

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	May 2, 2020/ 11:10 p.m.
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	May 7, 2020/ 5:58 p.m.
Involved Officer #1:	Amra Bukalo-Mehmedovic, star #7811, employee ID# [REDACTED], Date of Appointment: July 17, 2017, Police Officer, Unit of Assignment: 025, 35 YOA, Female White
Involved Officer #2:	Ilir Llika, star #17601, employee ID # [REDACTED], Date of Appointment: March 16, 2018, Police Officer, Unit of Assignment: 025, 24 YOA, Male White.
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED], DOB: [REDACTED], 1996, Male Hispanic
Case Type:	Traffic Stop (4 th Amendment)

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer Amra Bukalo-Mehmedovic	It is alleged by [REDACTED] that on or about May 2, 2020, at approximately 11:10 p.m., at or near 2335 N. Cicero Avenue, Officer Bukalo-Mehmedovic: 1. stopped [REDACTED]'s vehicle without justification.	Unfounded
Officer Llir Llika	It is alleged by [REDACTED] that on or about May 2, 2020, at approximately 11:10 p.m., at or near 2335 N. Cicero Avenue, Officer Llika: 1. stopped [REDACTED]'s vehicle without justification. 2. searched [REDACTED]'s vehicle without justification.	Unfounded Unfounded

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE¹

On May 2, 2020, at approximately 11:10 p.m., [REDACTED], his girlfriend [REDACTED], and her friend "[REDACTED]" exited Mr. [REDACTED]'s apartment at [REDACTED] and

¹ COPA conducted a full and complete investigation of this matter, including the interview of Complainant [REDACTED], and the collection and review of digital and documentary evidence, including BWC videos, GPS data, the Investigatory Stop Report (ISR), the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) Results, and relevant Event Queries. As part of COPA's ongoing efforts to increase case closure capacity, certain cases are summarized more succinctly in a Modified Summary Report of Investigation.

entered his vehicle. They drove for approximately two and a half blocks² before Officers Llik Lika and Amra Bukalo-Mehmedovic curbed Mr. ██████'s vehicle at 2335 N. Cicero Avenue.³ Officer Llik Lika, the driver of the police vehicle, approached the driver's side of Mr. ██████'s vehicle and Officer Bukalo-Mehmedovic approached the passenger's side. Officer Llik Lika told Mr. ██████ they stopped his vehicle because they were responding to a ShotSpotter call of a gunshot fired in the area and he fit the description of the offender. After Mr. ██████ produced his license and vehicle documents, Officer Llik Lika requested everyone exit the vehicle due to the nature of the call. Officer Llik Lika asked Mr. ██████ if he had a FOID card and if he had anything illegal inside the vehicle, and Mr. ██████ responded no. Mr. ██████ also denied any involvement in the incident.

Officer Llik Lika conducted a protective pat down of Mr. ██████, but did not locate any weapons. He then searched the portions of the vehicle that were easily accessible to Mr. ██████, including the center console and the areas underneath and next to the front seats, but did not locate any weapons.⁴ During the search, Officer Bukalo-Mehmedovic remained near the rear of Mr. ██████'s vehicle with the vehicle's occupants. Officer Llik Lika then instructed the occupants to return to their vehicle, at which point he ran a name check on Mr. ██████ and wrote an Investigatory Stop receipt.⁵ Officer Llik Lika returned to Mr. ██████'s vehicle and provided Mr. ██████ with his driver's license, vehicle documents, and the ISR receipt. Officer Llik Lika thanked Mr. ██████ for his cooperation and returned to the police vehicle.

The ISR report⁶ also indicates that prior to the traffic stop, Officers Llik Lika and Bukalo-Mehmedovic received a flash message indicating that "a male wearing all black with curly hair had fired one round and walked away in the adjacent alley."⁷ Officers Bukalo-Mehmedovic and Llik Lika initially observed Mr. ██████, who fit the description of the offender, getting into a vehicle on the 4700 block of W. Belden. The ISR notes that Mr. ██████ had curly hair and wore a black t-shirt and black shorts.

The ShotSpotter Report (incident #784-173935)⁸ indicates that on May 2, 2020, at approximately 11:02:01 p.m., one gunshot was recorded at or near 2318 N. Knox Avenue.⁹

III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

COPA finds that **allegation #1** against Officers Bukalo-Mehmedovic and Llik Lika is **Unfounded**, in that the officers did not stop Mr. ██████'s vehicle without justification. In this case, the BWC video and ShotSpotter data constitute clear and convincing evidence that the officers justifiably detained Mr. ██████. When Officers Bukalo-Mehmedovic and Llik Lika responded to the ShotSpotter call at 2318 N. Knox Avenue, they observed Mr. ██████, approximately a block and a half away, fitting the description of the offender in the flash message

² 0.2 miles, (Google Maps).

³ Att. #5. The GPS data indicates the officers' vehicle was stopped at 2331 N. Cicero Avenue from 11:09 pm-11:17 pm. Att. #12.

⁴ Att. #9, BWC video of Officer Llik Lika, 04:10:53-04:13:05 Zulu time.

⁵ Atts. #3-4.

⁶ Att. #3

⁷ Att. #3, pg. 2; *see also* Att. #14.

⁸ Att. #8

⁹ This is 0.1 miles (approximately 1 ½ blocks) from Mr. ██████'s home.

they received. The officers observed Mr. [REDACTED] enter a vehicle and drive away from the scene. They curbed Mr. [REDACTED]'s vehicle approximately two blocks away and provided him with the reason for the stop. Given the totality of the circumstances, COPA finds the officers had "a particularized and objective basis"¹⁰ to suspect Mr. [REDACTED]'s involvement in the ShotSpotter incident. Therefore, they were justified in initiating a brief investigative traffic stop. Furthermore, the BWC videos show that Officers Bukalo-Mehmedovic and Llika were professional and transparent with Mr. [REDACTED], and they provided him with the appropriate ISR.

Additionally, COPA finds **allegation #2** against Officer Llika is **Unfounded**, in that the officer did not search Mr. [REDACTED]'s vehicle without justification. Under *Michigan v. Long*, officers performing a traffic stop may search the passenger compartment for weapons if they "possess an articulable and objectively reasonable belief that the subject is potentially dangerous."¹¹ In this case, the officers observed Mr. [REDACTED] in the vicinity of the ShotSpotter incident, less than five minutes after the gunshot. Mr. [REDACTED] fit the description of the offender (male, curly hair, wearing all black clothing), and the officers observed him driving away from the scene. COPA finds these facts meet the standard set forth in *Michigan v. Long*. Officer Llika had an articulable and objectively reasonable belief that Mr. [REDACTED] was the offender from the ShotSpotter incident, and was potentially armed and dangerous. Therefore, Officer Llika was justified in searching the portions of the vehicle that were easily accessible to Mr. [REDACTED], and where a weapon could be located. COPA finds allegation #2 against Officer Llika is unfounded.

Approved:

[REDACTED]

3/12/2020

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Date

¹⁰ *United States v. Miranda-Sotolongo*, 827 F.3d 663, 666 (7th Cir. 2015) (quoting *United States v. Cortez*, 449 U.S. 411, 417 (1981)).

¹¹ *Michigan v. Long*, 463 U.S. 1032, 1051 (1983).

Appendix A

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