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COPA RELEASES VIDEO & OTHER MATERIALS RELATED TO AN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING NEAR 1000 W. 18th STREET

CHICAGO - Today, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) released video and other materials related an officer-involved shooting that occurred on July 22, 2022, near 1000 W. 18th Street.

On July 22, 2022, two members of the Chicago Police Department were enroute to the Chicago Police Training Academy when they observed individuals standing outside a closed business just before 7:00 a.m. Officers engaged the group and shortly thereafter, both officers discharged their weapons, striking one of the individuals. Subsequently, one of the individuals from the group, who is a juvenile, fired at the officers as he fled the scene and both officers returned fire.

The officers involved in this incident are assigned to the Major Accident Investigation Section (MAIS) and are not equipped with either body-worn cameras or in-car camera (ICC).

COPA is in possession of an additional video, not a part of today's release, that captures a juvenile discharging a firearm in the direction of the officers after officers have discharged their weapons and he is fleeing the scene. COPA is prohibited from publicly releasing video and other materials that involve juvenile subjects in accordance with Juvenile Court Act of 1987 (705 ILCS 405/1 et seq). Individuals redacted from materials released in this incident are either juveniles or witnesses.

"COPA carefully reviewed applicable laws governing the release of video related to this incident since it involved a minor and considered the pending ruling of a Cook County Criminal Court Judge who denied a motion prohibiting release of video yesterday after hearing arguments," said First Deputy Chief Administrator, Ephraim Eaddy. "COPA's commitment to transparency is a core value of the agency and is an expectation of the public. With the Judge's ruling not prohibiting release, the materials posted to our website are consistent with past practices and in accordance with the City's Video release Policy."

Materials posted to COPA's website include third-party video, OEMC Transmissions, Case Incident, Tactical Response, and Arrest Reports, as well as responding officers' body-worn camera video, which can be viewed by visiting www.chicagocopa.org/case/2022-0003054/.

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