



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **COPA RELEASES VIDEO & OTHER MATERIALS OF OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING NEAR 1500 N. LAWDALE AVENUE**

Today, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) released video and other materials of the officer-involved shooting which occurred May 16, 2021, near 1500 North Lawndale Avenue.

The Chicago Police Department was notified of shots fired near the 3600 Block of West Douglas Boulevard. Once in the area responding officers were given a description of the suspected individual by a local resident. After locating the individual, officers verbally engaged but were ignored as the suspect continued down an alley in the direction of other responding officers. Officers again verbally engaged the individual who then discharged a firearm, striking two officers. Officers returned fire striking the suspect. Both officers and the suspect were transported to local hospitals and survived their injuries.

“Today’s release within 24 days of the incident is consistent with our commitment to transparency and the timely release of video and other materials,” said Interim Chief Administrator Andrea Kersten. “At a time when the public demands answers, specifically as it relates to officer involved shootings and the release of video footage, it is important that COPA remains the civilian oversight agency that is timely and trusted.”

Materials released today include relevant body-worn footage, OEMC transmissions, Case Incident, Tactical Response and Arrest Reports, as well as Shotspotter recordings which can be viewed by visiting <https://www.chicagocopa.org/case/2021-1845>.

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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