

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Incident:	February 6, 2018
Time of Incident:	11:30 am
Location of Incident:	3400 N. Lake Shore Dr. Chicago, IL 60657
Date of COPA Notification:	February 6, 2018
Time of COPA Notification:	12:54 pm

On February 6, 2018, at approximately 11:30 am, [REDACTED], stopped her vehicle on Roscoe and Lake Shore Drive to drop off her father. In the process, the motorist behind her vehicle, honked their horn at her for stopping. [REDACTED] gestured her middle finger at the motorist, who then pulled their vehicle up to the side of hers and blocked her path. [REDACTED] observed a white male approach her and display a gun on his waistband. The male identified himself as a police officer (now known as Detective Jeffrey Everett) and displayed what appeared to be a police badge and photo identification. Several police units responded, including Sgt. Levine, and the Command staff from the 019th District Station. [REDACTED] alleged that Det. Everett displayed his weapon without justification and felt he tried to use his authority during the incident.

II. INVOLVED PARTIES

Involved Officer:	Detective Jeffrey Everett, Star #20185, Employee # [REDACTED], Unit 630, Appointment Date August 14, 2000, Birth Date [REDACTED] 1969, Male, White
Involved Individual:	[REDACTED], DOB: [REDACTED], 1994, Female, White

III. ALLEGATIONS

Detective Jeffrey Everett

Allegation	Finding
1. Stopped [REDACTED]'s vehicle, without justification.	Unfounded
2. Displayed his weapon to [REDACTED], without justification.	Unfounded

IV. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS

Rules
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance. 2. Rule 38: Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

Federal Laws

1. United States Constitution, Amendment IV: Prohibits unlawful searches and seizures.

V. INVESTIGATION¹**a. Interviews**

In an interview with COPA on February 8, 2018, Ms. ██████████² **said in summary that**, she was stopped at the red light at Lake Shore Drive and Roscoe to drop her father off. The pedestrian cross light was illuminated as she watched her father cross. As she turned on the turn signal and drove forward in the process of making a turn, the vehicle behind her honked. ██████████ said her immediate reaction was to, “Stick my middle finger, like whatever dude.”³ She explained, “It wasn’t like one of those angry middle fingers”, she said, “I was calm.”⁴

██████████ said as she was turning, the driver, we now know as (Det. Jeffrey Everett) kind of cut her off and tried to get in front of her. ██████████ said Det. Everett pulled from behind her and stopped his vehicle on an angle near her driver’s side. She felt she could not continue her turn because there were cars parked on both sides of Roscoe, which is a narrow one-way street, and she was afraid she would hit them. ██████████ said, “He was motioning me to like come out”, “I did not know if he was motioning me to go in front of him, but my thought was he was trying to hit my car and make it look like an accident, so that I would get in trouble.”⁵ ██████████ said, “Like he would hit my car and then run off kind of thing.”⁶ ██████████ said again her initial reaction was like, “Omg, he is going to hit me or attack me.”⁷ ██████████ said Det. Everett was driving a green or silver Jeep. She said both of their windows were closed, so she could not hear what he said to her.

When she was asked about her thoughts of what Det. Everett was trying to convey when he motioned her, ██████████ said, “At first I thought he was telling me to come out of the car”, “But, I know from previous experience, is just stay in my vehicle and not make eye contact with him.”⁸ She continued, “But, I also wanted to know what he was telling me, because I didn’t know if he was telling me to get in front of him.”⁹ ██████████ said she got scared and called the police. Det. Everett moved his car and then walked over to her driver side window and moved one side of his jacket, at which time she saw his gun. ██████████ said, “So, me, initially seeing the gun, I freaked out.”¹⁰ She said she was on the phone with the operator and said, “Oh my God, he has a gun.”¹¹ She said Det. Everett then goes to the other side of his jacket and pulls out a badge. She told the operator the

¹ COPA conducted a thorough and complete investigation. The following is a summary of the material evidence gathered and relied upon in our analysis.

² Att. 6 audio, 23 transcription.

³ Att. 23 page 4, lines 12-19.

⁴ Att. 23 page 4, lines 16-17.

⁵ Att. 23 page 5, lines 20-24.

⁶ Att. 23 page 9, lines 4-5.

⁷ Att. 23 page 6, lines 5-6.

⁸ Att. 23 page 8, lines 19-22.

⁹ Att. 23 page 8, lines 22-24.

¹⁰ Att. 23 page 10, lines 3-4.

¹¹ Att. 23 page 10, lines 5-6.

Det. Everett showed her a badge. █████ said there were no markings or lights on Det Everett's vehicle, and he could have been anyone with a badge and fake that he was a cop. █████ described Det. Everett as wearing a white dress shirt and black pants and a North Face jacket. She said when she saw Det. Everett's gun, it triggered something, she panicked and started crying. She was involved in an incident last year where a gun was pointed at her and now, she suffers from PTSD.

█████ was asked if Det. Everett opened his jacket long enough for her to see his gun or find his badge, she responded, "It was maybe like, I don't know it happened so fast."¹² She believes Det. Everett showed her his weapon to scare her. When she was asked to describe how long Det. Everett held his jacket open and exposed his weapon, she said, "It was like there maybe for like, I wanna say 10 seconds."¹³ She felt like she saw the gun before the badge and did not think Det. Everett was a police officer because he should have known where to find his badge. She said Det. Everett was going back to his car and she said to him, "I'm sorry—I called the police," he responded, "I called the police too," she responded, "Okay."¹⁴ She then drove around his vehicle, parked on Roscoe in front of Det. Everett, and waited for the police because people behind them were honking their horns. When █████ was asked why she pulled over, and if Det. Everett instructed her to pull over, she said, "No, I pulled over"¹⁵ She said she pulled over when the operator told her they were sending another police officer to her.

While █████ was waiting for the police, her father approached, and Det. Everett began to talk to him. She rolled her window down slightly and asked Det. Everett why was he speaking to her dad. Her dad said to her, "Oh, why would you lift a middle finger."¹⁶ She then told her dad not to talk to Det. Everett. █████ said her dad does not speak English, he has a heart condition and should not be outside in the cold. Det. Everett responded, "Oh, you don't need to talk to me right now, because I tried to talk to you, you refused to talk to me."¹⁷ █████ responded, "Because you scared me, if you wanted to talk to me, you wouldn't of gotten in front of my car, you wouldn't of gestured me to get out, or gestured me to get in front of your car."¹⁸ She continued, "I thought you were going to attack me, I saw your gun before I saw your badge." █████ said Det. Everett responded, "Oh, I pointed my gun at you? I pointed my gun at you?", "That—you're such a liar."¹⁹ While they waited for the police, Det. Everett took photos of █████'s license plates.

█████ responded, "No, I didn't say you pointed your gun at me, I said, I saw your gun before I saw your badge and you scared me." Det. Everett responded, "Well, what if I was a gangbanger, and you gave the middle finger to me, I could've killed you, or I could've attacked you."²⁰ She said she told Det. Everett, "Well, I thought you were gonna attack me anyway."²¹ She continued, "If your initial thought wasn't to attack me, it felt like you were going to attack me."²²

¹² Att. 23 page 14, lines 10-11.

¹³ Att. 23 page 16, lines 11-12.

¹⁴ Att. 23 page 18, lines 13-15.

¹⁵ Att. 23 page 19, line 24.

¹⁶ Att. 23 page 34, lines 1-3.

¹⁷ Att. 23 page 22, lines 21-23.

¹⁸ Att. 23 pages 22, lines 23-24 and page 23, lines 1-2.

¹⁹ Att. 23 page 23, lines 5-6.

²⁰ Att. 23 page 23, lines 11-13.

²¹ Att. 23 page 23, lines 14-15.

²² Att. 23 page 23, lines 16-17.

█████ said she closed her window, and 10 police cars showed up and the captain was screaming about their being so many officers on location. She told the second officer that arrived what had occurred, and apologized to the officer and said, "I'm afraid of cops, I am sorry."²³ She told him she was sorry for crying but she is just afraid of police officers. █████ said she was also afraid because Det. Everett was a man and a police officer, and no one was going to believe her when she told her story.²⁴ The officer told her that they were going to file a complaint and that someone would contact her.

When █████ was asked if there was a particular reason, she was afraid of police officers, she responded, "Uh, no, one of my close friends was shot by a police officer a few years ago, in another state."²⁵ She continued, "So, that just like, like I don't know what could happen", "I have a lot of friends that, you know, are black and minorities, or Hispanic, and I'm just, I fear for them."²⁶ █████ said, "And then, I'm, you know, my boyfriend's Hispanic, like I'm afraid, you know, you never know what's gonna happen with a police officer."²⁷ █████ stated that she was afraid of Det. Everett and possible retaliation from him because he took photos of her license plates. █████ believed that it was inappropriate for Det. Everett to use his position as a police officer to pull her over and scare her by displaying his weapon²⁸. █████ believed that Det. Everett was a regular person with road rage, but when Det. Everett said he was a cop she felt he used his authority against her during this incident.

In an interview with COPA on March 27, 2018, **Detective Jeffrey Everett²⁹ stated in summary**, that on February 6, 2018, at approximately 11:30 am, he was heading to the 019th District Police Station and was driving on inner Lake Shore Drive and Roscoe, when he encountered some traffic. While on Roscoe and inner Lake Shore Drive, the vehicle in front of him, a black Nissan with Uber stickers on the back window sat through a traffic light cycle. Traffic behind him was backing up and he beeped to try and get around the vehicle. He said when he beeped his horn it was to indicate to the driver that they were obstructing the road. He said he did not lay on the horn in an aggressive manner, and that the cars behind him started blowing their horns.³⁰ The driver of the black Nissan flipped him off, and he could see that there was a passenger in the vehicle. He saw a male passenger exit and cross the street westbound Lake Shore Drive and ended up on the corner of Roscoe and Lake Shore Drive. Det. Everett said during this time the Nissan would not move as they sat through another traffic light cycle. He said he beeped his horn again because he could not get around the car.³¹

Det. Everett said as he finally made his way around the Nissan, he saw a female driver and she flipped him off again. He described the female driver with her arm extended and her middle finger up.³² He said he looked at her in disbelief because her initial reaction was to flip someone

²³ Att. 23 page 25, line 7.

²⁴ Att. 23 pages 27, lines 23-24 and page 28, line 1.

²⁵ Att. 23 page 30, lines 6-7.

²⁶ Att. 23 page 30, lines 9-12.

²⁷ Att. 23 page 30, lines 12-14.

²⁸ Att. 23 page 39, lines 17- 21.

²⁹ Att. 19 audio 24, transcription.

³⁰ Att. 24 page 8, lines 13-20.

³¹ Att. 24 page 9, lines 1-3.

³² Att. 24 pages 9, lines 4-6.

off after blocking the road and letting passengers out. Det. Everett said he removed his badge from his waist and showed her his star through the window, identified himself as an officer, and she flipped him off. He said he mouthed to her, “What are you doing?”, “Really?”³³ Det. Everett said, “When she saw this, she raised her middle finger again, and flipped me, and had some choice words for me”, “Fuck you, I don’t care, I’ll call the police.”³⁴ Det. Everett responded, “You’re going to call the police on me, okay, call the police, go ahead, let’s go, let’s go over there.”³⁵ Det. Everett said because [REDACTED] said she was calling the police, he is required to stay. He parked on the southwest corner and [REDACTED] pulled behind him.

He walked over to [REDACTED]’s vehicle. He said his badge was still in his hand and he put it back on his belt by his hip to secure it. [REDACTED]’s window was down as he approached her, but she rolled it up when he made it to her car. He said hello and wanted to ask why she called the police again. He asked her what was going on and took his wallet out of his pocket and pressed it on her driver’s side window and said, “Ma’am, I am the police.”³⁶ He said [REDACTED] was fully aware there was a Chicago Police ID and Star presented to her. He said [REDACTED] waved her hand back and forth as if she was saying no, no, no. [REDACTED] mouthed to him she was calling the police so at that time he stood on the curb and waited. Det. Everett said their vehicles were kicked out a bit and cars on the roadway were having a difficult time getting by. He told her that they needed to move their cars because they were blocking the cross walk. They moved their cars west on Roscoe 10 car spaces. [REDACTED] initially parked behind him but moved, and then she parked in front of him.

Det. Everett said at this time he observed the male that got out of [REDACTED]’s vehicle standing on the sidewalk. He walked over to him and identified himself as a Chicago Police Officer. Det. Everett confirmed that the male was the person that got out of [REDACTED]’s vehicle and asked him if he knew what was going on with his friend. The male identified himself as [REDACTED]’s father and told him he did not know why [REDACTED] was acting in that manner. [REDACTED]’s father spoke with broken English.

Det. Everett said when the other police officers, Sergeant, Captain and Commander arrived on location, he observed [REDACTED] talking to Captain Kane. He said [REDACTED] was screaming and crying and said, “You’re going to believe him no matter what, you’re not going to believe me.”³⁷ Det. Everett said he was told by the Sergeant that [REDACTED] told him and the Captain that he pulled his gun out on her. Det. Everett denies this accusation. He told the Sergeant that [REDACTED] was lying and to talk to her father.

Det. Everett denies opening his jacket to display his weapon to [REDACTED]. He does not recall making a statement about he could have been a gang banger and could have killed her. When asked if he was on duty the morning of this incident, he said, yes. Det. Everett said he went to Area Central to meet someone, and because they do not have enough pool vehicles, it was easier for him to travel the direction he did because of traffic. Det. Everett said he did not have a police radio

³³ Att. 24 pages 9, lines 15-21 and page 10 lines 1-7.

³⁴ Att. 24 pages 10, lines 10-13.

³⁵ Att. 24 pages 10, lines 13-15 and page 12 lines 13-15.

³⁶ Att. 24 pages 12, line 24 and page 13 line 1.

³⁷ Att. 24 pages 17, line 12 and page 18 lines 13-14.

on him because he drove to Area Central from home. When he was asked where he normally wear his badge, Det. Everett said his badge is always worn in front of his gun on his right hip.

When asked what his intent was on showing ██████ his badge, Det. Everett said, "If she needed help or assistance, she needed to know that okay, you're dealing with a police officer."

He said, "She wasn't moving her vehicle", "Is she broken down?", "She's got passengers in her vehicle, is somebody running on the fare", "Is she in medical dire straits?" Det. Everett does not deny that ██████ gesturing her middle finger at him was partly the reason he showed his badge, but is she needed assistance he was there to help.

b. Digital Evidence

The **Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC)** recordings³⁸ documented a call from ██████. The dispatcher identified herself,

██████ tone appears to be calm: Hi, um, some man is trying to attack me.

Dispatcher: Where are you?

██████: And, he has a gun.

Dispatcher: Where are you?

██████: And he's...I'm on Roscoe and Lake Shore Drive.

Dispatcher: Roscoe and where?

██████: He's pointing a gun at me.

Dispatcher: Roscoe and where?

██████: No, um, he's pretending to be a cop, I'm on Roscoe and Lake Shore Drive.

Dispatcher: Are you inside a place ma'am or are you out on the street?

██████: No, I'm in a car.

Dispatcher: He got you blocked in?

██████: Yeah, he said he's a detective, but I don't see anything on his car, I'm really scared.

Dispatcher: Is he showing you and I.D. ma'am?

██████: Yeah, but it doesn't look right...cause I didn't do anything, he just honks at me, I tried to make a turn...

Dispatcher: Undiscernible...detective over there ma'am, is he showing you an I.D.

██████: Huh?

Dispatcher: Is he showing you any I.D.?

██████: Yeah, but I'm scared, it doesn't look right, it's very suspicious, he shouldn't be showing me his gun, I didn't do anything. I'm really scared. I want the police, I don't care if he is a detective or not, he shouldn't be pointing his gun at me.

The dispatcher asked for ██████'s name, she still appears to have a calm tone to her voice. She tells the dispatcher the make and model of her vehicle.

██████: He's walking my way, he's blocking traffic.

Dispatcher: Okay...

██████: Are you going to help me?

Dispatcher: Ma'am, I'm helping you now, you can't, is he telling you, you can't turn

³⁸ Att. 22.

that way?

██████: No, he's telling me...he's blocking my way, he's trying get me to stop, I'm not stopping. I'm so scared. ██████'s voice appears to break up.

Dispatcher: Look for the police ma'am, I will send them over.

██████: Okay

██████: I don't want to be attacked, I'm driving down...Um, I 'm getting...

Dispatcher: Are you leaving?

██████: No, I'm going to stay here, I'm on Roscoe.

Dispatcher: I'm sending the police over'

██████: Okay.

The call was dispatched as a person with a gun. Roscoe and Lake Shore Drive, man has a badge, says he is the police, pointing a gun at her, she wants the police.

Body-Worn Camera video (BWC)³⁹ were obtained of officers that responded to the scene, including Sergeant Levine, Captain Kane, and Commander Buslik.

The BWC of Sgt. Levine captured a brief conversation with Det. Everett upon his arrival to the scene. Det. Everett related that he beeped his horn twice at the Uber driver⁴⁰ because she was not moving in traffic. He said he goes around her she stated flipping him off. He stopped and looked at her and raised up his badge, at which time ██████ stated snapping photos of him. He said at that point he knows he has to stay on scene. Sgt. Levine walked away from Det. Everett and walked over to ██████'s vehicle.

As Sgt. Levine approach ██████'s car the BWC captured saying, "I know you're going to take his side, but that's just not fair."⁴¹ Sgt. Levine asked ██████ what was going on and informed her she was being audio and video recorded. ██████ said, "I was making a turn and I had my turn signal on, and the light went green", "He honked at me, so, I was like, whatever."⁴² "And, then he comes and block my way", "Instead of showing me an I.D. he shows me his gun first, and I got scared."⁴³ She said, "I tried to turn and he kept blocking my way", " He kept saying, I'm a detective, I'm the police."⁴⁴ ██████ said she told Det. Everett, "You could just let me go", "I didn't do anything wrong."⁴⁵ When Sgt. Levine asked ██████ where Det. Everett blocked her way, and if was with his car, she said, "With the car, yeah", Sgt. Levine responded, "But, you were ahead of him", ██████ said, "No, because he pulled over and I tried to get away from him, and then I went in front of him"⁴⁶ ██████ said, "He shouldn't have shown me his gun first, he should've showed me his I.D. first."⁴⁷ ██████ said, "It's all because I was making a turn", "If you want to arrest me you can arrest me, but I didn't do anything wrong."⁴⁸ She continued, "Look, I'm afraid of the

³⁹ Att. 10. All references to specific times within a BWC video correspond to the time stamped on the upper righthand corner of the video.

⁴⁰ ██████'s vehicle has an Uber sticker attached to the rear windshield.

⁴¹ Att. 10 at T17:37:28Z.

⁴² Att. 10 at T17:37:33Z.

⁴³ Att. 10 at T17:37:47Z.

⁴⁴ Att. 10 at T17:37:54Z.

⁴⁵ Att. 10 at T17:38:04Z.

⁴⁶ Att. 10 at T17:38:08Z.

⁴⁷ Att. 10 at T17:38:22Z.

⁴⁸ Att. 10 at T17:38:27Z.

police, like, he shouldn't do that to me, and it's all because I put my middle, how many people put their middle finger, and does he not have anything better to do then terrorize me?"⁴⁹

Sgt. Levine turns around to Captain Kane. He asked Sgt. Levine why half the District was there. He tells Captain Kane he was taking a complaint. He walks back over to [REDACTED] and tell her he was going to get some information from her and take a complaint. [REDACTED] says again, "I know you're going to take his side", Sgt. Levine responded, No, I'm going to take a complaint."⁵⁰ [REDACTED] said, "It just scared me because I thought it was someone pretending to be a cop."⁵¹ Sgt. Levine confirmed with [REDACTED] whether she wanted to make a complaint. Sgt. Levine walks back over to Captain Kane and told him she wanted to make a complaint against Det. Everett for display of weapon. He walks back over to [REDACTED] and said, "It's a road rage", [REDACTED] said, "Okay."⁵² After a short period, Sgt. Levine hands [REDACTED] her I.D. and tells her someone will be in contact with her.

Sgt. Levine's BWC captured a brief conversation with [REDACTED]'s father, who spoke very little English. Sgt. Levine asked him if he saw what happened, he said, "I going with my daughter downtown, Weiss Hospital my daughter stopped, me out, the police here with my daughter, I don't know why."⁵³ He said, "Yellow, we go up, out car."⁵⁴ He provided Sgt. Levine with his information.

The BWC of **Captain Kane** shows him with Sgt. Levine talking to [REDACTED]'s father. No other relevant material to this case was depicted on his BWC that was not captured on Sgt. Levine's.

c. Documentary Evidence

An **Initiation Report**⁵⁵ authored by Sgt. Levine states: "The complainant alleges the accused detective unnecessarily displayed his firearm after a traffic dispute."

The **Event Queries**⁵⁶ documented a call from [REDACTED] where she reported that a man on the scene was showing a badge and saying that he was the police while pointing a gun at her. [REDACTED] requested police assistance and several units responded.

VI. ANALYSIS

a. Detective Everett did not engage in an unjustified traffic stop.

Statements made by Det. Everett, [REDACTED] and overheard on the BWC is not consistent with Det. Everett conducting a traffic stop, thereby stopping [REDACTED] unjustifiably. When [REDACTED] was asked why she pulled over, and if Det. Everett instructed her to pull over, she said, "No, I pulled

⁴⁹ Att. 10 at T17:38:36Z.

⁵⁰ Att. 10 at T17:39:01Z.

⁵¹ Att. 10 at T17:39:09Z.

⁵² Att. 10 at T17:39:48Z.

⁵³ Att. 10 at T17:43:47Z.

⁵⁴ Att. 10 at T17:44:23Z.

⁵⁵ Att. 4.

⁵⁶ Att. 9.

over.”⁵⁷ She said she pulled over when the operator told her they were sending another police officer to her.

█████ told the OEMC dispatcher that Detective Everett blocked her from moving and he pointed his gun at her prior to showing her his badge and identification card. She further told the OMEC dispatcher that she thought Det. Everett was trying to get her to stop but she was not going to stop because she was scared. When the OMEC dispatcher asked if she was leaving, █████ responded, “No, I’m going to stay here, I’m on Roscoe.”⁵⁸ She admitted to COPA that Det. Everett did not pull her over or stop her vehicle.⁵⁹ She in turn, wanted to meet with other police officers because Det. Everett allegedly pointed his gun at her. Det. Everett told officers that he could not leave the location because when he tried to identify himself to █████, she told him no, and that she was calling the police. Det. Everett said █████ took pictures of him with her cell phone, then pulled off and parked her car 10 car spaces away. COPA finds the evidence is clear and convincing that this conduct did not occur, therefore finds that this allegation against Det. Everett is **Unfounded**.

b. Det. Everett did not engage in unjustified display of weapon.

█████’s statement made to OMEC is not consistent with statements she made to COPA, in that Det. Everett pointed his weapon at her. █████ told COPA that when Det. Everett questioned her about pointing his weapon at her, she said, “No, I didn’t say you pointed your gun at me, I said, I saw your gun before I saw your badge and you scared me.”⁶⁰

Det. Everett said when he parked his vehicle and walked over to █████, his badge was still in his hand and he secured it back onto his belt next to his gun, which would have briefly exposed his weapon because he had to move his jacket. Det. Everett’s explanation is reasonable and not consistent with pointing his weapon at █████. COPA finds the evidence is clear and convincing that the conduct did not occur, and therefore finds this allegation against Det. Everett is **Unfounded**.

VII. CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis set forth above, COPA makes the following findings:

Detective Jeffrey Everett	
Allegation	Finding
1. Stopped █████'s vehicle without justification.	Unfounded
2. Displayed his weapon to █████ without justification.	Unfounded

⁵⁷ Att. 23 page 19, line 24.

⁵⁸ Att. 22.

⁵⁹ United States Constitution, Amendment IV: Prohibits unlawful searches and seizures.

⁶⁰ Att. 23 page 23, lines 11-13.

Approved:



3-25-2021

Angela Hearts-Glass
Deputy Chief Investigator

Date

Appendix

Assigned Investigative Staff

Squad#:	11
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Supervising Investigator:	Valiza Nash
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