

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	November 20, 2019/ 11:00 a.m./ 50 W Washington Street
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	November 22, 2019/ 8:48 p.m.
Involved Officer #1:	Anthony D. Hall, Star #19067, Employee ID# [REDACTED], Date of Appointment: 02-Dec-1996, Police Officer, Unit of Assignment: 376, DOB: [REDACTED] 1965, Male, Black
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] 1965, Female, Black
Involved Individual #2:	[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] 2002, Female, Black
Case Type:	Domestic

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer Hall	1. It is alleged that on November 20, 2019, at approximately 11:00 a.m., at 50 W Washington Street, Chicago, IL, the accused pushed a door into [REDACTED] causing injury to her right hand and wrist.	Not Sustained

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

On November 22, 2019, at approximately 7:30 p.m. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] arrived at the 18th District to file a police report for a physical altercation with Officer Anthony Hall (Officer Hall). A **Case Report¹ and Arrest Report² for Domestic Battery** documented that on November 20, 2019, at approximately 11:00 a.m., [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] requested to speak with her father, Officer [REDACTED] after a child support hearing. [REDACTED] stepped out of the room but was able to see inside through the glass door. The meeting became loud between [REDACTED] and Officer Hall. In response, [REDACTED] attempted to enter the room to tend to her daughter. However, Officer Hall forcefully pushed the door closed to prevent [REDACTED] from entering the room, causing injury to [REDACTED] right hand.

¹ See Att. 2

² See Att. 20

³ Also known as [REDACTED]

COPA obtained a statement⁴ from ██████ ██████ on November 26, 2019, at approximately 4:16 p.m., on the fourth floor of COPA offices located at 1615 W Chicago Ave, Chicago, Illinois. ██████ stated that on the date of the incident, she, and her daughter, ██████ went to a child support hearing seeking an increase in Officer Hall's child support payments. The Assistant State's Attorney arranged a room so ██████ could speak with Officer Hall as she had not seen him since she was three years old. The Assistant State's Attorney instructed them to leave the door to the room open. During the conversation, ██████ became emotional and started crying. ██████ attempted to enter the room to check on ██████ However, Officer Hall closed the door on her hand and wrist three times. ██████ yelled "Ouch," and the Sheriff, who was inside the court room approached them and advised the three of them they needed to leave as they were being too loud.

████████ said she experienced pain as her hand swelled and her blood pressure had risen causing her to seek treatment at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center on November 21, 2019. She was diagnosed with ██████████ and a ██████████. On the evening of November 22, 2019, ██████ went to the 18th District to file a police report for domestic battery and an Evidence Technician took photos of the reported injury.

COPA obtained a statement from ██████ ██████ (████████ on December 26, 2019, at approximately 12:35 p.m., at Lurie Children's Hospital located at 225 E Chicago Ave, Chicago, Illinois. ██████ stated she lives with her mom and the two of them have a great relationship. ██████ essentially provided the same account of the incident as ██████ Additionally, ██████ stated, that she audio recorded the incident between ██████ and Officer Hall, as she wanted to memorialize her conversation with him regarding why he was not in her life.⁷ ██████ advised ██████ to stay where she was (outside of the room). As ██████ and Officer Hall were speaking, he tried to close the door but ██████ placed her hand on the door preventing him from doing so. Officer Hall then "shoved the door"⁸ on ██████ hand approximately three times. ██████ stated she observed her mother shaking her hand in pain. ██████ stated, "Can you stop? That hurts,"⁹ when Officer Hall pushed the door on her arm. Officer Hall did not respond. ██████ perceived Officer Hall's tone to be aggressive, and she and ██████ asked the Sheriff to escort them to the car.

After getting in the car, ██████ observed swelling to ██████ hand. ██████ described Officer Hall as rude, hostile, and angry throughout their conversation. She said Officer Hall's face changed, and he spoke in a stern manner. He was unable to take his anger out on ██████ so he took it out on ██████ stated due to ██████ condition, any small thing could cause ██████

⁴ During the statement, ██████ mentioned an incident in which Officer Hall drew his weapon and pointed it at her. This incident occurred over 10 years ago. Due to the time that elapsed since the incident, COPA is not investigating the incident. ██████ also alleged that Officer Hall gave ██████ Benadryl to stop her from crying when ██████ was a couple months old. There was also a suspicion that Officer Hall may have placed a tracking device on her vehicle, battered her cat, and pinned ██████ down and placed her in handcuffs. However, due to the time that elapsed since these incidents, no allegations were brought for these. See Att. 31

⁵ See Att. 19

⁶ ██████ also goes by ██████ However, at the time of the interview her name had not yet been legally changed. See Att. 26

⁷ See Att. 24

⁸ See. Att. 26 *Id.* At 13:43

⁹ See Att. 26 *Id.* at 25:26

██████ to be inflamed. ██████ and ██████ were issued an emergency Order of Protection because of the incident at the courthouse. ██████ stated the incident would not have happened if Officer Hall left the door open as instructed.¹⁰ Other than the incident at the courthouse, ██████ had not observed any physical abuse between ██████ and Officer Hall. However, ██████ advised ██████ that Officer Hall threatened her via text message.

COPA obtained a statement from **Officer Anthony Hall**¹¹ on January 14, 2022, at approximately 12:55 p.m., on the fourth floor of COPA offices located at 1615 W Chicago Ave, Chicago, Illinois. Officer Hall stated on the date of the incident he was summoned to go to court regarding a child support hearing. The States Attorney spoke with ██████ and ██████ and then approached him stating that ██████ wanted to meet with him in the conference room. Officer Hall obliged and went to speak with ██████ under the condition that the conversation did not take place in front of ██████. Officer Hall and ██████ stepped inside the conference room and closed the door. There was a glass window in the door, and ██████ could be seen standing on the other side. The conversation between Officer Hall and ██████ was cut short when ██████ attempted to enter the room. ██████ opened the door, and Officer Hall closed it back. There was a back and forth with the door. During the conversation ██████ became emotional and their voices were raised. The Sheriff came and advised they had to leave because they were being too loud. Officer Hall stated after exiting the room, the three of them went back into the court room and waited for about an hour before their case was called by the judge. He was unaware that the door hit ██████ hand as she did not show any signs of pain.

Officer Hall stated he did not have a relationship with ██████ because “he didn’t wanna play those games with [her] mother.”¹² Officer Hall had not seen ██████ in 15 years, stating “I just paid my child support and kept it moving.”¹³

The **Initiation Report**¹⁴ was consistent with the Case and Arrest Reports.

COPA obtained **Photos**¹⁵ taken by Evidence Technician McCabe #8782 on November 22, 2019. The photos taken depict both of ██████ hands. The hands in the photos do not appear to be swollen.

██████ and ██████ submitted an **audio recording**¹⁶ of the conversation that ██████ had with Officer Hall at the courthouse. In the audio, ██████ and Officer Hall discussed why he did not fight harder to be in ██████ life. As ██████ challenged Officer Hall’s responses, Officer Hall asks, “Can we talk in private?”¹⁷ ██████ responded, “No, I’m going to stay right here.”¹⁸ ██████

¹⁰ *Id.* at 37:09

¹¹ Officer ██████ appeared with his attorney, ██████, who was present during the interview. Officer Hall’s interview is incorporated as Att. 30.

¹² *Id.* at 4:25

¹³ *Id.* at 6:47

¹⁴ See Att. 1

¹⁵ See Att. 18 & 19

¹⁶ See Att. 24

¹⁷ See. Att. 24, *Id.* at 3:14

¹⁸ *Id.* at 3:16

responded, “Ma, can you just go please? Just go.”¹⁹ The sound of a door closing and then opening can be heard. Officer Hall then said, “Ain’t nobody talking to you, she just wants to talk to me.”²⁰ ██████ responds but her words are indiscernible. The door closed again and ██████ stated, “It’s fine.”²¹ Officer Hall explains that her mother’s behavior was the reason he never looked for her. ██████ responded, “You can just ignore her,” and they continued talking. ██████ is not heard saying, “Ouch” when the door was opened and closed.

COPA obtained the **court transcripts**²² from the criminal trial and order of protection hearing. ██████ related essentially the same account of the incident that she provided in her COPA statement. ██████ testified that she, Officer Hall, and ██████ were all positioned approximately three to four feet from each other. She stated that she stood outside of the room and near the glass door. During the conversation between ██████ and Officer Hall, Officer Hall closed the door. When ██████ cracked the door open, Officer Hall slammed the door shut causing the door to strike her hand. ██████ related that she moved her hand and said “Ouch.”²³ ██████ opened the door for a second time and Officer ██████ closed the door again and struck her hand with a door. ██████ testified that this occurred three times. ██████ sustained pain and swelling to her right hand and sought medical treatment the following day.

During ██████ testimony,²⁴ ██████ related essentially the same account of the incident as she provided to COPA. Additionally, ██████ stated that ██████ hand was on the handle of the door and the handle struck ██████ hand when Officer Hall closed the door. She stated ██████ stated, “Ouch!” and made a facial expression.

Officer Hall did not testify and provide his account to the Court. The judge found Officer Hall not guilty and terminated the existing Order of Protection against Officer Hall.

III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

COPA finds Allegation 1 alleging that the accused pushed a door into ██████ causing injury to her right hand and wrist is **Not Sustained**. While the evidence seems to show that there was some struggle over the door, finding that the conduct violated Department policy requires some indication of intentionality that the evidence does not demonstrate. There is no evidence to support or refute that Officer Hall intentionally pushed a door into ██████ Officer Hall and ██████ were engaged in a conversation where she was seeking answers from her father as to why he did not fight for custody or try to see her while she was growing up. ██████ audio recording of her and her father during this conversation does not capture any sounds of agony or distress from ██████ when the door was opened and closed. However, ██████ testified that Officer Hall shoved the door on ██████ three times and she stated that it caused her pain. While it is possible that the audio recording did not capture ██████ response, there is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegations as alleged. Therefore, this allegation is Not Sustained.

¹⁹ *Id.* at 3:19

²⁰ *Id.* at 3:25

²¹ *Id.* at 3:28

²² Att. 27

²³ Att. 27 pg. 19, line 1-2

²⁴ Att. 27 pgs. 44-60

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Date