

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	December 20, 2020 / 11:11PM / 3137 W. Roosevelt RD.
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	January 6, 2021 / 10:51AM
Accused Officer #1:	Moreno, Miguel; Star #13783, Employee ID # [REDACTED], Date of Appointment: June 25, 2018, Rank: PO, Unit of Assignment: 025, DOB: [REDACTED] 1993, Male, Hispanic.
Accused Officer #2:	Buraketrachakul, Nawachud; Star #4950, Employee ID # [REDACTED], Date of Appointment: June 25, 2018, Rank: PO, Unit of Assignment: 011, DOB: [REDACTED], 1992, Female, Asian Pacific Islander.
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED], 1976, Female, Black.
Involved Individual #2:	[REDACTED] Female, No Further Information.
Case Type:	Racial Profiling

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding/ Recommendation
Moreno, Miguel	It is alleged that on December 20, 2020, at approximately 11:11pm, at or around 3137 W. Roosevelt RD., Officer Miguel Moreno: 1. Racially profiled [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Unfounded
Buraketrachakul, Nawachud	It is alleged that on December 20, 2020, at approximately 11:11pm, at or around 3137 W. Roosevelt RD., Officer Nawachud Buraketrachakul: 1. Racially profiled [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Unfounded

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE¹

In a statement with COPA dated January 14, 2021, Complainant [REDACTED] recalled the details of the alleged incident that took place on January 6, 2020. [REDACTED] stated that she was driving an employee, [REDACTED]² home. As she was driving westbound on Roosevelt Road, she made eye contact with Officer Buraketrachakul who was driving eastbound. Officer Buraketrachakul made a U-turn, activated her lights, and stopped [REDACTED] vehicle. Officers Buraketrachakul and Moreno approached [REDACTED] vehicle and told [REDACTED] she was being stopped because her rear license plate light was out. [REDACTED] inquired as to how the officers were able to observe the rear license plate light being out and Officer Buraketrachakul replied by observing in the officer's rear view mirror.

Officer Buraketrachakul asked [REDACTED] for her driver's license and insurance card. [REDACTED] informed Officer Buraketrachakul that she did not have insurance at that time and told Officer Moreno that the stop was illegal. Officer Moreno explained to [REDACTED] that the stop was legal due to the license plate light being out. [REDACTED] stated that she could not help but feel racially profiled. [REDACTED] explained that she felt racially profiled because Officer Buraketrachakul looked nervous or surprised when [REDACTED] asked why she was being stopped and Officer Moreno was aggressive in his tone. [REDACTED] confirmed that her vehicle did not come with a light on the rear license plate when she purchased the vehicle. [REDACTED] received two citations during the incident.

Body Worn Camera (BWC) footage from Officers Moreno and Buraketrachakul depicts the traffic stop of [REDACTED] and her rear license plate light being out. The officers issued [REDACTED] a citation for no insurance and no license plate light.

III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

COPA finds that Allegation #1 against Officers Moreno and Buraketrachakul, in that they racially profiled [REDACTED] be classified as **Unfounded**. Officers Buraketrachakul and Moreno acted in a professional manner throughout the duration of the traffic stop and explained the reason for the traffic stop. BWC captured that [REDACTED] rear license plate did not have a light. Officers Moreno and Buraketrachakul did not perform any actions or engage in any interaction that suggested racial profiling. Officers Moreno tone towards [REDACTED] did not appear aggressive at any point during the traffic stop. Additionally, [REDACTED] admitted her vehicle did not have a license plate light and that she did not have insurance.

¹ COPA 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 investigations 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.

² COPA was unable to obtain any contact information for [REDACTED]

Approved:



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Date