

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	June 10, 2020 / 9:40 a.m. / Interstate Highway 90/94 in the proximity of Exit 54, near 31 st Street.
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	June 17, 2020 / 9:21 a.m.
Involved Officer #1:	Erik Martinez, Star #17750, Employee ID # [REDACTED], Date of Appointment March 5, 2013, Rank Police Officer, Unit of Assignment 145, DOB [REDACTED] 1980, Male, WWH
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] 1989, Male, Black
Case Type:	4 th Amendment – improper traffic stop

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer Erik Martinez	<p>It is alleged by [REDACTED] that on or about June 10, 2020 at approximately 9:40 a.m. at or near I-90/94 near Exit 54, Officer Erick Martinez committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by:</p> <p>1. Detaining [REDACTED] without justification; and</p>	EXONERATED

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE ¹

On June 10, 2020, Officer Erik Martinez was assigned to traffic enforcement duties. At approximately 9:40 a.m. Officer Martinez observed a vehicle driven at a high rate of speed, in excess of the speed limit, on Interstate 90/94. Officer Martinez activated the vehicle emergency lights and sirens and curbed the vehicle. The driver, [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] questioned whether a Chicago Police Department (CPD) officer could stop him on the expressway and not return his license after issuing a citation for speeding 27 miles per hour over the limit. [REDACTED] filed a complaint with the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) alleging Officer Martinez

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. 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.

improperly stopped him, failed to properly issued a citation for the actual rate of speed he was travelings.

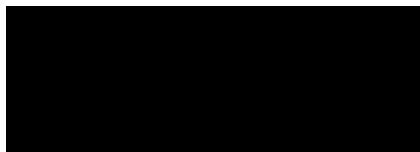
[REDACTED] provided a statement to COPA in which he stated that he was “going fast,” possibly driving 70-75 miles per hour (mph). Nevertheless, [REDACTED] did not believed he was driving twenty-seven (27) mph over the speed limit art the time. Officer Martinez informed him that Chicago Police officers may conduct traffic stops on the interstate in addition to the Illinois State Police. [REDACTED] provided his driver’s license and insurance and recalled the officer informing him that he would be issued a ticket miles speeding. The citation indicated [REDACTED] was observed driving Twenty-seven (27) mph over the speed limit. Officer Martinez informed [REDACTED] that he could pick up his driver’s license in court. [REDACTED] interpreted the officer’s statement as aggressive and unprofessional because the officer failed to inform him of the option of picking up his license from the district station.

III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complainant, [REDACTED] alleged Officer Erik Martinez conducted a traffic stop outside of his jurisdiction, failed to properly document the actual speed After examining the documentary evidence and the complainants statement, COPA has determined by clear and convincing evidence that the traffic stop of [REDACTED] was justified.

It’s common knowledge that driving in excess of the applicable limit is a State offense. While [REDACTED] disputes the officer’s record of his speed as tweney-seven (27) mph over the maximum posted speed limit, COPA finds this point immaterial. Reguards if [REDACTED] was travling twenty-seven (27), 5 (5), or fifteen (15) mph over the speed limit is irrellavant, as any obsevered speed over the limit gives rise to an officer to detain [REDACTED] for a traffic violation. [REDACTED] admitted in his COPA interview to speeding, believeing he passed the Officer Martinez while driving seventy (70) – seventy-five (75) mph (at least 20-25 miles per hour in excess of the speed limit). [REDACTED] was also aware that the posted speed limit was 55 mph. Finally, according to [REDACTED] the length of the traffic stop was four (4) to five (5) minutes in total. Accordingly, allegation 1 against Officer Martinez is exonerated.

Approved:



1/14/2020

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Director of Investigations

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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