

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION¹

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Incident:	September 18, 2017
Time of Incident:	12:01 p.m.
Location of Incident:	██
Date of COPA Notification:	August 22, 2018
Time of COPA Notification:	6:23 p.m.

On October 19, 2017, Ms. ██████████ filed an in-person complaint at 1st District headquarters alleging that on or about September 18-22, 2017, her storage locker at ██████████ was burgled and emptied of valuables including furs and clothing. She also alleged that on or about September 22, 2017, a storage locker attendant pushed her down a flight of stairs and injured her. Cases were opened following her October 2017 complaint(s), and assigned to Detectives Abraham Crespo, #20747 and Robert Bridges, #20744. The claims were investigated and after Ms. ██████████ failed to respond to Detectives' contacts, and a storage facility employee stated Ms. ██████████ was never a tenant, the theft claim was classified as unfounded, and the battery claim was classified as suspended, pending victim contact or new investigative leads.

On August 22, 2018, Ms. ██████████ filed a complaint with COPA alleging that she actually called 911 on September 19-22, 2017, and police arrived – however they improperly would not take a police report from her or take fingerprints of the locker as she requested. She also alleged that on or about September 22, 2017, she went to the 18th District² headquarters and that two female officers threw her and her luggage out of the station. She alleged she was injured and the laptop computer in her bag was damaged.

¹ COPA conducted a full and complete investigation of this matter, including the interview of 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 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 CPD records reflect Ms. ██████████ filed an in-person complaint at the 1st District, not the 18th District.

II. INVOLVED PARTIES

Involved Officer #1:	Unknown Police Officer (“Sayed”), Star #Unknown, Employee ID #Unknown, Date of Appointment: Unknown, Police Officer, District Unknown, DOB: Unknown, F, Middle Eastern
Involved Officer #2:	Unknown Police Officer 2, Star #Unknown, Employee ID #Unknown, Date of Appointment: Unknown, Police Officer, 18 th District, DOB: Unknown, F
Involved Officer #3:	Unknown Police Officer 3, Star #Unknown, Employee ID #Unknown, Date of Appointment: Unknown, Police Officer, 18 th District, DOB: Unknown, F, Black.
Involved Individual #1	Complainant-Victim, ██████████ 41, F, Caucasian, ██████████.

III. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Unknown Officer (“Sayed”)	1. On or about September 22, 2017, Unknown Police Officer ("Sayed") grabbed ██████████ bag(s) and her person and threw them both outside of the 18th District station, resulting in property damage and physical injury, in violation of Rule 8.	Unfounded
Unknown Officer 2	2. Unknown Police Officer 2 grabbed ██████████ ██████████ bag(s) and her person and threw them both outside of the 18 th District station, resulting in damage and injury, in violation of Rule 8.	Unfounded

Unknown Officer 3	3. Unknown Police Officer 3 grabbed [REDACTED] bag(s) and her person and threw them both outside of the 18 th District station, resulting in damage and injury, in violation of Rule 8.	Unfounded
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III. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS

Rules

1. **Rule 8:** Prohibits disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
2. **Rule 10:** Prohibits inattention to duty.

IV. INVESTIGATION

A. Interviews

1. Complainant-Victim [REDACTED]

In an interview with COPA on August 22, 2018,³ **Complainant-Victim Ms. [REDACTED]** related that on or about September 19-22, 2017, she called 911 requesting police investigate a burglary of furs and valuables from her storage locker. Police arrived to investigate; however they would not take a police report from Ms. [REDACTED] and would not take fingerprints of the locker as she requested. She also alleged that on another, unknown date in or about September 2017⁴ police came and said they could investigate. She asked for fingerprints, but police did not take them, nor did they write a police report before leaving. She related she told them there were expensive items in the locker, but they drove away without writing a report. She related she did not initially report the burglary to the storage facility staff. She later returned to the facility to report the incident and a black, female employee pushed and injured her.⁵ “She assaulted me. I was calling police, I ran out of the storage facility, I started screaming for people, help, help, help!”⁶

Police came to the facility and asked what happened but did not make a police report about the assault.⁷ They left the facility and did not help her. So, she walked to a police station on 18th and State Street to make two separate reports about the burglary and the assault.⁸

Ms. [REDACTED] related she went to the 18th District to amend her original complaint, because she was told the assigned detective was located there, at the police station near Larrabee

³ Attachment 6.

⁴ Id., at 4:30.

⁵ Id., at 6:01.

⁶ Id., at 6:23.

⁷ Id., at 7:35.

⁸ Id., at 8:01.

St. She also wanted to talk to the lieutenant to ask why there was no movement on her burglary case. She could not recall the actual date she went to the station but believed it was on or about November 27th and was after midnight.⁹

A short, black, female desk officer took the police report from her hand and tore it up or threw it out. The officer said Ms. ██████████ could go to a Michigan Avenue police station and order another police report. Ms. ██████████ walked to a female, black sergeant in a white shirt and asked for police reports but she didn't respond.¹⁰

A female, middle-eastern officer named "Sayed" said: "Get out of here! Get out of the police station!"¹¹ When Ms. ██████████ complained, Officer "Sayed" and the black female officer grabbed her purse and luggage and threw them out the door. Her laptop computer in the bag was damaged, as was a mobile phone inside her purse.

Other male officers wearing vests were walking through area and Ms. ██████████ tried to speak with them, to no avail.¹² The two female officers then grabbed at her and told her to get out of the station.¹³ "They grabbed at me. Get out of here!"¹⁴ They tore the lining of her expensive jacket in the process. "They pushed me out of the station."¹⁵ Ms. ██████████ related she would email photos of the damage to COPA but has not yet done so.

B. Digital Evidence

1st and 18th District station surveillance video was requested by COPA, and returned by CPD as not found, that the alleged 2017 date was past the station's video retention period, and that any such videos would have since been deleted.¹⁶

C. Documentary Evidence

The **Original Case Incident Report and Case Supplementary Report(s) (#1729212642)** documented on October 19, 2017, Ms. ██████████ presented to the 1st District and reported that on or about September 18-22, 2017, her storage locker at 250 W. Kinzie street was burgled of furs, cell phones, documents, cookware and cosmetics, and that she believed it was "an inside job" because the locker was still padlocked. Ms. ██████████ could not recall specifics about what items were allegedly stolen. She likewise reported that when she returned to the storage facility on September 22, 2017, a black, female staff person pushed her down the stairs, causing injury requiring hospital care at Rush-Presbyterian and Northwestern Memorial hospitals.

⁹ Id., at 14:18.

¹⁰ Id., at 16:57.

¹¹ Id., at 17:38.

¹² Id., at 22:10.

¹³ Id., at 22:47.

¹⁴ Id., at 22:53.

¹⁵ Id., at 23:46.

¹⁶ Attachment 14.

CPD Supplementary Reports documented a woman named [REDACTED], Illinois license plate # [REDACTED], was the woman who allegedly pushed Ms. [REDACTED]. The supplements further documented that detectives later attempted to contact Ms. [REDACTED] without success, and that the battery case was suspended, and the burglary case was unfounded.¹⁷

OEMC Event Query and Unit Query Report (#1726511168) documented that on September 22, 2017, a wireless 911-caller named [REDACTED] reported a white female slapped her hand and tried to take her phone, “accusing people of stealing her belongings” from The Lock Up Self Storage at [REDACTED].¹⁸

The Case Supplementary Report (JA477786)¹⁹ documented that on October 24, 2017, [REDACTED] reported that on September 18-22, at [REDACTED] she rented a storage locker at that address, and from which items were stolen. She claimed it was an “inside job,” that she put a note outside the door stating: “Please don’t touch anything” and that the sign was found inside the emptied locker. She claimed other items were stolen but she could not say what. Area Central was notified on October 20. The report documented [REDACTED] alluded back and forth to different items taken on different times and could not provide serial numbers to the property. Storage manager [REDACTED] told Detective Bridges that the locker was rented to a [REDACTED] not Ms. [REDACTED] and that she had made numerous other false claims about other incidents of theft from the facility. Mr. [REDACTED] related he trained a video camera on the locker which showed items being improperly left in front of the door for periods of time, which caused him to warn Mr. [REDACTED] they were a fire hazard and would be disposed of if not removed. Mr. [REDACTED] said the surveillance video showed no other people entering that unit, besides Mr. [REDACTED]. Detective Bridges thereafter classified the matter as Unfounded and told Ms. [REDACTED] to contact him if additional dates of occurrence or any additional details became known.

ANALYSIS

Unknown Police Officer (“Sayed”)

COPA finds **UNFOUNDED** for **Allegation #1** that on the date and time alleged, Unknown Police Officer (“Sayed”) failed to adequately respond and/or generate a police report at the scene of an alleged burglary of [REDACTED] storage locker, in violation of Rule 10.

The statements and objective evidence obtained during the investigation of this incident revealed a profound lack of credibility, vitiating each of the instant allegations. To Wit:

1.) [REDACTED] alleged in her sworn statement that her storage locker -- purportedly containing furs, clothes, electronics and other valuables -- was burgled and emptied while padlocked, but that she didn’t tell the facility staff on the date she discovered the loss. She

¹⁷ Attachment 5.

¹⁸ Attachment 4.

¹⁹ Attachment 5.

likewise claimed she previously put a note outside the locker stating: “Please do not touch anything.” The two contradictory assertions strain reason and credulity – had items truly been locked inside her locker, there would have been no need to so request passers-by not to touch anything. There would, reasonably, be nothing to touch. Not bothering to notify the facility immediately after the purported loss likewise raises credibility questions. These bizarre admissions, coupled with Detective Bridge’s report that manager ██████████ denied the incident or ever having a lease with Ms. ██████████ undermines the credibility of Ms. ██████████ instant claim(s).

2.) Compounding the foregoing, CPD records do *not* show officers were ever called to or responded to the scene of the putative burglary, contra Ms. ██████████ sworn COPA statement. Reports instead show Ms. ██████████ walked to the 1st District to report the purported incident -- almost a month after it allegedly occurred. This significant discrepancy between her sworn statement to COPA and CPD records further undermined Ms. ██████████ overall credibility.

3.) In addition, in an August 13, 2014, podcast interview,²⁰ Ms. ██████████ detailed at length how almost all her belongings, including numerous valuables, had been stolen in 2014 by her *landlord* who purportedly stole them out of her apartment when she was away. Further, she explained how unrelated attorneys’ fees of over \$200,000 and a prolonged custody battle had left her destitute and, at one point, temporarily homeless.²¹

The foregoing is relevant and material to the instant matter because on or about March 26, 2014, and April 3, 2014, Ms. ██████████ filed two separate property loss claims with Chubb Insurance Co. for the two purported major losses.²² On September 23, 2014, Chubb denied the claims after Ms. ██████████ was found to have: “[I]ntentionally made false statements and concealed and misrepresented material facts and circumstances relating to [the] insurance in both [her] Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss dated August 19, 2014, and in [her] examination under oath conducted on May 21, 2014”²³ -- Including, but not limited to, fraud as to the “extent, quality, and value of items reportedly lost, damaged, or stolen as a result of the claimed losses,” and by concealing the fact she had *already* been legally evicted, and later arrested for *trespassing after her eviction* from the apartment, at the time of the purported losses.

4.) Ms. ██████████ personal history is equally notable for other, similar claims of making material falsehoods under oath and during judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings. In an unrelated matter, ██████████, 2013 Ill.App. (1st) 123009-U²⁴ the Appellate Court noted

²⁰ Attachment 9. ██████████

²¹ See also Attachment 12. ██████████

²² See Attachment 11, pg. 25 “Exhibit ‘A’”.

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ Attachment 10.

in dicta that Ms. ██████████ had a history of arrests during her residence in the U.S.²⁵, and, in at least one instance, she falsely testified to the trial court during a child custody hearing, regarding her address(es) and purported ownership interest in a condominium.²⁶ The Court also specifically noted she had an order of protection filed against her, and following her violation of said order, she was arrested and: “spent several days in the hospital wing at the Cook County Jail.”²⁷

The fact Ms. ██████████ was found, multiple times, making such material, false statements – under oath and in sworn documents -- at minimum calls into question the veracity of her instant, sworn statements to COPA stemming from similar, alleged high-value property thefts.

Even discounting the issue of diminished credibility, the objective records in this case show police *did* initiate a case after Ms. ██████████ reported the alleged burglary to the 1st District. Detectives were assigned, investigated, and attempted to follow up with Ms. ██████████ with limited success. Eventually the case was unfounded by CPD and the battery claim was suspended. Ms. ██████████ instant allegation CPD ignored her complaint is simply false, or at minimum lacks the requisite preponderance of evidence needed to sustain such a claim.

For each of the numerous foregoing deficiencies, a finding of **UNFOUNDED** is warranted.

Unknown Police Officer 2

COPA finds **UNFOUNDED** for **Allegation #2** that on the date and time alleged, 18th District on-duty desk officer, Unknown Officer 2, grabbed ██████████ and her bag(s) and threw or pushed each outside of the station, resulting in damage and injury, in violation of Rule 8.

In her interview with COPA, Ms. ██████████ related making a complaint to Officer “Sayed” and a black female officer at the 18th District front desk. COPA’s investigation showed that on the evening alleged, two female officers were working the desk, and -- contra Ms. ██████████ COPA statement -- both were white.

COPA’s request for Department surveillance footage of the station was returned as not found.²⁸ Likewise, Ms. ██████████ failed to provide COPA with photos of her alleged computer damage and/or provide other proof of injury.

For each of the numerous foregoing deficiencies, a finding of **UNFOUNDED** is warranted.

²⁵ ██████████ is a Lithuanian national and, on information and belief, residing in Illinois.

²⁶ Attachment 10 at ¶18, 21, 40, 43.

²⁷ I.e., for psychiatric care. The Appellate Court, notably, reiterated trial witness testimony that Ms. ██████████ claimed to know the Pope and Tom Cruise, and “that the trial court judge herself said she witnessed ██████████ erratic behavior in court” during the three-day custody hearing. See Attachment 10, *supra*, at ¶18 and 43.

²⁸ Attachment 14.

Unknown Police Officer 3

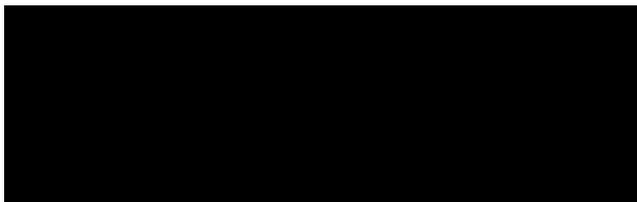
For the numerous reasons set forth above, COPA finds **UNFOUNDED** for **Allegation #3** that on the date and time alleged, 18th District on-duty desk officer, Unknown Officer #3, grabbed [REDACTED] and her bag(s) and threw or pushed each outside of the station, resulting in damage and injury, in violation of Rule 8.

V. CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis set forth above, COPA makes the following findings:

Unknown Officer ("Sayed")	1. On or about September 22, 2017, Unknown Police Officer ("Sayed") grabbed [REDACTED] bag(s) and her person and threw them both outside of the 18th District station, resulting in property damage and physical injury, in violation of Rule 8.	Unfounded
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Approved:



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Date