

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Incident:	February 27, 2019.
Time of Incident:	At about 6:50 pm.
Location of Incident:	██
Date of COPA Notification:	February 28, 2019
Time of COPA Notification:	12:07 pm

Prior to executing the court-ordered Search Warrant 19SW5431¹ at ██████████. There were four undercover controlled purchases of cocaine with the target ██████████ that were documented under Case Incident Reports JC-110959², JC-126778³, JC-159350⁴ and JC-166976⁵.

On February 27, 2019, ██████████ ██████████ along with her boyfriend, ██████████ ██████████ and friends were drinking beer and smoking marijuana at ██████████. Officers forcibly entered the apartment’s backdoor, with their weapons pointed at her, and instructed her not to move. Ms. ██████████ friend, ██████████ ██████████ attempted to injure himself by stabbing himself in the neck. Mr. ██████████ was treated on the scene by responding paramedics and was transported to the hospital. Ms. ██████████ was detained and released, but Mr. ██████████ was placed under arrest. Ms. ██████████ and Mr. ██████████ do not live at that apartment but use the address to receive their mail. Ms. ██████████ believed that the officers had no legal right to enter and search the apartment.

The involved narcotic officers were assigned to the Bureau of Organized Narcotic Division (Unit #189) which is under the Bureau of Counter-Terrorism Criminal Networks Group. The search warrant was executed and was reported under Case Incident Reports JC-168073⁶. The involved officers were not assigned Body Worn Camera (BWC) and therefore, the incident was not captured on video. Sergeant Ronald Reed who is assigned to the Bureau of Counter-Terrorism Criminal Networks Group related that they do not have any bureau level directives regarding BWC.⁷ However, Sergeant Reed acknowledged that Special Order 03-14, Body Worn Camera⁸ is a Bureau of Patrol order.

¹ Attachments #30-31, Search Warrant 19SW5431.
² Attachments #34-35, Case Incident Reports, JC-110959, 09 Jan 19.
³ Attachments #77-81, Case Incident Reports, JC-126778, 23 Jan 19.
⁴ Attachments #84-87, Case Incident Reports, JC-159350, 20 Feb 19.
⁵ Attachments #91-93, Case Incident Reports, JC-166976, 26 Feb 19.
⁶ Attachments #32-33, Case Incident Reports, JC-168073, 27 Feb 19.
⁷ Attachment #97, Email from Sergeant Ron Reed, regarding BWC.
⁸ Attachment #98, Special Order 03-14, Body Worn Cameras.

II. INVOLVED PARTIES

Involved Officer #1:	Steven Laureto, Star #5882, Employee # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: December 13, 1999, Police Officer. Unit of Assignment: 189, Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1976, Male, White.
Involved Officer #2:	Daniel Nunez, Star #19811, Employee # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: December 4, 1995, Police Officer. Unit of Assignment: 189, Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1966, Male, Hispanic.
Involved Officer #3:	Daniel Prskalo, Star #10885, Employee # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: May 6, 1996, Police Officer. Unit of Assignment: 189, Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1970, Male, White.
Involved Officer #4:	Esnaf Husic, Star #10408, Employee # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: November 27, 2006, Police Officer. Unit of Assignment: 189, Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1981, Male, White.
Involved Officer #5:	Derrick Denton, Star #19152, Employee # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: December 2, 1996, Police Officer. Unit of Assignment: 189, Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1967, Male, Black.
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]/66, Female, Black.

III. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding / Recommendation
Officer Steven Laureto	1. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Steven Laureto conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without lawful justification.	Exonerated
	2. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Steven Laureto pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] without justification.	Not Sustained
Officer Daniel Nunez	1. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Daniel Nunez conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without lawful justification.	Exonerated
	2. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Daniel Nunez pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] without justification.	Not Sustained

Officer Daniel Prskalo	1. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Daniel Prskalo conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without lawful justification.	Exonerated
	2. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Daniel Prskalo pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] without justification.	Not Sustained
Officer Esnaf Husic	1. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Esnaf Husic conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without lawful justification.	Exonerated
	2. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Esnaf Husic pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] without justification.	Not Sustained
Officer Derrick Denton	1. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Derrick Denton conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without lawful justification.	Exonerated
	2. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Derrick Denton pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] without justification.	Not Sustained

IV. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS

Rules

1. Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance.
2. Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
3. Rule 38: Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

Special Orders

1. S04-19, Search Warrants⁹

Department Order

1. D19-01, Firearm Pointing Incidents¹⁰

Federal Law

1. Fourth Amendment, United States Constitution

⁹ Attachment #62, Special Order 04-19, Search Warrants.

¹⁰ Attachment #96, Department Notice 19-01, Firearm Pointing Incidents, effective November 1, 2019.

V. INVESTIGATION

a. Interviews

In an **interview with COPA**¹¹ on March █ 2019, █ █ related that on February 27, 2019, she and her boyfriend, █ █ were visiting a friend at his apartment. Ms. █ related that everyone in the apartment was drinking beers and smoking marijuana. Ms. █ and Mr. █ were in the backroom, while other friends were in the kitchen. While inside the backroom, Ms. █ heard loud banging coming from the adjacent backdoor. Ms. █ observed the backdoor smashed open and about nine to ten officers made entry. Ms. █ heard the officers identifying themselves and told everyone not to move. Ms. █ described the officers as all male white and Hispanic and all had their faces covered. Ms. █ related that about five of the officers had their weapons pointed at her, but could not provide a detail description of the officers. Ms. █ observed the officers enter the kitchen and heard yelling coming from the officers. Ms. █ discovered that a friend “█ the lawyer,”¹² now known as █ █ had attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself in the neck. Ms. █ observed paramedics arriving on the scene to treat Mr. █ Ms. █ did not observe any of the officers wearing any Body Worn Cameras (BWC). Ms. █ heard officers repeatedly asked for █ and Mr. █ identified himself to the officers. The officers told Mr. █ that they would let him go if he told them where he had the drugs. Mr. █ told the officers to look behind the couch and a small amount of cocaine was recovered. Ms. █ was released by the officers, but Mr. █ was placed under arrest. Ms. █ believed that the officers had no legal right to enter and search the apartment. Ms. █ related that Mr. █ does not reside at that apartment but does received his mail there. Ms. █ related that Mr. █ used to sell drugs, but does not anymore.

In an **interview with COPA**¹³ on March 4, 2021, Officer Derrick Denton related that on February 27, 2019, he was assigned to Narcotics Unit #189. Officer Denton, along with a team of narcotics officers, executed a search warrant at █. Officer Denton and the involved officers were not wearing Body Worn Camera (BWC), because his assigned unit did not issue cameras to their officers. Officer Denton was one of the officers assigned to make entry into the apartment and was either in the middle or in the rear of the stack of entry officers. Officer Denton believed that the use of force to gain entry was ordered by the Sergeant or Lieutenant on the scene. Because Officer Denton was in the back of the stack, he could not hear the officers in the front knocking on the backdoor or identifying themselves as the police. Officer Denton explained that he had his weapon out of his holster, and near his chest and in a ready position as he entered through the backdoor that led into a sun porch room. Officer Denton described everything coming to a halt because officers in front of him encountered a male, now known as █ █ in the kitchen. Mr. █ had taken a kitchen sharpening utensil and began to stab himself on his neck. Officer Denton heard officers in the front of the stack talking

¹¹ Attachments #72, Audio interview transcription of █ █

¹² *Id.*, page 7, line 16.

¹³ Attachment #71, Audio interview transcription of PO Derrick Denton.

to Mr. [REDACTED] to stop hurting himself. Officer Denton did not witness any officer(s) point their weapon at anyone. Officer Denton related that he holstered his weapon after realizing that Mr. [REDACTED] was threat to himself and not to any officer. Officer Denton denied the allegation that he conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without justification. Officer Denton further denied the allegation that he pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] without justification.

In an **interview with COPA**¹⁴ on February 24, 2021, Officer Steven Laureto related that on February 27, 2019, he was assigned to Narcotics Unit #189. Officer Laureto related that he authored the Complaint for Search Warrant #19SW5431¹⁵ as the affiant. Officer Laureto documented all the prior controlled undercover purchases of cocaine involving the target, [REDACTED]. Officer Laureto was present during the controlled purchases that used pre-recorded funds. The search warrant was approved by an Assistant State Attorney and was signed by a judge. Officer Laureto along with a team of plain-clothes narcotics officers executed a search warrant at [REDACTED]. Officer Laureto explained that his unit conducts undercover assignments and are not issued Body Worn Camera (BWC). Officer Laureto related knocking on the backdoor and announcing their office. Officer Laureto heard no response and used a big hammer to forcibly open the backdoor. He described himself and the other officers as being in a ready position with their weapons out of their holsters. As he entered the kitchen, he observed a male, now known as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] running towards a block of kitchen knives. Believing that Mr. [REDACTED] was going to attack him with a knife, Officer Laureto drew his weapon at Mr. [REDACTED]. Instead, Mr. [REDACTED] grabbed a knife sharpener and began to repeatedly stab himself through his jawline and head. Officer Laureto re-holstered his weapon and assisted in removing the knife sharpener away from Mr. [REDACTED]. Officer Laureto observed lacerations and stab wounds to Mr. [REDACTED] throat area. Officer Laureto related that paramedics were requested to the scene and treated Mr. [REDACTED]. Officer Laureto described Mr. [REDACTED] as being cooperative and told him where he was hiding the narcotics. Officer Laureto recovered the narcotics behind a couch and placed Mr. [REDACTED] under arrest. Officer Laureto described their being other persons inside the apartment that were not arrested. He obtained the contact information on the other persons and documented them in the police report. Officer Laureto did recall seeing a female in the apartment but did not recall her name. He denied the allegation that he conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without justification. Officer Laureto further denied the allegation that he pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] without justification.

In an **interview with COPA**¹⁶ on February 17, 2021, Officer Daniel Prskalo related that on February 27, 2019 he was assigned to Narcotics Unit #189. Officer Prskalo, along with a team of narcotics officers, executed a court-ordered search warrant at [REDACTED]. Officer Prskalo related that he was positioned outside, in front of the building, along with beat officers. Officer Prskalo was providing outside security while the rest of the team made entry through the backdoor. Officer Prskalo explained his assigned unit does not provide Body Worn

¹⁴ Attachment #73, Audio interview transcription of PO Steven Laureto.

¹⁵ Attachments #30-31, Search Warrant 19SW5431.

¹⁶ Attachment #74, Audio interview transcription of PO Daniel Prskalo.

Camera (BWC) because of their undercover assignments. Officer Prskalo eventually entered the apartment after it was secured. Officer Prskalo did not participate in any of the prior controlled undercover purchases of cocaine involving the target, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Officer Prskalo was never in a ready position and did not have his weapon drawn or pointing at anyone. Officer Prskalo did not observe any officer(s) point their weapon at anyone during the execution of the warrant. Officer Prskalo was not present when the officers entered through the backdoor. Officer Prskalo remember there being individuals inside the apartment, but could not provide any details. Officer Prskalo denied the allegation that he conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without justification. Officer Prskalo further denied the allegation that he pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] without justification.

In an **interview with COPA**¹⁷ on February 10, 2021, Officer Daniel Nunez related that on February 27, 2019, he was assigned to Narcotics Unit 189. Officer Nunez, along with a team of narcotics officers, executed a court-ordered search warrant at [REDACTED]. Officer Nunez and the involved officers were not wearing Body Worn Camera (BWC) because his assigned unit did not issue cameras to their undercover officers. Officer Nunez was one of the officers assigned to make entry into the apartment and was in the middle or rear of the stack of entry officers. Officer Nunez had his weapon unholstered and pointed down in a 45-degree angle ready position. Officer Nunez walked up a winding wooden staircase and got up to the second floor when the stack of officers stopped. Officer Nunez believed the officers in front of the stack knocked on the backdoor and announced our office before making force entry. After holstering his weapon, Officer Nunez entered the kitchen and found a male, now known as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] bleeding from his neck. Mr. [REDACTED] had taken a kitchen sharpening rod and repeatedly stabbed himself on his neck and face. Officer Nunez placed on rubber gloves and attempted to calm down Mr. [REDACTED] while placing a towel to his neck area. An ambulance was called to the scene and the paramedics treated Mr. [REDACTED]. Officer Nunez related that Mr. [REDACTED] was not arrested, but for the safety of the paramedics, he rode along in the ambulance to the hospital. While at the hospital, Officer Nunez informed Mr. [REDACTED] that he was going to an operating room to be stitched up. Officer Nunez did briefly observe [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the target of the warrant in the apartment. However, Officer Nunez's focus was on solely on rendering aid to Mr. [REDACTED]. Officer Nunez denied the allegation that he conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without justification. Officer Nunez further denied the allegation that he pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] without justification.

In an **interview with COPA**¹⁸ on February 10, 2021, Officer Esnaf Husic related that on February 27, 2019, he was assigned to Narcotics Unit 189. Officer Husic along with a team of narcotics officers executed a court-ordered search warrant at [REDACTED]. Officer Nunez believes the officers in his unit are not assigned Body Worn Camera (BWC) because of safety concerns for their undercover officers. Officer Husic was assigned to make entry through the backdoor. Officer Husic had his weapon unholstered and holding in a low ready position pointing down about 40 degrees. Officer Husic described officers knocking on the backdoor and

¹⁷ Attachment #75, Audio interview transcription of PO Daniel Nunez.

¹⁸ Attachment #76, Audio interview transcription of PO Esnaf Husic.

announcing our office. Officer Husic related that there was no answer and the backdoor was forcibly opened. Officer Husic entered and observed a male and female in the first room, but quickly walked towards the next room. Officer Husic observed a male, now known as [REDACTED] repeatedly stabbing himself with a kitchen knife sharpener. Officer Husic related that other officers were able to stop Mr. [REDACTED] from further injuring himself and provided him with medical aid. Officer Husic stood near Mr. [REDACTED] until the paramedics arrived on the scene. Officer Husic related that the target of the warrant, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was taken into custody and suspected cocaine was recovered. Officer Husic denied the allegation that he conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without justification. Officer Husic further denied the allegation that he pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] without justification.

b. Digital Evidence

OEMC police transmission¹⁹ revealed Beat #6244 reported that a male had attempted to harm himself during the execution of a search warrant and an ambulance was requested to [REDACTED].

Body Worn Camera (BWC) Search²⁰ revealed that Unit 189, Narcotics Division Team D-4 was not equipped with BWC. Furthermore, the Arrest Report of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]²¹ indicated that no BWC was worn by any of the involved officers.

Evidence Technician photographs²² were taken of the apartment and of a clear plastic bag containing (2) chunky white substance of suspected crack cocaine.

Photographs²³ taken by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] revealed photographs of the apartment and Mr. [REDACTED].

c. Documentary Evidence

Search Warrant 19SW5431²⁴ was authored by Officer Steven Laureto, who is assigned to the Bureau of Organize Narcotic Division (Unit 189). Officer Laureto requested the issuance of a court-ordered search warrant at [REDACTED]. Officer Laureto reported that on four separate occasions, undercover officers had conducted controlled purchases

¹⁹ Attachment #38, CD of audio OEMC Police Transmissions, 00.10 minute.

²⁰ Attachment #40, Body Worn Camera Search, negative results.

²¹ Attachment #9, Arrest Report of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] page #2, line 9.

²² Attachments #22-23, Evidence Technician photographs taken of apartment and bag of suspected cocaine.

²³ Attachment #7, Photographs taken by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the apartment.

²⁴ Attachments #30-31, Search Warrant 19SW5431.

of cocaine with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that were reported under JC110959²⁵, JC126778²⁶, JC159350²⁷ and JC166976²⁸.

Narcotics Division Supplementary Report JC-168073²⁹ was authored by Officer Steven Laureto, who reported the execution of Search Warrant 19SW5431³⁰ at [REDACTED] by Narcotics Team D-4. On February 27, 2019, the team formulated a plan, knocked on the door and announced their office. There was no response and the officers used force to gain entry into the apartment. While inside the apartment, the officers observed a male, now known as [REDACTED] grab a knife and repeatedly stab himself on his neck. The officers pulled the knife away from Mr. [REDACTED] and requested medical assistance. Mr. [REDACTED] was identified as an active tax lawyer who resides in North Riverside and visits that location to smoke cocaine. Mr. [REDACTED] was transported to Illinois Masonic Hospital for medical treatment and was reported to be in stable condition. The subject of the search warrant, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was cooperative and voluntarily informed the officers where he was hiding the cocaine. A clear bag containing the suspected cocaine was recovered and Mr. [REDACTED] was taken into custody and transported to the police station for processing.

Arrest Report of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]³¹ was authored by Officer Steven Laureto, who reported that Mr. [REDACTED] was the target of Search Warrant #19SW5431³² at [REDACTED]. The search was executed by the Narcotics Division Team D-4. This team of officers were not wearing Body Worn Camera (BWC). The officers knocked on the door and announced their office and there was no response. The officers used force to gain entry into the apartment. After entering, the officers secured the premises and conducted a systematic search of the apartment. The officers recovered (1) clear plastic bag containing (2) chunky white substance suspected of crack cocaine in the front bedroom. The target of the search warrant, Mr. [REDACTED] was identified, arrested and charged with possession of crack cocaine.

Property Inventory #14386283³³ was authored by Officer Steve Laureto, who reported that a clear plastic bag containing two white rock like substance was recovered by Officer Daniel Prskalo and inventoried.

²⁵ Attachments #34-34, Original Case Incident Report & Vice Case Report, JC-110959.

²⁶ Attachments #77-81, Original Case Incident Report, Vice Case Report and Narcotics Supplementary Reports, JC-126778.

²⁷ Attachments #84-87, Original Case Incident Report, Vice Case Report and Narcotic Supplementary Reports, JC-159350.

²⁸ Attachments #90-93, Original Case Incident Report, Vice Case Report and Narcotics Supplementary Reports, JC-166976.

²⁹ Attachment #33, Narcotic's Division Supplementary Report, JC-168073.

³⁰ Attachments #30-31, Search Warrant 19SW5431.

³¹ Attachment #9, Arrest Report of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

³² Attachments #30-31, Search Warrant 19SW5431.

³³ Attachments #16-17, Property Inventory #14386296.

OEMC Event Query Report #1905812047³⁴ indicated that on February 27, 2019, at about 6:43 pm, Beat 6244 (Unit 189, Narcotics Division Team D-4) executed a search warrant at [REDACTED].

OEMC Chicago Police Event Query Report #1905812532³⁵ indicated that on February 27, 2019, at about 7:12 pm, an evidence technician was requested to the scene.

Chicago Fire Department Ambulance report was requested but was not received.³⁶

VI. LEGAL STANDARD

For each Allegation COPA must make one of the following findings:

1. Sustained - where it is determined the allegation is supported by a preponderance of the evidence;
2. Not Sustained - where it is determined there is insufficient evidence to prove the allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
3. Unfounded - where it is determined by clear and convincing evidence that an allegation is false or not factual; or
4. Exonerated - where it is determined by clear and convincing evidence that the conduct described in the allegation occurred, but it is lawful and proper.

A **preponderance of evidence** can be described as evidence indicating that it is **more likely than not** that the conduct occurred and violated Department policy. *See Avery v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.*, 216 Ill. 2d 100, 191 (2005), (a proposition is proved by a preponderance of the evidence when it has found to be more probably true than not). If the evidence gathered in an investigation establishes that it is more likely that the misconduct occurred, even if by a narrow margin, then the preponderance of the evidence standard is met.

Clear and convincing evidence is a higher standard than a preponderance of the evidence but lower than the "beyond-a-reasonable doubt" standard required to convict a person of a criminal offense. *See e.g., People v. Coan*, 2016 IL App (2d) 151036 (2016). Clear and Convincing can be defined as a "degree of proof, which, considering all the evidence in the case, produces the firm and abiding belief that it is highly probable that the proposition . . . is true." *Id.* at ¶ 28.

³⁴ Attachment #11, OEMC Event Query #1905812047.

³⁵ Attachment #13, OEMC CPD Event Query #1905812532.

³⁶ Attachment #99, CFD, Ambulance report request.

VII. ANALYSIS

On February 27, 2019, a team of officers assigned to the Bureau of Organize Narcotic Division (Unit 189) executed a court-ordered Search Warrant 19SW5431³⁷ at [REDACTED]. Prior to the search, narcotics officers had conducted four separate controlled undercover purchases of cocaine with the target, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that were reported under JC110959³⁸, JC126778³⁹, JC159350⁴⁰ and JC166976.⁴¹

The interviewed officers related that during the search, they were not wearing Body Worn Camera (BWC). The officers related that their unit did not issued them cameras because of their undercover assignments. Officers Steven Laureto, Daniel Nunez, Esnaf Husic and Derrick Denton were assigned as a stack of officers that forcibly entered through the backdoor. While Officer Daniel Prskalo stood guard at the building's front entrance. The officers described themselves as being in a ready position with their weapons unholstered and pointing downwards. Officer Laureto was at the front of the stack and identified their office. Officer Laureto heard no response and a big hammer was used to forcibly open the backdoor. While approaching the kitchen, Officer Laureto observed Mr. [REDACTED] running towards a block of kitchen knives. Believing that Mr. [REDACTED] was going to [REDACTED] him with a knife, Officer Laureto briefly pointed his weapon at Mr. [REDACTED]. Instead, Mr. [REDACTED] grabbed a knife sharpener and began to repeatedly stab himself through his jawline and head. Officer Laureto re-holstered his weapon and assisted in removing the knife sharpener away from Mr. [REDACTED]. Although, Officer Laureto pointed his weapon at Mr. [REDACTED] Department Notice D-1-01⁴² was not in effect at the time and therefore Officer Laureto was not required to report the pointing of his weapon. A search of the apartment was conducted and a bag of suspected cocaine was recovered. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was the target of the search warrant was placed under arrest and charged with possession of crack cocaine.

Ms. [REDACTED] related that she did not reside in the apartment, but believed that the officers had no legal right to enter and search the apartment. Officers Steven Laureto, Daniel Nunez, Daniel Prskalo, Esnaf Husic and Derrick Denton all participated in the execution of a court-ordered search warrant that was signed by a judge. Therefore, **Allegation #1, against the accused officers, must be Exonerated.**

Ms. [REDACTED] alleged that about five officers entered with their weapons pointed at her. Ms. [REDACTED] could not provide a detail description of the officers. The officers related having their weapons unholstered and in a ready position as they entered the apartment. Upon securing the apartment, the officers re-holstered their weapons. Officers Steven Laureto, Daniel Nunez, Daniel Prskalo, Esnaf Husic and Derrick Denton all denied pointing their weapons at Ms. [REDACTED]. Therefore, **Allegation #2, against the accused officers, must be Not Sustained.**

³⁷ Attachments #30-31, Search Warrant 19SW5431.

³⁸ Attachment #34, Original Case Incident Report, JC110959.

³⁹ Attachment #35, Original Case Incident Report, JC126778.

⁴⁰ Attachment #36, Original Case Incident Report, JC159350.

⁴¹ Attachment #37, Original Case Incident Report, JC166976.

⁴² Attachment #96, Department Notice 19-01, Firearm Pointing Incidents, effective November 1, 2019.

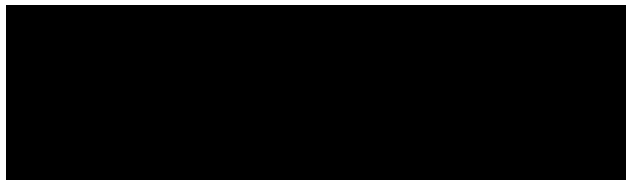
VIII. CONCLUSION

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

Officer	Allegation	Finding / Recommendation
Officer Steven Laureto	1. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Steven Laureto conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without lawful justification, in violation of Rules 1 and 6.	Exonerated
	2. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Steven Laureto pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] without justification, in violation of Rules 1 and 38.	Not Sustained
Officer Daniel Nunez	1. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Daniel Nunez conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without lawful justification, in violation of Rules 1 and 6.	Exonerated
	2. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Daniel Nunez pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] without justification, in violation of Rules 1 and 38.	Not Sustained
Officer Daniel Prskalo	1. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Daniel Prskalo conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without lawful justification, in violation of Rules 1 and 6.	Exonerated
	2. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Daniel Prskalo pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] without justification, in violation of Rules 1 and 38.	Not Sustained
Officer Esnaf Husic	1. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Esnaf Husic conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without lawful justification, in violation of Rules 1 and 6.	Exonerated
	2. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Esnaf Husic pointed his weapon at [REDACTED]	Not Sustained

<p>Officer Derrick Denton</p>	<p>██████████ without justification, in violation of Rules 1 and 38.</p> <p>1. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Derrick Denton conducted an unreasonable search and seizure of the residence without lawful justification, in violation of Rules 1 and 6.</p> <p>2. It is alleged that on February 27, 2019, Officer Derrick Denton pointed his weapon at ██████████ ██████████ without justification, in violation of Rules 1 and 6.</p>	<p>Exonerated</p> <p>Not Sustained</p>
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Approved:



Angela Hearts-Glass
Deputy Chief Investigator

5-26-2021

Date

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

Squad	#12
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Supervising Investigator	Andrew Dalkin
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