

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	September 3, 2020/ 11:51 p.m./ 9238 S. Lowe Avenue
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	September 11, 2020/ 3:57 p.m.
Involved Officer #1:	Keith Reynolds; Star #397; Employee ID# [REDACTED]; Date of Appointment: March 26, 1990; Lieutenant; Unit of Assignment: 22 nd District; DOB: [REDACTED], 1967; Male; White
Involved Officer #2:	Joseph Putrow; Star #1950; Employee ID# [REDACTED]; Date of Appointment: April 30, 2001; Sergeant; Unit of Assignment: 22 nd District; DOB: [REDACTED], 1978; Male; White
Involved Officer #3:	Bhakti Dasi; Star #7809; Employee ID# [REDACTED]; Date of Appointment: April 28, 2008; Police Officer; Unit of Assignment: 22 nd District; DOB: [REDACTED], 1972; Female; Black
Involved Officer #4:	Juan Quezada; Star #15557; Employee ID# [REDACTED]; Date of Appointment: August 25, 2003; Police Officer; Unit of Assignment: 22 nd District; DOB: [REDACTED], 1964; Male; Hispanic
Involved Officer #5:	Derrick Smith; Star #8537; Employee ID# [REDACTED]; Date of Appointment: August 27, 1990; Police Officer; Unit of Assignment: 22 nd District; DOB: [REDACTED], 1966; Male; Black
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] 1995; Female; Black
Involved Individual #2:	[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED], 1991; Male; Black
Case Type:	Unlawful Arrest/ Excessive Force

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Lieutenant Keith Reynolds	1. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Lieutenant Reynolds committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by grabbing and pulling [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Exonerated

	<p>2. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Lieutenant Reynolds committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by choking [REDACTED]</p> <p>3. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Lieutenant Reynolds committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by arresting [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] without justification.</p> <p>4. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Lieutenant Reynolds committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by searching [REDACTED] vehicle without justification.</p>	<p>Unfounded</p> <p>Exonerated</p> <p>Exonerated</p>
<p>Sergeant Joseph Putrow</p>	<p>1. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Sergeant Putrow committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by grabbing and pulling [REDACTED]</p> <p>2. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Sergeant Putrow committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by choking [REDACTED]</p> <p>3. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Sergeant Putrow committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by arresting [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] without justification.</p> <p>4. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Sergeant Putrow committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by searching [REDACTED] vehicle without justification.</p>	<p>Exonerated</p> <p>Unfounded</p> <p>Exonerated</p> <p>Exonerated</p>
<p>Officer Bhakti Dasi</p>	<p>1. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Officer Dasi committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by grabbing and pulling [REDACTED]</p>	<p>Exonerated</p>

	<p>2. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Officer Dasi committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by choking [REDACTED]</p> <p>3. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Officer Dasi committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by arresting [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] without justification.</p> <p>4. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Officer Dasi committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by searching [REDACTED] vehicle without justification.</p>	<p>Unfounded</p> <p>Exonerated</p> <p>Exonerated</p>
<p>Officer Juan Quezada</p>	<p>1. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Officer Quezada committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by grabbing and pulling [REDACTED]</p> <p>2. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Officer Quezada committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by choking [REDACTED]</p> <p>3. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Officer Quezada committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by arresting [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] without justification.</p> <p>4. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Officer Quezada committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by searching [REDACTED] vehicle without justification.</p>	<p>Exonerated</p> <p>Unfounded</p> <p>Exonerated</p> <p>Exonerated</p>
<p>Officer Derrick Smith</p>	<p>1. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Officer Smith committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by grabbing and pulling [REDACTED]</p> <p>2. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Officer Smith committed</p>	<p>Exonerated</p> <p>Unfounded</p>

<p>misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by choking ██████████</p> <p>3. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Officer Smith committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by arresting ██████████ and ██████████ without justification.</p>	<p>Exonerated</p>
<p>4. It is alleged that on or about September 3, 2020, at approximately 11:51 p.m., at or near 9238 S. Lowe Avenue, Officer Smith committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions, by searching ██████████ vehicle without justification.</p>	<p>Exonerated</p>

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

In a statement to COPA on September 17, 2020, ██████████ said she and her boyfriend, ██████████ were sitting in her vehicle when an officer wearing a white shirt, now identified as Lt. Keith Reynolds, drove up in a marked squad car. Lt. Reynolds walked toward the driver side of ██████████ vehicle, where ██████████ was sitting in the driver seat. ██████████ quickly exited the passenger side of her vehicle, walked toward the driver side, and asked Lt. Reynolds what the issue was. Without saying anything, Lt. Reynolds reached into the car through the broken driver side window,¹ grabbed ██████████ arm, and attempted to handcuff him. ██████████ pulled away. Additional officers arrived and attempted to arrest ██████████ and ██████████ without explanation. The officers pulled and choked ██████████ and ██████████ held onto her car to prevent the officers from pulling her away. A black female officer told ██████████ to move out of the way and choked her from behind, while two other officers grabbed ██████████ arm and pulled her away from the vehicle. ██████████ held onto a tree.

The officers pulled ██████████ out of the vehicle through the driver window. ██████████ held onto ██████████ and her car, placing herself between ██████████ and the police as they tried to arrest him. Once the officers handcuffed ██████████ held ██████████ against the car to further prevent his arrest. The officers gained control of ██████████ and walked him to a squad car.

Three police officers grabbed ██████████ handcuffed her, and placed her in the rear seat of a squad car. The officers searched ██████████ vehicle without permission and recovered a rifle. ██████████ and ██████████ both claimed ownership of the rifle. ██████████ was charged with Resisting Arrest. ██████████ denied that she and ██████████ were aggressive toward the officers. ██████████ said that her mother called the police on her and ██████████ and reported that a man with a gun was harassing a female. ██████████ acknowledged that she and ██████████ had an argument. but there was no physical altercation. ██████████ said the officers nearly dislocated her arm during the incident. A few days after the incident, ██████████ informed ██████████ from Cook County Jail that two of his fingers were broken. ██████████ mother recorded cell phone video of the incident.

¹ The window was broken during a prior incident.

Department Reports² document that officers responded to an assault in progress where a male was reportedly harassing a female inside a green Ford Expedition and holding something long in his hand. Lt. Reynolds arrived on scene and approached the Expedition. Upon seeing Lt. Reynolds, ██████ walked around the vehicle as ██████ placed a long, dark object in the driver side door area, entered the vehicle and closed the door. Lt. Reynolds gave numerous commands for ██████ to place his hands outside the driver's door. ██████ initially complied, but then repeatedly placed his hands down inside the vehicle. Once assisting officers arrived, Lt. Reynolds, Sgt. Joseph Putrow, and Officer Juan Quezada gained control of ██████ arms to prevent him from reaching for what Lt. Reynolds believed was a weapon. ██████ continued to resist and pull away. ██████ repeatedly interfered with the investigation and blocked officers from placing ██████ into custody. ██████ held on to ██████ and the Expedition's steering wheel. ██████ climbed out the window and officers placed him into custody. ██████ continuously ignored the officers' verbal commands. Several officers pulled and grabbed ██████ to gain compliance. Officers recovered a loaded .22 caliber rifle from the driver side area where ██████ had been reaching. ██████ was charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon;³ ██████ and ██████ were charged with Resisting/ Obstructing a Peace Officer.⁴

Tactical Response Reports⁵ document that ██████ did not follow verbal direction, pulled away, and posed an imminent threat of battery with a weapon. Lt. Reynolds and Sgt. Putrow responded with verbal direction/control techniques, tactical positioning, additional officers, and wristlocks. Lt. Reynolds also applied a firm grip on ██████. Additional Tactical Response Reports⁶ document that ██████ did not follow verbal direction, pulled away, and grabbed the steering wheel. Officers Dasi, Quezada, and Smith responded with verbal direction/control techniques, tactical positioning, additional officers, and handcuffs/physical restraints. Additionally, Officer Dasi grabbed and pulled ██████. Officer Quezada applied an armbar and pulled ██████ and Officer Smith applied an armbar and pulled and held ██████ arms/wrists. The reports note that ██████ and ██████ had no apparent injury, and both refused medical aid.

Medical records⁷ document that on September 19, 2020, ██████ told medical personnel that during a physical altercation with police, her shoulder was hyper flexed backwards. ██████ was diagnosed with a rotator cuff tear.

COPA obtained and reviewed all **Body Worn Camera**⁸ and **cell phone video**.⁹ The video revealed that as Lt. Reynolds arrives on scene, ██████ emerges from the front passenger side of her Expedition and volunteers that she and ██████ had been arguing and fighting. Lt. Reynolds relays that someone called about the same. Lt. Reynolds approaches ██████ who is in the driver seat, and asks ██████ to step out of the vehicle, but ██████ refuses. ██████ walks to the driver side of the vehicle and intervenes. Lt. Reynolds asks ██████ to show his hands. ██████ momentarily

² Attachments 1-3, 5

³ As of November 22, 2021, ██████ Criminal Case for Uuw is still pending in court. The Resisting Charge was dismissed. Attachments 23-24

⁴ As of November 22, 2021, ██████ Criminal Case is still pending in court. Attachment 25

⁵ Attachments 10, 12

⁶ Attachments 9, 11, 13

⁷ Attachment 21

⁸ Attachment 16

⁹ Attachment 8

complies but then repeatedly places his hands back inside the vehicle. As Lt. Reynolds commands that [REDACTED] show his hands, [REDACTED] moves closer to the driver side door. Other officers arrive on scene and repeatedly ask [REDACTED] to step back; she refuses and holds onto the vehicle door/window frame. The officers grab [REDACTED] arms and she pulls away. [REDACTED] tells the officers, "Get the fuck off me."¹⁰ [REDACTED] continues to lower his hands inside the vehicle and says he is trying to get his bookbag. Lt. Reynolds grabs [REDACTED] arms. [REDACTED] pulls away and officers struggle to gain control of him. [REDACTED] holds onto the vehicle and refuses to let go as officers attempt to pull her away from [REDACTED] stiffens her body, with her feet firmly planted on the ground, as she struggles with an officer standing to her right. A male officer approaches [REDACTED] from behind, places his right arm across her chest area, and attempts to pull her away as she holds onto the vehicle and continues to struggle with officers. [REDACTED] yells that "he," the officer, is choking her. The officer says he is not choking her.¹¹ [REDACTED] tells the officers she will not let go. Officers tell [REDACTED] to relax. She says, "I'm not letting him go," referring to [REDACTED].¹² [REDACTED] climbs out the driver side window. An officer handcuffs one of [REDACTED] wrists; however, [REDACTED] stands between [REDACTED] and the officers as they attempt to cuff his other wrist. The officers finally handcuff [REDACTED] and escort him to a squad car. Officers ask [REDACTED] to step away from the vehicle. [REDACTED] tries to prevent the officers from looking inside the vehicle. Officers attempt to pull [REDACTED] away, and ultimately tell her she is under arrest for resisting and interfering. [REDACTED] continues to struggle as the officers place her in the squad car. The officers plead with [REDACTED] to relax. Lt. Reynolds recovers a rifle from the driver side floor area of the Expedition.

Based on the allegations and the available evidence, interviews of the involved Department members were not conducted as COPA found that the allegations were not factual, and/ or the Involved Department Members' conduct was proper and within Department policy.

III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

COPA finds that **Allegation #1** against **Lieutenant Keith Reynolds** that he grabbed and pulled [REDACTED] is **Exonerated**. [REDACTED] mother called the police and reported that [REDACTED] was harassing [REDACTED] and holding something long in his hands. As Lt. Reynolds arrived on scene, [REDACTED] reportedly placed a long object in the driver area of the Expedition, entered the vehicle and closed the door. When Lt. Reynolds asked [REDACTED] to step out of the vehicle, he was uncooperative and kept lowering his hands inside the vehicle despite being given multiple verbal commands to show his hands—insisting that he was reaching for his bookbag. Believing that [REDACTED] had a weapon, Lt. Reynolds grabbed and pulled [REDACTED] to prevent him from reaching into the vehicle and possibly accessing a weapon. [REDACTED] repeatedly pulled away and resisted the officers' attempts to gain control of him. Lt. Reynolds documented his physical contact with [REDACTED] in Department reports.

COPA finds that **Allegation #2** against **Lieutenant Reynolds** is **Unfounded**, that he choked [REDACTED]. While [REDACTED] alleged that officers choked [REDACTED] she has credibility issues. [REDACTED] admitted that her mother dialed 911 because she and [REDACTED] were arguing, and he had a gun. Yet [REDACTED] pretended to not know why the police were there and claimed that without or provocation,

¹⁰ Attachment 16, file name: Axon_Body_3_Video_2020-09-03_2350.mp4, BWC of Lt. Keith Reynolds, 23:52:44

¹¹ Attachment 16, file name: Axon_Body_3_Video_2020-09-03_2352-2.mp4, BWC of PO Juan Quezada, 23:53:48

¹² Attachment 16, file name: Axon_Body_3_Video_2020-09-03_2352.mp4, BWC of PO Bhakti Dasi, 23:53:57

officers immediately arrest [REDACTED]. In [REDACTED] statement, she described multiple instances of her resisting, interfering, and obstructing—and further acknowledged there was a rifle in the vehicle—yet asserted she was arrested for no reason. [REDACTED] account of the incident is inconsistent with the video, and there is no credible evidence to substantiate the allegation that Lt. Reynolds, Sgt. Putrow—who both completed Tactical Response Reports documenting their use of force against [REDACTED] any other Department member choked [REDACTED].

COPA finds that **Allegation #3** against **Lieutenant Reynolds** is **Exonerated**, that he arrested [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] without justification. Officers responded to an assault in progress, involving a possible weapon. Lt. Reynolds arrived on scene and observed [REDACTED] placing a long object, consistent with what was reported in the 911 call, inside the Expedition. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] took evasive actions and disregarded the officers' verbal commands. [REDACTED] was uncooperative, refused to show his hands, repeatedly lowered his hands inside the vehicle and pulled away from officers. [REDACTED] also ignored verbal commands and interfered as the officers attempted to detain [REDACTED] held onto the vehicle, held onto [REDACTED] stood between [REDACTED] and the officers, and disobeyed lawful orders. Lt. Reynolds recovered a rifle from the area where [REDACTED] had been reaching, and subsequently placed him into custody for Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a felon. Based on their actions, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were charged with Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer.

COPA finds that **Allegation #4** against **Lieutenant Reynolds** is **Exonerated**, that he searched [REDACTED] vehicle without justification. Lt. Reynolds observed [REDACTED] place a long object inside the Expedition. During a preliminary investigation, [REDACTED] who was seated in the driver seat of [REDACTED] vehicle, refused to show his hands and kept lowering his hands into the vehicle, posing a potential threat to the officers' safety. Due to the nature of the 911 call, and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] evasive actions, Lt. Reynolds had probable cause to believe there was contraband in the vehicle. Once [REDACTED] exited the vehicle and officers placed him into custody, Lt. Reynolds observed a rifle, in plain view, along the driver side of the vehicle where [REDACTED] had been reaching. Therefore, Lt. Reynold's subsequent search of the vehicle incident to [REDACTED] arrest was appropriate.

COPA finds that **Allegation #1** against **Sergeant Joseph Putrow** is **Exonerated**, that he grabbed and pulled [REDACTED] for the same basis cited for Allegation #1 against Lt. Reynolds.

COPA finds that **Allegation #2** against **Sgt. Putrow** is **Unfounded**, that he choked [REDACTED] for the same basis cited for Allegation #2 against Lt. Reynolds.

COPA finds that **Allegation #3** against **Sgt. Putrow** is **Exonerated**, that he arrested [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] without justification, for the same basis cited for Allegation #3 against Lt. Reynolds.

COPA finds that **Allegation #4** against **Sgt. Putrow** is **Exonerated**, that he searched [REDACTED] vehicle without justification, for the same basis cited for Allegation #4 against Lt. Reynolds.

COPA finds that **Allegation #1** against **Officer Bhakti Dasi** is **Exonerated**, that she grabbed and pulled [REDACTED]. In [REDACTED] statement, she described multiple instances of her resisting, interfering, and obstructing in the officers' detainment and subsequent arrest of [REDACTED]. Body Worn Camera video is consistent with Department reports and shows that [REDACTED] stood between [REDACTED] and the officers, disregarded the officers' verbal commands, stiffened, and pulled away. Officers Dasi, Quezada and Smith documented in Tactical Response Reports that they grabbed and/or applied an armbar to [REDACTED] and pulled her to gain control. Based on the above, the officers' actions were in compliance with Department policy.

COPA finds that **Allegation #2** against **Officer Dasi** is **Unfounded**, that she choked [REDACTED]. As cited above, [REDACTED] lacks credibility. Much of the information she provided in her statement to COPA contradicts the video evidence. [REDACTED] was consistent, however, in the fact that she held onto her vehicle and stood between [REDACTED] and the police to prevent the officers from arresting [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] alleged that as officers attempted to pull her away from the vehicle, a black female officer¹³ choked her from behind. The video depicts [REDACTED] accusing an officer of choking her; however, the officer standing behind [REDACTED] and in contact with her when she makes the proclamation is a white or Hispanic male officer.¹⁴ While the officer's right arm appears to be across [REDACTED] chest at the time, he and other officers are actively attempting to pull [REDACTED] and pry her hands from the vehicle. The officer quickly denies choking [REDACTED] and readjusts his grip. Based on the inconsistencies in [REDACTED] account of the incident and her overall actions and conduct throughout the incident, there is no credible basis to believe any Department member choked her.

COPA finds that **Allegation #3** against **Officer Dasi** is **Exonerated**, that she arrested [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] without justification, for the same basis cited for Allegation #3 against Lt. Reynolds.

COPA finds that **Allegation #4** against **Officer Dasi** is **Exonerated**, that she searched [REDACTED] vehicle without justification, for the same basis cited for Allegation #4 against Lt. Reynolds.

COPA finds that **Allegation #1** against **Officer Juan Quezada** is **Exonerated**, that he grabbed and pulled [REDACTED] for the same basis cited for Allegation #1 against Officer Dasi.

COPA finds that **Allegation #2** against **Officer Quezada** is **Unfounded**, that he choked [REDACTED] for the same basis cited for Allegation #2 against Officer Dasi.

COPA finds that **Allegation #3** against **Officer Quezada** is **Exonerated**, that he arrested [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] without justification, for the same basis cited for Allegation #3 against Lt. Reynolds.

COPA finds that **Allegation #4** against **Officer Quezada** is **Exonerated**, that he searched [REDACTED] vehicle without justification, for the same basis cited for Allegation #4 against Lt. Reynolds.

COPA finds that **Allegation #1** against **Officer Derrick Smith** is **Exonerated**, that he grabbed and pulled [REDACTED] for the same basis cited for Allegation #1 against Officer Dasi.

¹³ Department records document that Officer Dasi is a black female.

¹⁴ His back is to the camera and his face is not visible.

COPA finds that **Allegation #2** against **Officer Smith** is **Unfounded**, that he choked [REDACTED] for the same basis cited for Allegation #2 against Officer Dasi.

COPA finds that **Allegation #3** against **Officer Smith** is **Exonerated**, that he arrested [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] without justification, for the same basis cited for Allegation #3 against Lt. Reynolds.

COPA finds that **Allegation #4** against **Officer Smith** is **Exonerated**, that he searched [REDACTED] vehicle without justification, for the same basis cited for Allegation #4 against Lt. Reynolds.

Approved:

[REDACTED]
Sharday Jackson
Deputy Chief Administrator – Chief Investigator

3/30/22

Date