

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	February 16, 2020 / 7:20 a.m. / ██████████, Chicago, IL 60644.
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	January 9, 2021 / 11:24 a.m.
Involved Officer #1:	Officer Vita Zadura, Star #12951, Employee ID# ██████████, DOA: September 11, 2000, Unit: 015, Female, White.
Involved Officer #2:	Officer Patrick Roth, Star #18748, Employee ID# ██████████, DOA: April 16, 2018, Unit: 015, Male, White.
Involved Individual #1:	██████████, DOB ██████████, 1983, Male, Black
Case Type:	Excessive Force

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officers Zadura and Roth	1. Entering ██████████’s shared residence without justification.	Exonerated.
Officer Zadura	2. Deploying a taser at ██████████, without justification.	Exonerated.

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

On February 16, 2020, at approximately 7:20 a.m., Officers Vita Zadura and Patrick Roth (collectively “the Officers”) responded to reports of a person, ██████████, suffering from an active mental health crisis. Upon arriving at the location, the Officers encountered ██████████ who relayed that ██████████ had not been taking her prescribed medication and poured oil on the floor while threatening to burn the house down and pushing ██████████.¹ Within moments of the Officers contact with ██████████, ██████████ emerged from a room, aggressively confronted the Officers while demanding they leave the residence. As the Officers attempted to inform ██████████ why they were present, ██████████ threatened to batter Officer Zadura and took a fighting stance towards Officer Roth. In response to ██████████’s actions, Officer Zadura issued warnings and deployed her taser striking ██████████ in the back.² After being struck with the taser, ██████████ fell to the ground and was handcuffed.

Once ██████████ was handcuffed and secured, additional members completed the response to ██████████’s mental health crisis,³ while the Officers completed the required notifications and requested an ambulance to remove the taser probes from ██████████’s back. ██████████ was transported to

¹ Atts. 11 and 12.

² Officer Zadura cycled her taser for a single 5-second deployment.

³ The members interacting with ██████████ determined she needed a mental health evaluation and transported to Loretto Hospital.

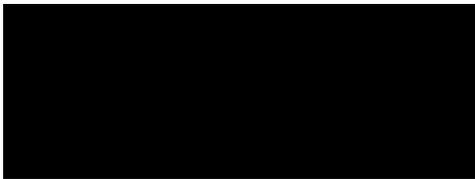
West Suburban Hospital where he was treated for the taser deployment and released to members. [REDACTED] was then taken to 015th District Station where he was processed for simple assault.

III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

COPA finds that Allegation #1 against the Officers is **exonerated**. Department members are permitted to enter a private residence upon the invitation of an occupant and/or when there is a reasonable belief that failure to enter will result in imminent harm to an occupant. Here, the Officers were responding to reports of [REDACTED] suffering from an active mental health crisis and were invited into the residence by [REDACTED]. Despite [REDACTED]'s insistence that the Officers needed to exit the residence, the Officers were permitted to enter and remain inside the residence by [REDACTED]'s invitation and the need assesses [REDACTED]'s need for a mental health evaluation. Since the Officers were invited into the residence by [REDACTED] and had an obligation to properly evaluate [REDACTED]'s mental state, their entry into and presence inside of the residence was reasonable and proper.

COPA finds that Allegation #2 against Officer Zadura is **exonerated**. Department members are permitted to use force to overcome resistance. When members encounter a citizen who is using or threatening the use of force against another person or themselves that is likely to cause injury, that citizen is an assailant.⁴ If the citizen's actions are aggressively offensive with or without weapons,⁵ members are permitted to respond with presence, verbal directions, holding and compliance techniques, control instruments, deployment of oleoresin capsicum, stunning, takedowns, canine use, taser deployment, direct mechanical strikes, and impact weapons and munitions.⁶ Here, COPA finds that [REDACTED] was an assailant and acted aggressive towards responding officers and that Officer Zadura's decision to deploy her taser was reasonable and proper.

Approved:



Matthew Haynam
Deputy Chief Administrator

11/19/2021

Date

⁴ G03-02-01 IV(C), Response to Resistance and Force Options (effective April 15, 2021, to current).

⁵ The weapons can include a deadly weapon, but the citizen's actions did not constitute an imminent threat death or great bodily harm.

⁶ G03-02-01 IV(C)(1).

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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