████ into the back-seat of the patrol vehicle.

The BWC video of Officers Rodriguez and Roulds captures loud sounds coming from the backseat area of the patrol vehicle while in route to the 003 District station. As Officer Roulds drives, two sudden banging sounds can be heard, starting at the 26:00 mark through the 26:55 mark. ██████ is heard saying “help me, this hurts.” Officer Rodriguez replies “stop hurting yourself. It’s on camera. Relax, your hurting yourself.”

The BWC video of Officer Rodriguez captures the In Car Camera (“ICC”) screen as ██████ appears in the footage.<sup>6</sup> ██████ appears agitated and forcibly slams his head against the cage of the CPD vehicle two times and kicks the doors. In the district station parking lot, officers forcibly remove ██████ as he is found laying on his side across the backseat and kicks at the officers. The BWC video of Officer Mendez captures Officers Rodriguez, Mendez and Jackson pulling ██████ out of the backseat by his legs and assisting him to his feet as ██████ argues that the officers “tightened the cuffs on purpose”.

BWC of Officer Rodriguez captures Officer Roulds and Rodriguez taking photos of ██████ forehead inside the station. ██████ apparent injuries consist of a laceration wound on his forehead. Officer Rodriguez is captured stating “See what you did to your head. He kept banging his head in the back of my car.” While in the holding area, ██████ states “Ya’ll did that” referring to the laceration.

In the Arrest Report<sup>7</sup> narrative, Detention Aide Kassoum Doumbia<sup>8</sup> recorded a visual check of ██████ Doumbia noted “Under the influence of alcohol/drugs and signs of alcohol/drug withdrawal.” Doumbia included remarks in the questionnaire ██████ stated that he had drank prior

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<sup>6</sup> Video footage at the 22:51 mark.

<sup>7</sup> Attachment #2

<sup>8</sup> Employee No. ██████

to his arrest.” Emergency medical technicians responded and transported [REDACTED] to the University of Chicago hospital for further treatment<sup>9</sup>.

### III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

COPA received an initiation report of alleged misconduct committed by Officers Noel Rodriguez, Calla Roulds, Ricardo Mendez and Andre Jackson. While in custody, [REDACTED] alleged that the accused officers used excessive force and injured him causing a laceration to his forehead and neck pain. After examining the available BWC videos and documentary evidence, COPA finds a lack of evidence to support [REDACTED] allegation of misconduct.

The BWC video captured the traffic stop when [REDACTED] is arrested on a serviceable warrant, handcuffed and placed in the backseat of the patrol vehicle. Officer Rodriguez observed [REDACTED] move the handcuffs underneath his legs and advised [REDACTED] that the handcuffs should be placed behind his back. [REDACTED] is taken out of the vehicle and the handcuffs are adjusted before he re-enters the patrol vehicle.

In the BWC video [REDACTED] complains to Officers Rodriguez and Rould about the tightness of the handcuffs and the pressure on his wrists. He can be heard stating that he was in pain and wanted the handcuffs removed. As Officer Roulds continued driving, [REDACTED] became visibly angry and agitated. [REDACTED] reacted by injuring himself and kicking the doors of the patrol vehicle. The BWC video captured [REDACTED] as he hit his head against the cage two times. [REDACTED] can be seen on the in car camera screen hitting his head against the cage of the patrol vehicle. In the parking lot of the district station, [REDACTED] is verbally and physically combative when ordered to exit the vehicle. The Arrest Report included indications of the influence of drug or alcohol use and withdrawal symptoms. Although [REDACTED] alleged that the officers were the cause of his injury, the evidence showed it was self inflicted.

After consideration of the the BWC, COPA finds that it is clearly and cvovnincingly more probably to be true than not, that [REDACTED] self-injurious behavior involving deliberate self-harm caused the laceration and neck pain. Accordingly, COPA finds that this allegation is **EXONERATED**.

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<sup>9</sup> Attachment #2

Approved:



*1/12/2020*

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Matthew Haynam  
*Director of Investigations*

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Date

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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