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Andrea Kersten Chief Administrator Civilian Office of Police Accountability 1615 West Chicago Avenue, 4th Floor Chicago, II 60622

Re: Request for Further Investigation of Log No: 2019-0002550

Dear Chief Administrator:

The Department has conducted a review of the above referenced Log Number and believes the evidence is incomplete. The record in this case shows that the investigator made only one attempt to contact the complainant and that attempt was the mailing of a certified letter. It is requested that further attempts be made to contact the complainant, including by telephone and by personal visit. The statement of the complainant is particularly important because the complainant is quoted by the initiating supervisor that he was struck by both officers and this is clearly not what is shown in the video.

The record in this case also shows that the investigator did not interview the initiating supervisor nor the partner of the accused member. The initiating supervisor quoted the complainant's statement in his report and the partner was on the scene and had a better perspective than what is able to be seen in the body worn camera videos of either officer.

For these reasons, the Department requests that COPA further investigate Log Number 2019-0002550 to cure these deficiencies.

Sincerely,

David O. Brown
Superintendent of Police
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