

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Incident:	February 03, 2019
Time of Incident:	10:18 pm
Location of Incident:	8300 S. Halsted Street
Date of COPA Notification:	February 5, 2019
Time of COPA Notification:	5:33 pm

On February 3, 2019, Officer Anthony Okon and Officer Katie Blocker effectuated a traffic stop on [REDACTED] who was accompanied by [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] was approached by Officer Blocker who accused him of swerving his vehicle and making eye contact with her. Mr. [REDACTED] informed Officer Blocker that he was not swerving, and Officer Blocker responded, "Are you calling me a liar?"¹ Officer Blocker then ordered Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] out of the vehicle. Mr. [REDACTED] along with Mr. [REDACTED] were patted-down and handcuffed. Officer Blocker and Officer Okon searched Mr. [REDACTED] vehicle. After Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] names were ran through the Personal Data Terminal (PDT) and revealed they were clear of wants and warrants, they were released. Officer Blocker and Officer Okon both failed to complete an Investigatory Stop Report (ISR) or document the traffic stop with a citation.

II. INVOLVED PARTIES

Involved Officer #1:	Anthony Okon, Star #15833, Employee # [REDACTED], Date of Appointment: September 29, 2014, Police Officer, Unit of Assignment: 006/716, Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1989, Male, White
Involved Officer #2:	Katie Blocker, Star #14472, Employee # [REDACTED], Date of Appointment: February 2, 2015, Police Officer, Unit of Assignment: 006/189, Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1988, Female, White.
Involved Officer #3:	Robert Woods, Star #2017, Employee # [REDACTED], Date of Appointment: December 4, 1995, Sergeant, Unit of Assignment: 006, Male, Black, Retired on January 10, 2020.

¹ Sgt. Woods retired from the Department in 2020. Att. 45.

Involved Individual #1: [REDACTED], Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1999, Male, Black.

Involved Individual #2: [REDACTED], Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1994, Male, Black

III. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding / Recommendation
Officer Anthony Okon	1. It is alleged that on or about February 3, 2019, Officer Anthony Okon conducted a traffic stop on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] vehicle without justification.	Sustained
	2. It is alleged that on or about February 3, 2019, Officer Anthony Okon handcuffed [REDACTED] and conducted a protective pat-down without justification.	Sustained
	3. It is alleged that on or about February 3, 2019, Officer Anthony Okon conducted an improper search of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] vehicle without justification.	Sustained
	4. It is alleged that on or about February 3, 2019, Officer Anthony Okon failed to document the traffic stop of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Sustained
	5. It is alleged that on or about February 3, 2019, Officer Anthony Okon failed to complete Investigatory Stop Reports and issue receipts for the stop.	Sustained
Officer Katie Blocker	1. It is alleged that on or about February 3, 2019, Officer Katie Blocker conducted a traffic stop on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] vehicle without justification.	Sustained
	2. It is alleged that on or about February 3, 2019, Officer Katie Blocker handcuffed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and conducted a protective pat-down without justification.	Sustained

	<p>3. It is alleged that on or about February 3, 2019, Officer Katie Blocker conducted an improper search of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] vehicle without justification.</p> <p>4. It is alleged that on or about February 3, 2019, Officer Katie Blocker failed to document the traffic stop of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>5. It is alleged that on or about February 3, 2019, Officer Katie Blocker failed to complete Investigatory Stop Reports and issue receipts for the stop.</p>	<p>Sustained</p> <p>Sustained</p> <p>Sustained</p>
<p>Sergeant Robert Woods</p>	<p>1. It is alleged that on about February 3, 2019, Sergeant Robert Woods failed to activate his Body Worn Camera (BWC) during a traffic stop that was being conducted by Officer Anthony Okon and Officer Katie Blocker.</p> <p>2. It is alleged that on about February 3, 2019, Sergeant Robert Woods failed to direct and ensure his subordinates completed Investigatory Stop Reports in violation of Special Order 04-13-09, Investigatory Stop System.</p>	<p>Sustained</p> <p>Sustained</p>

IV. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS

Rules

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1. Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance.
 2. Rule 6: Disobedience of an order directive, whether written or oral.
 3. Rule 10. Inattention to Duty.
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General Orders

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1. GO 01-01, Mission Statement and Core Values, effective March 1, 2011²
 2. GO 02-02, The First Amendment and Police Actions³

² Attachment #43, General Order 01-01, Mission Statement and Core Values.

³ Attachment #44, General Order 02-02, The First Amendment and Police Actions (19 Apr 12).

Special Orders

1. SO 03-14, Body Worn Cameras⁴
 2. SO 04-13-09, Investigatory Stop System⁵
 3. SO 04-14-09, Illinois Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Statistical Study (TPSSS)⁶
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Federal Laws

1. Fourth Amendment, United States Constitution.
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State Laws

1. 625 ILCS 5/11-212, Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Statistical Study (TPSSS)⁷
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V. INVESTIGATION**a. Interviews**

In an **interview with COPA**⁸ on February 5, 2019, ██████████ related that on February 3, 2019, he was driving his vehicle and was accompanied by ██████████. Mr. ██████████ related that while driving westbound on 79th Street, he made a left turn onto Halsted Street when he observed a squad car behind his vehicle with its emergency lights activated. Mr. ██████████ was approached by two officers, now known as Officer Katie Blocker and Officer Anthony Okon. Officer Blocker made contact with him on the driver's side and informed him that he was pulled over for swerving. Mr. ██████████ responded that he was not swerving, at which time Officer Blocker asked him if he was calling her a liar. Mr. ██████████ said he had his driver's license and registration in his hand and provided them to Officer Blocker. When Officer Blocker asked for Mr. ██████████ for his insurance card, he retrieved it from the glove box and handed it to her. Officer Blocker then ordered him out of his vehicle. When he asked why, she told him he was reaching. Officer Blocker opened Mr. ██████████ door, grabbed his left arm, and pulled him. Mr. ██████████ said he did not want things to escalate, so he stepped out of the vehicle. Officer Blocker immediately handcuffed him and informed him that he was being detained and not arrested.

Mr. ██████████ was escorted to the rear of his vehicle and placed next to Mr. ██████████ who was also in handcuffs. Mr. ██████████ complained to Officer Blocker that the handcuff on his right hand was on too tight. Mr. ██████████ said he had soreness to his right wrist but did not require any medical treatment. Mr. ██████████ said he observed another officer, now known as Sergeant Robert Woods,

⁴ Attachment #21, Special Order 03-14, Body Worn Cameras, effective April 30, 2018.

⁵ Attachment #19, Special Order 04-13-09, Investigatory Stop System, effective July 10, 2017.

⁶ Attachment #20, Special Order 04-14-09, Illinois Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Statistical Study, effective March 23, 2018.

⁷ Attachment #42, 625 ILCS 5/11-212, Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Statistical Study (TPSSS).

⁸ Attachment #34, Audio Transcription of ██████████ ██████████

arrive on the scene. He and Sgt. Woods engaged in small talk about him wearing the brand of clothing called “polo.” Mr. █████ related that both Officer Blocker and Officer Okon entered and searched his vehicle while Sergeant Woods stood next to him and Mr. █████ Mr. █████ related that he informed the officers that he did not give them permission to search his vehicle and that it was a violation of his 4th Amendment Rights. Mr. █████ said Sgt. Woods shook his head and said, “Yeah.” Mr. █████ did not recall if the officers had body worn cameras and was never told that he was being videotaped. After his vehicle was searched, Officer Blocker approached Mr. █████ and removed the handcuffs and told him to have a great day. Mr. █████ was not issued a citation or an Investigatory Stop Receipt. Mr. █████ said he was familiar with Officer Okon because he was pulled over by him in 2018 and did not receive a citation. He said it did not appear that Officer Okon recognized him because he did not acknowledge him like he was familiar with him.

Sergeant Robert Woods was not interviewed and was not presented with allegations. Sergeant Woods signed an End of Employment Form⁹ that indicated that he went on furlough on December 19, 2019 and officially retired from the Chicago Police Department on January 10, 2020.

In an **interview with COPA**¹⁰ on February 17, 2021, Officer Katie Blocker related that on February 3, 2019, she and her partner Officer Anthony Okon were on patrol when they conducted a traffic stop. Officer Blocker viewed her Body Worn Camera¹¹ prior to providing her statement and was not able to identify the driver and the passenger in the vehicle. Officer Blocker was shown a Personal Data Terminal (PDT) search¹² which revealed that Officer Okon had signed into the terminal and had ran the names █████ █████ and █████ █████ Officer Blocker was informed that the driver was Mr. █████ and the passenger was Mr. █████ Officer Blocker related that based on her BWC video, she initiated the traffic stop because she observed Mr. █████ swerving in and out of the bike lane. As Officer Blocker approached Mr. █████ she told Mr. █████ that she observed him reaching to his side. Officer Blocker explained from her experience, it appeared that Mr. █████ was possibly concealing a weapon or some type of contraband. Officer Blocker instructed Mr. █████ to exit his vehicle for officer safety. Officer Blocker placed Mr. █████ in handcuffs, patted him around the waist and search inside his coat pocket. Officer Blocker believed that she had probable cause to search the vehicle and in which she searched inside the front driver’s side and towards the backseat and searched the contents inside a bag. Officer Blocker related that she used officer discretion and did not issue Mr. █████ any citations. Officer Blocker was shown an Investigatory Stop Report (ISR) search¹³ conducted on her and Officer Okon¹⁴ which revealed that neither one of them completed the ISR’s.

⁹ Attachment #45, City of Chicago Department of Human Resources, End of Employment Form of Sergeant Robert Woods.

¹⁰ Attachment #33, Audio Transcription of Officer Katie Blocker.

¹¹ Attachment #18, Body Worn Camera of Officer Katie Blocker.

¹² Attachment #16, Personal Data Terminal (PDT) search.

¹³ Attachment #26, Investigatory Stop Report (ISR) search of Officer Katie Blocker.

¹⁴ Attachment #24, Investigatory Stop Report (ISR) search of Officer Antony Okon.

Officer Blocker admitted that she did not complete the ISR and was asked to explain. She stated, “At this time, no, God only knows what happened the rest of that night that I didn’t.”¹⁵ Officer Blocker was also shown a Traffic Statistical Study Stop (TSSS) search¹⁶ of her and Officer Okon¹⁷ which revealed that neither one of them completed the TSSS report. Officer Blocker believed that if an ISR report had been completed, a TSSS report would not have been required. Officer Blocker denied the allegations that she stopped Mr. ██████ vehicle and conducted a traffic stop without justification. Officer Blocker denied the allegation that she handcuffed Mr. ██████ conducted a protective pat-down and searched his vehicle without justification.

In an **interview with COPA**¹⁸ on March 3, 2021, Officer Anthony Okon related that on February 3, 2019, he, and his partner Officer Katie Blocker while on patrol conducted a traffic stop. Officer Okon did not document the traffic stop and did not recall the incident. Therefore, prior to providing a statement Officer Okon viewed his Body Worn Camera (BWC)¹⁹ to recall the traffic stop. Officer Okon acknowledged observing another officer from his BWC footage and identified him as Sergeant Robert Woods who is now retired. Officer Okon was shown a Personal Data Terminal (PDT) search²⁰ which revealed he signed into the terminal and ran the names ██████ and ██████. Officer Okon was informed that Mr. ██████ was the driver who filed the complaint and Mr. ██████ was the passenger. Officer Okon related that based on his BWC video, Officer Blocker was driving the squad car and initiated the traffic stop.

Officer Okon did not recall what initiated the stop, but believes it was some sort of violation coupled by some furtive movement that Mr. ██████ made. Officer Okon said he approached Mr. ██████ while Officer Blocker approached Mr. ██████ and requested their identifications. Officer Okon said he observed Officer Blocker instruct Mr. ██████ to exit his vehicle. At that point, he instructed Mr. ██████ to exit the vehicle. Officer Okon performed a pat-down on Mr. ██████ and immediately handcuffed him for officer safety. Officer Okon said he searched the passenger area of the vehicle where Mr. ██████ was sitting. Officer Okon then ran the names of Mr. ██████ and Mr. ██████ through the PDT. Officer Okon was asked if he documented his reasonable articulable suspicion for the traffic stop, pat-down and search of the vehicle. He responded, “I don’t recall.”²¹

Officer Okon was shown Special Order 04-13-09, Section III, Item C²² which specifically states, “Sworn members who conduct an Investigatory Stop are required to complete an Investigatory Stop Report (ISR).”

Officer Okon was also shown Section VIII, Item A-3²³ which specifically states,

¹⁵ Attachment #33, Audio Transcription of Officer Katie Blocker, page 17, lines 19-20.

¹⁶ Attachment #25, Traffic Stop Statistical Study Stop search of Officer Katie Blocker.

¹⁷ Attachment #23, Traffic Stop Statistical Study Stop search of Officer Anthony Okon.

¹⁸ Attachment #41, Audio Transcription of Officer Anthony Okon.

¹⁹ Attachment #18, Body Worn Camera of Officer Anthony Okon.

²⁰ Attachment #16, Personal Data Terminal (PDT) search.

²¹ Attachment #41, Audio Transcription of Officer Anthony Okon, page 16, line 16.

²² Attachment #19, Special Order 04-13-09, Section III, Item C, page 3.

²³ *Id.*, page 7.

Upon the completion of an Investigatory Stop that involves a protective pat down or any other search, sworn members are required to provide the subject of the stop a completed Investigatory Stop Receipt. The Investigatory Stop Receipt will include the event number, the reason for the stop, and the sworn member's name and star number.

Officer Okon was then shown an ISR search report²⁴ conducted on his and Officer Blocker's name that revealed that no ISR's were completed for Mr. [REDACTED] or Mr. [REDACTED].²⁵ Officer Okon related that he did not recall completing or issuing an ISR to Mr. [REDACTED] or Mr. [REDACTED].

Officer Okon was shown Special Order 04-14-09, Illinois Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Statistical Study (TPSSS) Section V, Item D²⁶ which specifically states,

For the duration of the Illinois Traffic Stop Statistical Study, Department members who initiate a traffic stop and does not result in the issuance of a Personal Service Citation for an Illinois Vehicle Code, Traffic Code of Chicago or compliance violation will complete a Traffic Statistical Study-Driver Information Card ensuring to include the following information: the date, time, location of the vehicle stop, member's beat number, assigned mission number when appropriate.

Officer Okon was also shown a Traffic Statistical Study Stop (TSSS) search²⁷ conducted on his and Officer Blocker's name²⁸ which revealed that no report was completed. Officer Okon related that he was familiar with the (TPSSS) procedures but did not recall completing the report. Officer Okon denied the allegations that he stopped Mr. [REDACTED] vehicle and conducted a traffic stop without justification, that he handcuffed Mr. [REDACTED] and performed a protective pat-down without justification and that he searched Mr. [REDACTED] vehicle without justification. Although, Officer Okon did not recall the traffic stop, Officer Okon admitted that he failed to complete the required reports based on the evidence shown to him, such as his BWC, the ISR and TSSS searches.

b. Digital Evidence

Body Worn Camera (BWC) of Officer Anthony Okon²⁹ captured him and his partner Officer Katie Blocker conducting a traffic stop on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Officer Okon approached the passenger, now known as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who is observed handing his identification card to Officer Okon. Officer Blocker is next to the driver's side door and Mr. [REDACTED] is observed shuffling through documents. Officer Blocker is observed opening the front driver's side door and orders Mr. [REDACTED] to exit his vehicle. Officer Okon also ordered Mr. [REDACTED] out of the vehicle and immediately handcuffed and patted him down. Officer Okon escorted Mr. [REDACTED] to the rear of the vehicle and placed him near Mr. [REDACTED]. Another officer, now known as Sergeant Robert Woods,

²⁴ Attachment #24, Investigatory Stop Report (ISR) search of Officer Antony Okon.

²⁵ Attachment #26, Investigatory Stop Report (ISR) search of Officer Katie Blocker.

²⁶ Attachment #20, Illinois Traffic Pedestrian Stop Statistical Study, Section V, Item D.

²⁷ Attachment #23, Traffic Stop Statistical Study Stop search of Officer Anthony Okon.

²⁸ Attachment #25, Traffic Stop Statistical Study Stop search of Officer Katie Blocker.

²⁹ Attachment #18, Body Worn Camera of Officer Anthony Okon.

is observed on the scene. It should be noted, Sergeant Wood is now retired and did not activate his BWC. Officer Okon is observed opening the glove compartment, center console and searching throughout the front passenger seat while Officer Blocker is observed searching the front driver's side. Officer Okon is observed returning to the squad car and running the names of Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] through the Personal Data Terminal (PDT). Officer Blocker is then observed removing the handcuffs from Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] and Officer Okon then deactivated his BWC.

Body Worn Camera (BWC) of Officer Katie Blocker³⁰ captured her specifically and her telling Mr. [REDACTED] he was swerving while driving his vehicle. She requested proof of insurance and Mr. [REDACTED] hands her the documents. Officer Blocker asked Mr. [REDACTED] if he had anything on him and Mr. [REDACTED] responded, but it was inaudible. Officer Blocker responded, "So you're calling me a liar then?" "Okay, step out real quick will you, I just want to make sure there's nothing in the car and you will be on your way."³¹ Mr. [REDACTED] is observed exiting his vehicle and is immediately handcuffed, patted down. His coat pocket is searched by Officer Blocker and he is escorted toward the rear of the vehicle and placed next to Mr. [REDACTED]. Officer Blocker informs Mr. [REDACTED] that he is not under arrest but is being handcuffed for officer safety.

Officer Blocker is observed searching the front driver's side of the vehicle while Officer Okon searched the front passenger side. Officer Blocker is observed reaching toward the rear seat and grabbed a bookbag and placed it on the front seat. Officer Blocker is observed unzipping the bookbag and searching the contents inside. Officer Blocker tells Mr. [REDACTED] that she observed him reaching for something and that was her reason for stopping him. She further told Mr. [REDACTED] that they made eye contact, at which time, Mr. [REDACTED] responded, "I didn't even look at you, I rolled my window down because I saw you pull up behind me fast."³² Officer Blocker is observed removing the handcuffs from Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] and then deactivated her BWC.

c. Documentary Evidence

OEMC Event Query Report #1903415142³³ indicated that on February 3, 2019, at about 10:15 pm, Beat 664D, (Officers Anthony Okon and Katie Blocker) conducted a traffic at about 7913 S. Halsted Street.

Personal Data Terminal (PDT) search³⁴ revealed that Officer Anthony Okon was signed into the terminal and conducted name searches on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

³⁰ Attachment #18, Body Worn Camera of Officer Katie Blocker.

³¹ *Id.*, minute 1:40.

³² *Id.*, minute 4:47.

³³ Attachment #13, OEMC CPD Event Query #1903415142.

³⁴ Attachment #16, Personal Data Terminal (PDT) search, page 7.

Investigatory Stop Report (ISR) search³⁵ revealed that Officer Anthony Okon did not complete the report as required in Special Order 04-13-09, Investigatory Stop System.³⁶

Traffic Stop Statistical Study Stop search³⁷ revealed that Officer Anthony Okon did not complete the report as required in Special Order 04-14-09, Illinois Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Statistical Study (TPSSS).³⁸

Investigatory Stop Report (ISR) search³⁹ revealed that Officer Katie Blocker did not complete the report as required in Special Order 04-13-09, Investigatory Stop System.⁴⁰

Traffic Stop Statistical Study Stop search⁴¹ revealed that Officer Katie Blocker did not complete the report as required in Special Order 04-14-09, Illinois Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Statistical Study (TPSSS).⁴²

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County search⁴³ revealed that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was not issued a citation.

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 reviewed complied with Department policy. *See Avery v. State Farm Mutual*

³⁵ Attachment #24, Investigatory Stop Report (ISR) search of Officer Antony Okon.

³⁶ Attachment #19, Special Order 04-13-09, Investigatory Stop System, effective July 10, 2017.

³⁷ Attachment #23, Traffic Stop Statistical Study Stop search of Officer Anthony Okon.

³⁸ Attachment #20, Special Order 04-14-09, Illinois Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Statistical Study, effective March 23, 2018.

³⁹ Attachment #26, Investigatory Stop Report (ISR) search of Officer Katie Blocker.

⁴⁰ Attachment #19, Special Order 04-13-09, Investigatory Stop System, effective July 10, 2017.

⁴¹ Attachment #25, Traffic Stop Statistical Study Stop search of Officer Katie Blocker.

⁴² Attachment #20, Special Order 04-14-09, Illinois Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Statistical Study, effective March 23, 2018.

⁴³ Attachment #27, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County search.

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 conduct complied with Department policy than that it did not, 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.

VII. ANALYSIS

Officer Anthony Okon and Officer Katie Blocker

Allegation #1

Officer Blocker is captured on her BWC approaching Mr. [REDACTED] and informing him he was swerving while driving. Mr. [REDACTED] informed Officer Blocker that he was not swerving, and Officer Blocker responded "So you're calling me a liar then. Okay, step out real quick will you. I just want to make sure there's nothing in the car and you will be on your way."⁴⁴ Officer Okon is also captured on his BWC ordering Mr. [REDACTED] out of the vehicle. Officer Okon and Officer Blocker both failed to document in any police reports their reasonable articulable suspicion or their probable cause to justify the traffic stop. Officer Blocker and Officer Okon violated the 4th Amendments rights of Mr. [REDACTED]. Therefore, **Allegation #1, count #1 against Officer Okon and Officer Blocker must be Sustained.**

Officer Anthony Okon

Allegation #2

Based on his BWC, Officer Okon failed to document in any police reports the reasonable articulable suspicion or probable cause to justify handcuffing and patting-down Mr. [REDACTED]. Officer Okon violated the 4th Amendment rights of Mr. [REDACTED] and therefore, **Allegation #2, count #1 against Officer Okon must be Sustained.**

Officer Katie Blocker

Allegation #2

In her BWC video, Officer Blocker failed to document in any police reports the reasonable articulable suspicion or probable cause to justify handcuffing and patting-down Mr. [REDACTED]. Officer Okon violated the 4th Amendment rights of Mr. [REDACTED] and therefore, **Allegation #2, count #1 against Officer Blocker must be Sustained.**

⁴⁴ *Id.*, minute 1:40.

Officer Anthony Okon and Officer Katie Blocker**Allegation #3**

Officer Okon and Officer Blocker BWC captures both officers conducting a search of Mr. [REDACTED] vehicle, glove compartment, center console and the contents of a bag in the back seat of the vehicle. Officer Blocker's suspicion that Mr. [REDACTED] might be concealing a weapon or contraband was the reason for the search. Based on the totality of the circumstances provided by Officer Blocker, her training and experience could have amounted to reasonable suspicion. However, Officer Okon and Officer Blocker both admitted that they did not document in any police reports describing their reasonable articulable suspicion or probable cause to justify the search of Mr. [REDACTED]'s vehicle. Officer Okon and Officer Blocker violated the **4th Amendment rights** of Mr. [REDACTED]. Therefore, **Allegation #3, count #1 against Officer Okon and Officer Blocker must be Sustained.**

Officer Anthony Okon and Officer Katie Blocker**Allegation #4**

A database search through Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County⁴⁵ revealed that Mr. [REDACTED] was not issued a citation, or a Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Statistical Study (TPSSS)⁴⁶ by Officer Okon or Officer Blocker. Officer Okon and Officer Blocker both failed to complete and submit a Traffic Stop Statistical Study required under SO 04-14-09. Therefore, **Allegation #4, count #1 against Officer Okon and Officer Blocker must be Sustained.**

Officer Anthony Okon and Officer Katie Blocker**Allegation #5**

An Investigatory Stop search was conducted through the Chicago Police Department's ClearNet Database for Officer Okon⁴⁷ and for Officer Blocker⁴⁸ which revealed negative results. Officer Okon and Officer Blocker both failed to complete an Investigatory Stop Report (ISR). Therefore, **Allegation #5, count #1 against Officer Okon and Officer Blocker must be Sustained.**

Sergeant Robert Woods**Allegation #1**

Sergeant Woods was captured on the Body Worn Camera (BWC) of Officer Okon and Officer Blocker during a traffic stop. A BWC search was conducted through Axon for Sergeant Woods and results revealed that he failed to activate his BWC, in violation of Special Order 03-14, Body Worn Camera. **Therefore, Allegation #1, against Sergeant Woods must be Sustained.**

⁴⁵ Attachment #27, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County citation search.

⁴⁶ Attachment #20, Special Order 04-14-09, Illinois Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Statistical Study (TPSSS), effective March 23, 2018.

⁴⁷ Attachment #24, Investigatory Stop Report (ISR) search of Officer Antony Okon.

⁴⁸ Attachment #26, Investigatory Stop Report (ISR) search of Officer Katie Blocker.

Sergeant Robert Woods**Allegation #2**

The BWC videos of Officer Okon and Officer Blocker captured the detainment of Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] in the presence of Sergeant Woods. The BWC video also captured the search of Mr. [REDACTED] vehicle while in the presence of Sergeant Woods. Although, Sergeant Woods retired before providing a statement to COPA, Sergeant failed to direct and ensure Officer Okon and Officer Blocker completed Investigatory Stop Reports and was inefficiency in the performance of his duty. **Therefore, Allegation #2, against Sergeant Woods must be Sustained.**

VIII. RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE FOR SUSTAINED ALLEGATIONS**a. Officer Anthony Okon****i. Complimentary and Disciplinary History**

2019 Crime Reduction Award (1), Attendance Recognition (1), Department Commendation (2), Emblem of Recognition-Physical Fitness (4), Honorable Mention (86), Joint Operations Award (1), Problem Solving (1), Superintendent's Honorable Mention (1) and Traffic Stop of the Month Award (1).

There are no SPAR's or Complaint Disciplinary History documented as of May 21, 2021.

ii. Recommended Penalty, by Allegation

- 1. Allegation No. 1**, Sustained, COPA recommends 5 Day suspension and refresher training on procedural law, reports, applicable policies, 4th amendment, traffic stop, and vehicle searches.
- 2. Allegation No. 2**, Sustained, COPA recommends 5 Day suspension and refresher training on procedural law, reports, applicable policies, 4th amendment, traffic stop, and vehicle searches.
- 3. Allegation No. 3**, Sustained, COPA recommends 5 Day suspension and refresher training on procedural law, reports, applicable policies, 4th amendment, traffic stop, and vehicle searches.
- 4. Allegation No. 4**, Sustained, COPA recommends 5 Day suspension and refresher training on procedural law, reports, applicable policies, 4th amendment, traffic stop, and vehicle searches.
- 5. Allegation No. 5**, Sustained COPA, recommends 5 Day suspension and refresher training on procedural law, reports, applicable policies, 4th amendment, traffic stop, and vehicle searches.

b. Officer Katie Blocker**i. Complimentary and Disciplinary History**

2019 Crime Reduction Award (1), Department Commendation (2), Honorable Mention (109), Joint Operations Award (1), Problem Solving Award (1), Special Commendation (1) Superintendent's Honorable Mention (1) and Traffic Stop of the Month Award (2).

There are no SPAR's or Complaint Disciplinary History documented as of May 21, 2021.

ii. Recommended Penalty, by Allegation

1. **Allegation No. 1**, Sustained, COPA recommends 5 Day suspension and refresher training on procedural law, reports, applicable policies, 4th amendment, traffic stop, and vehicle searches.
2. **Allegation No. 2**, Sustained, COPA recommends 5 Day suspension and refresher training on procedural law, reports, applicable policies, 4th amendment, traffic stop, and vehicle searches.
3. **Allegation No. 3**, Sustained, COPA recommends 5 Day suspension and refresher training on procedural law, reports, applicable policies, 4th amendment, traffic stop, and vehicle searches.
4. **Allegation No. 4**, Sustained, COPA recommends 5 Day suspension and refresher training on procedural law, reports, applicable policies, 4th amendment, traffic stop, and vehicle searches.
5. **Allegation No. 5**, Sustained, COPA recommends 5 Day suspension and refresher training on procedural law, reports, applicable policies, 4th amendment, traffic stop, and vehicle searches.

c. Sergeant Robert Woods⁴⁹

⁴⁹ **Complimentary and Disciplinary History**-2004 Crime Reduction ribbon (1), 2009 Crime Reduction Award (1), 2019 Crime Reduction Award (1), Attendance Recognition Award (1), Complimentary Letter (3), Democratic National Convention Award (1), Department Commendation (9), Emblem of Recognition-Appearance (1), Emblem of Recognition-Physical Fitness (3), Honorable Mention (73), Joint Operations Award (3), Life Saving Award (1), Military Service Award (1), NATO Summit Award (1), Police Officer of the Month Award (1), Presidential Election Deployment Award 2008 (1), Problem Solving Award (1), Special Commendation (3) Superintendent's Honorable Mention (1) and Unit Meritorious Performance Award (4). **Recommendation Penalty, By Allegation**-Allegation No 1. and No. 2 Sustained, COPA recommends a Close/Hold status due to Sgt. Woods retirement.

IX. CONCLUSION⁵⁰

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

Officer	Allegation	Finding / Recommendation
Officer Anthony Okon	1. Conducted a traffic stop without justification, in violation of Rule 1. 2. Handcuffed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and conducted a protective pat-down without justification, in violation of Rule 1. 3. Conducted an improper search of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] vehicle without justification, in violation of Rules 1. 4. Failed to document the traffic stop of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in violation of Rule 6. 5. Failed to complete Investigatory Stop Reports and issue receipts for the stop, in violation of Rule	Sustained /5 Day Suspension and Training Sustained /5 Day Suspension and Training Sustained /5 Day Suspension and Training Sustained /5 Day Suspension and Training Sustained /5 Day Suspension and Training
Officer Katie Blocker	1. Conducted a traffic stop without justification, in violation of Rules 1. 2. Handcuffed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and conducted a protective pat-down without justification, in violation of Rule 1.	Sustained /5 Day Suspension and Training Sustained /5 Day Suspension and Training

⁵⁰ The conclusionary status based on the analysis of Sergeant Woods: **Allegation No. 1**, Failed to activate his Body Worn Camera (BWC) Sustained/Close Hold and **Allegation No. 2**, Failed to direct, and ensure Officer Okon and Officer Blocker completed Investigatory Stop Reports (ISR's), Sustained/ Close Hold.

3. Conducted an improper search [REDACTED] [REDACTED] vehicle without justification, in violation of Rules 1.	Sustained /5 Day Suspension and Training
4. Failed to document the traffic stop of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in violation of Rule 6.	Sustained /5 Day Suspension and Training
5. Failed to complete Investigatory Stop Reports and issue receipts for the stop, in violation of Rule	Sustained /5 Day Suspension and Training

Approved:



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Date

Appendix A

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