

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION¹

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	August 29, 2018, 10:45am, 1500 W. Hasting St.
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	August 29, 2018, on or about 2:00pm
Involved Officer #1:	Corey Anderson, Star#6023, Employee ID# [REDACTED], Date of Appointment: March 26, 2001, Police Officer, Unit#001, Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1969, Male, Black/African American
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1962, Male, Black/African American
Case Type:	Unnecessary Display of Weapon / On Duty

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer Corey Anderson	1. It is alleged by [REDACTED] that on August 29, 2018, at approximately 1045 hours, at 1500 W. Hasting St, Chicago, IL, 60608, you stated words to the effect of, "I will blow your head off."	Not Sustained
	2. It is alleged by [REDACTED] that on August 29, 2018, at approximately 1045 hours, at 1500 W. Hasting St, Chicago, IL, 60608, you improperly displayed a firearm.	Not Sustained

¹ On September 15, 2017, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) replaced the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) as the civilian oversight agency of the Chicago Police Department. Therefore, this investigation, which began under IPRA, was transferred to COPA on September 15, 2017, and the recommendation(s) set forth herein are the recommendation(s) of COPA.

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE²

In a statement with COPA dated September 7, 2018, Mr. ██████ stated that Officer Anderson aggressively approached him. Officer Anderson threatened Mr. ██████ with his firearm while the officer was providing security at the location of incident where a television or movie production was being filmed. Mr. ██████ stated that he had permission from one of the movie production staffers to help himself to a variety of donuts. As Mr. ██████ attempted to obtain a donut, he was ordered by Officer Anderson to spit the doughnut out and to leave the area. Mr. ██████ stated that Officer Anderson was not wearing or displaying a badge. Officer Anderson withdrew his firearm and told Mr. ██████ he would blow his head off. Mr. ██████ stated Officer Anderson did not point the firearm directly at him.³ Mr. ██████ explained after the incident concluded he called 911 and waited for the police to arrive.

Officer Corey Anderson's (Officer Anderson) statement to COPA was taken on April 4, 2019. Officer Anderson advised that he was working as an off-duty officer at a movie set when he observed Mr. ██████ enter a secured area of the movie set and take a donut from the refreshment table. Officer Anderson approached Mr. ██████ while wearing his police badge around his neck, and announced his office. Officer Anderson directed Mr. ██████ to drop the donut and leave the area. Mr. ██████ protested to dropping the donut and leaving the area. Officer Anderson followed Mr. ██████ as he proceeded down an alley, which was still near the actors and the area he was hired to protect. Officer Anderson directed Mr. ██████ to leave the area again, and Mr. ██████ swore at him and stated that he did not have to leave the area. Officer Anderson stated Mr. ██████ was carrying a paper bag and making overt moves with the bag as he traveled down the alley yelling at Officer Anderson. Officer Anderson was unaware of the contents in the paper bag.

When asked if he brandished a firearm at Mr. ██████ Officer Anderson replied to the best of his recollection he never brandished a firearm. Officer Anderson explained that Mr. ██████ was fumbling with a paper bag while they were in the alley and threatened to blow Officer Anderson's head off while exclaiming that he had big guns. When asked if he thought Mr. ██████ was carrying a firearm, he advised that he was not certain, but he remained in a low ready position. Officer Anderson explained the low ready position begins in your mind before the firearm is displayed.⁴ Officer Anderson advised that he was at a low ready position with his hand near his firearm without the firearm being displayed. Officer Anderson explained he believed he would recall if he threatened to blow someone's head off.

Officer Anderson was asked to explain his actions in a Body Worn Camera (BWC) footage from Officer Aaron Burns⁵ and Officer Manuel Martinez⁶ when he lifted his jacket, raised his

²COPA conducted a full and complete investigation of this matter, including the interview of all pertinent civilian and officer witnesses, and the collection and review of digital, documentary, and forensic evidence. As part of COPA's ongoing efforts to increase case closure capacity, certain cases opened under IPRA are summarized more succinctly in a Modified Summary Report of Investigation, pursuant to COPA Guideline Modified Summary Report of Investigation Template and Approvals, effective February 13, 2019.

³ Attachment 7 – Complainant Interview, ██████ Mr. ██████ stated twice that Officer Anderson displayed his firearm from his holster, but he did not point the firearm at him (time stamped 16:00-16:25; 25:00-25:35).

⁴ Low Ready Position as described by the Chicago Police Department Recruit Firearms Manual is primarily used as a position of rest. It can also be used for maintaining safety. In the Low Ready Position, the firearm will be held approximately at the belt line with the muzzle pointing down at a 45-degree angle.

⁵ Axon X8138855

⁶ Axon X81227706

arms, and revealed his waist during the altercation with Mr. [REDACTED] while the responding officers were on the scene. Officer Anderson advised that Mr. [REDACTED] was talking about guns. Therefore, to deter Mr. [REDACTED] from further discussion concerning guns he created a diversion. Officer Anderson continued to explain that he could have raised his firearm from his pocket but was not certain.

BWC footage from Officers Clare Elfayer, Mark Czapla, Manuel Martinez, and Aaron Burns depicted officers listening and attempting to address Mr. [REDACTED] complaint against Officer Anderson. In summary, all BWC showed Mr. [REDACTED] stating that Officer Anderson demanded him to leave the area of an unknown movie set after he witnessed Mr. [REDACTED] take a doughnut from the refreshment table. Mr. [REDACTED] explained to the officers on site that Officer Anderson followed him down an alley, brandished a firearm, and threatened to blow his head off. Officer Anderson was seen adamantly denying Mr. [REDACTED] accusations. Officer Anderson was also seen raising his arms and displaying his waist to officers purporting that he was not carrying a firearm. In addition, BWC also showed Mr. [REDACTED] holding a brown paper bag that Officer Anderson believed the content may have been a firearm. Mr. [REDACTED] was not arrested.

III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

COPA finds a finding of Not Sustained for Allegation #1, against Officer Anderson that he said words to the effect of, "I will blow your head off," to Mr. [REDACTED] Officer Anderson denied this allegation. There is no additional evidence or available information to corroborate or refute if profanity or a threat was made to Mr. [REDACTED] While it is clear that there was an altercation between Officer Anderson and Mr. [REDACTED] it is not clear if Officer Anderson threatened to shoot Mr. [REDACTED] Therefore, COPA finds a finding of Not Sustained for Allegation#1.

COPA finds a finding of Not Sustained for Allegation #2 against Officer Anderson that he improperly displayed a firearm at Mr. [REDACTED] Officer Anderson stated he had his hand near his firearm without the firearm being displayed because Mr. [REDACTED] was fumbling with a paper bag, threatening to blow Officer Anderson's head off, and stating that he had big guns. Officer Anderson stated he had no recollection of brandishing a firearm at Mr. [REDACTED] Officer Anderson and Mr. [REDACTED] provide two different accounts of the incident. There are no witnesses or physical evidence to refute or corroborate Mr. [REDACTED] or Officer Anderson's accounts of the incident, so it cannot be determined if Officer Anderson improperly displayed his firearm at Mr. [REDACTED] Therefore, COPA finds a finding of Not Sustained for Allegation#2.

Approved:

[REDACTED]

2-9-2022

Angela Hearts-Glass
Deputy Chief Administrator

Date