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COPA PROVIDES UPDATE OF INCIDENT CAPTURED ON VIDEO INVOLVING CPD OFFICER AND WOMAN WALKING HER DOG

CHICAGO - Today the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) recommended the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department relieve the officer, captured in a widely circulated video on social media at a Chicago beach, of his police powers or place him on administrative duties during the pendency of its investigation.

COPA has obtained and reviewed the body worn camera video of the involved Chicago Police officer engaging the woman as she walks her dog as a part of its investigation. COPA Investigators also canvassed the scene of the incident which occurred Saturday morning, August 28, 2021 and identified several additional video cameras in the area that may have captured the incident. Requests to obtain those videos are pending.

“We are committed to a fair, timely and objective investigation to determine if the actions of the involved officer are in accordance with Department Policy and Training,” said COPA Interim Chief Andrea Kersten. “We have a responsibility to investigate allegations of police misconduct and determine if they are well founded based on the facts and evidence of each case. If violations did occur, COPA will hold the officer accountable.”

COPA remains in communication with Mr. Keenan Saulter who is representing the individual and will have no further comment at this time.

If anyone witnessed, has additional information or video regarding this incident, please contact us at chicagocopa.org or 312-746-3609

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