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COPA RELEASES SUMMARY REPORT AND FINDINGS INVOLVING MIRACLE BOYD AT PROTEST IN GRANT PARK

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) posted its Summary Report of Investigation (SRI) which details COPA's findings and recommendations regarding the July 17, 2020, incident involving Ms. Miracle Boyd, near the Christopher Columbus Statue in Grant Park.

This incident occurred after Miracle Boyd attended a protest near the Christopher Columbus Statue and observed several Chicago Police officers taking a person into custody. As Ms. Boyd began recording the incident on her cell phone, two officers approached and blocked her path. One officer extended his left arm and struck Ms. Boyd's cell phone from her hand, causing the phone to hit her face which resulted in several injuries.

COPA concluded its investigation on June 29, 2021 and delivered its report of findings and recommendations to the Superintendent for review as mandated by ordinance (www.chicagocopa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/COPA-Ordinance.pdf).

"We recently received notification that the accused officer facing separation in this incident resigned from the Department," said Ephraim Eaddy, First Deputy, Chief Administrator. "This officer's resignation, as well as discipline previously served on the other accused officers, permits COPA's summary report to be released publicly on our website."

As Chicago's civilian police oversight agency, COPA is commitment to objectivity, integrity, transparency, and swift action when responding to misconduct.

The Summary Report of Investigation can be found on COPA's website by visiting: <https://www.chicagocopa.org/case-summaries/log2020-0003252/>.

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