

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Incident:	January 27, 2018
Time of Incident:	Approx. 8:00 a.m. and Approx. 10:45 p.m.
Location of Incident:	307 E. 47 th Street
Date of COPA Notification:	February 2, 2018
Time of COPA Notification:	5:36 p.m.

On January 27, 2018, at approximately 8:00 AM, in the area of 307 E. 47th Street, Sgt. Michael Fields (“Sgt. Fields”) was using the Automated License Plate Reader System when the license plates on [REDACTED]’s ([REDACTED]) vehicle pinged as being stolen. Sgt. Fields approached [REDACTED] while he was seated in his parked vehicle, and allegedly pointed a gun at [REDACTED]’s head and ordered him from the vehicle. Officer Willie Akerson (“Officer Akerson”) and Officer Dwayne Gross, (“Officer Gross”) allegedly planted a gun and cannabis inside [REDACTED] vehicle and removed him from the vehicle without justification. [REDACTED] was arrested and transported to the 002nd District Police Station. Allegedly on the same date, at approximately 10:45 PM, officers and detectives searched his fiancée’s residence after she gave them permission.

II. INVOLVED PARTIES

Involved Officer #1:	Michael Fields, Star #1007, Employee ID#[REDACTED], Date of Appointment: October 10, 2000, Rank: Sergeant, Unit of Assignment: 002 nd District Station, Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1972, Male, White
Involved Officer #2:	Willie Akerson, Star #4031, Employee ID#[REDACTED], Date of Appointment May 31, 1994, Rank: Police Officer, Unit of Assignment: 002 nd District Station, Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1965, Male, Black
Involved Officer #3:	Dwayne Gross, Star #14344, Employee ID#[REDACTED], Date of Appointment: April 12, 2002, Rank: Police Officer, Unit of Assignment: 002 nd District Station, Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1987, Male, Black
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED], 1988, Male/Black
Involved Individual #2:	[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED], 1987, Female/Black

III. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding / Recommendation
Sergeant Michael Fields	<p>It is alleged that on January 27, 2018, at approximately 8:00 a.m., at 307 E. 47th Street, Chicago, IL., the accused, Sgt. Michael Fields, committed misconduct through the following acts and/or omissions:</p> <p>1. Pointed a gun at the head of [REDACTED]</p>	Unfounded
Officer Willie Akerson	<p>It is alleged that on January 27, 2018, at approximately 8:00 a.m., at 307 E. 47th Street, Chicago, IL., the accused, Officer Willie Akerson, committed misconduct through the following acts and/or omissions:</p> <p>1. Planted a gun inside [REDACTED] vehicle.</p> <p>2. Planted cannabis in [REDACTED] vehicle.</p> <p>3. Removed [REDACTED] from his vehicle without justification.</p>	<p>Unfounded</p> <p>Unfounded</p> <p>Exonerated</p>
Officer Dwayne Gross	<p>It is alleged that on January 27, 2018, at approximately 8:00 a.m., at 307 E. 47th Street, Chicago, IL., the accused, Officer Dwayne Gross, committed misconduct through the following acts and/or omissions:</p> <p>1. Planted a gun inside [REDACTED] vehicle.</p> <p>2. Planted cannabis in [REDACTED] vehicle</p> <p>3. Removed [REDACTED] from his vehicle without justification.</p>	<p>Unfounded</p> <p>Unfounded</p> <p>Exonerated</p>

I. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS

Rules

1. Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance.
2. Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
3. Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
4. Rule 38: Unnecessary use or display of a firearm.

General Orders¹

1. GO-02-01, IV., Human Rights/Individual Rights.

Federal Laws

1. United States Constitution, IV Amendment.
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II. INVESTIGATION^{2,3}

a. Interviews⁴

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COPA interviewed the complainant, ██████████⁵ on February 5, 2018. The following is a summary of his statement.

██████████ stated that he was seated in his parked truck facing east on 47th Street, between Calumet and Prairie, eating food when he observed a blue and white CPD marked SUV passing him from the opposite direction. He made eye contact with an officer later identified as, Sgt. Fields. The squad car made a U-turn and pulled up parallel to a Dorito's truck that was parked directly behind him. ██████████ described Sgt. Fields as a male/white wearing a white uniform shirt. ██████████ said he did not know what Sgt. Fields was going to do, or if he was going to be issued a ticket, so "he hurried up and started the car and pulled off."⁶ ██████████ said he turned down an alley and parked behind his friend's house and turned the vehicle off. He said, "I parked so quick, he did not have

¹ All references in this report to Department Directives are to the orders that were in effect at the time of this incident, unless otherwise noted.

² COPA conducted a thorough and complete investigation. The following is a summary of the material evidence gathered and relied upon in our analysis.

³ Att. 28 (PAR Form #10927) An interview of Officer Willie Akerson could not be conducted due to retirement on October 15, 2020.

⁴ Several attempts made with negative results to obtain statement from ██████████

⁵ Att. #6 (audio)

⁶ Att. #6 at 17:50.

enough time to turn his flashing lights on.”⁷ He said when he looked up, he saw that Sgt. Fields was out of the squad and his weapon was pointed at his head and was then ordered out of the vehicle. He asked repeatedly why he had to get out and refused to exit. Assisting officers and detectives arrived in marked and unmarked vehicles and surrounded him, at which time, he exited without assistance. He was secured with handcuffs and placed in the squad by Sgt. Fields. He was later searched, and two baggies of cannabis was recovered.

█████ said he observed Sgt. Fields and other officers talking to the female passenger outside of his vehicle and then they searched inside. He was told they recovered a gun from the vehicle and the license plates were stolen. █████ said the vehicle belongs to his fiancée’ █████ and the plates were not stolen.

When █████ was asked where Sgt. Fields pointed his weapon, he responded, “He had it pointed at my head.”⁸ █████ said Sgt. Fields somewhat holstered his weapon, but he still had his hand on it after he told him he was recording him. At this time, he was still in his vehicle and refused to get out. █████ described how Sgt. Fields held his weapon, he said, “He had his weapon up out of his holster but facing down.”⁹ █████ said a female passenger in his car was scared she be shot. He did not know her name, but he said she was usually in the neighborhood, and they have small talk.

Subsequently, █████ was arrested for possessing cannabis, suspended Driver’s license, UUW and no F.O.I.D. Card. █████ accused officers of planting the gun inside the vehicle. █████ was transported to the 002nd District Station and detained for several hours. He stated that officers went to his apartment while he was in custody and told his fiancée’ that he gave them permission to enter and search the premises. █████ stated that his fiancée’ allowed the officers to search the premises based upon what the officers told her.

b. Digital Evidence

The Body Worn Camera (“BWC”) footage of Sgt. Michael Fields, Officer Willie Akerson and Sgt. Ricardo Mata captures most of the incident.

Sergeant Fields BWC¹⁰ shows him standing a few feet away from a maroon van parked below the L train track off the alley, facing a building, with the driver’s side window in an up position and partially open. The windows from the mid-section of the van to the rear are dark tinted, in which Sgt. Fields image is seen. Sgt. Fields activates his BWC and points to it and said, “You see this?”, “You are being recorded as well.” █████ immediately responds, “This is being recorded on Facebook Live.”¹¹ Sgt. Field tells █████ to step out of the car, █████ responded, he did not do anything wrong and asked what he did. Sgt. Fields voice is elevated and is shouting as he continues to give orders for █████ to step out. █████ refuses to exit. A male voice is heard

⁷ Att. #6 at 18:18.

⁸ Att. #6 at 21:17.

⁹ Att. #6 at 22:01.

¹⁰ Att. #23. All references to specific times within a BWC video correspond to the time stamped on the upper righthand corner of the video.

¹¹ Att. #23 at T15:34:05Z

saying, "You are only making things worse man, step out."¹² [REDACTED] responds to the male voice that he did nothing wrong. The male voice responded, "Cool, then you won't go to jail."

Additional officers arrive and Sgt. Fields tells them he needs the passenger and [REDACTED] out of the vehicle. Sgt. Fields informs the responding officers that [REDACTED] vehicle is coming back stolen and that he received a hit it on the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR).¹³ [REDACTED] accuses Sgt. Fields of being a liar and told him he needs to run it again. An officer approaches the driver's door and instructs [REDACTED] to unlock it. The BWC shows Sgt. Ricardo Mata in the alley behind the van. Sgt. Fields said to him, "It hit on the ALPR as a steal." He asked Sgt. Mata to run the license plate over the air.¹⁴ Sgt. Mata is seen and is heard running the license plate via police radio.

The BWC shows an officer instructing [REDACTED] to place the contents in his hands on top of the vehicle. When he was asked if he had anything else on him, he said no. [REDACTED] is heard with an elevated voice telling an officer to close his door because it was unlawful. The BWC shows the female passenger with her hands in an upward position standing with a female officer near the passenger side rear of the van. She told officers she was sleep when he pulled up and told [REDACTED] to get out of the car. She said her hands was up and she did not want to get shot. [REDACTED] yells that the police are bogus. The BWC shows a female officer searching the female passenger. Sgt. Fields asks if any weapons are inside the vehicle. The female passenger said she did not know. [REDACTED] is heard yelling, "This shit is foul bro, what kinda shit is this!" "Detained, this car ain't near stolen." [REDACTED] is escorted away from the van.

The BWC shows Sgt. Mata at the front driver's side with a flashlight. He reads off the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) over the police radio. Sgt. Fields returns to his squad and a short time later Officer Willie Akerson yells for him. Officer Akerson shows him a gun recovered from underneath the driver's seat.¹⁵ Sgt. Fields informs Officer Akerson that he knew there was a reason that [REDACTED] did not want to exit the vehicle. When Sgt. Fields asked the female passenger who [REDACTED] was to her, she said they were friends, and he was going to give her a ride home. She told officers she did not know anything about the gun. She reiterated that she was sleep and woke up in the alley.

Sgt. Fields and Officer Akerson discussed the gun is why [REDACTED] refused to get out of the car. Sgt. Fields stated, "I did not draw down on him, but I was ready to go."¹⁶

The dispatcher states that a preliminary recovery came back on a 2007 Chrysler. Sgt. Fields asks the dispatcher if the vehicle was recovered. The dispatcher states that according to the information on the ticket she was reading from, the vehicle was recovered. Sgt. Fields advised her that it was still hitting on the (ALPR) and must not have cleared the Hot Desk. The dispatcher advised him the vehicle was registered to [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED]. Sgt. Fields tells officers that because his (ALPR) listed the car as stolen, he recorded it to show the

¹² Att. #23 at T15:35:15Z.

¹³ Att. #23 at T15:35:35Z.

¹⁴ Att. #23 at T15:35:52Z.

¹⁵ Att. #23 at T15:38:25Z.

¹⁶ Att. #23 at T15:39:21Z.

reason for the stop.¹⁷ The BWC shows officers discussing searching [REDACTED] better if he was under arrest. When Sgt. Fields asked the officer for [REDACTED] name, the officer told him [REDACTED] did not want to tell them. An officer is heard saying, "If he was driving, he has to have a driver's license." A female officer said she was going to run [REDACTED]

The BWC shows an officer opening the rear passenger door of a marked blue/white SUV squad car. [REDACTED] yells that Sgt. Fields is a liar. [REDACTED] exits the squad and tells Sgt. Fields he is bogus and was going to shoot him for nothing.¹⁸ The officer searched [REDACTED] person and recovered a plastic baggie that appeared to have several individual plastic baggies the contained what appeared to be green leafy substance and hands it over to Sgt. Fields.¹⁹ The officer recovers another clear plastic baggie that had what appeared to be several individual clear plastic baggies that contained what appeared to be green leafy substance.²⁰ [REDACTED] stated, "Ya'll got what ya'll want", "Racist ass niggas", "Racist motherfuckers."²¹ [REDACTED] calls the male/black officer who is searching him an "Uncle Tom" and calls Sgt. Fields a "racist." He told them they were trying to meet their quota. [REDACTED] did not have identification on him.

Sgt. Fields stood by for the Tactical Unit and informs them he was driving down 47th Street using the Automatic License Plate Reader System (ALPR) when the plate on [REDACTED] vehicle pinged as being stolen. Sgt. Fields explains that he made a U-turn and followed [REDACTED] into an alley where he asked [REDACTED] to exit the vehicle, but [REDACTED] refused. Sgt. Fields informs the Tactical Unit about the gun that was found inside [REDACTED] vehicle and the marijuana that was found on [REDACTED] person. Sgt. Fields also explains that contrary to the results of the (ALPR) System, dispatch informed him that [REDACTED] vehicle was recovered.²²

The BWC worn by Officer Willie Akerson²³ shows Officer Akerson approach a maroon van on the passenger side and instruct the female passenger to exit the vehicle. She complies and exits the vehicle without assistance. Officer Akerson advised the female she could put her shoes on prior to exiting the van. The female passenger shows Officer Akerson her shoe and told him she did not have anything in it. Officer Akerson is heard instructing [REDACTED] to stop reaching for stuff and told him his keys were not going anywhere. Officer Akerson hands the female passenger off to another officer and proceeds to look inside the front passenger area. [REDACTED] exits the vehicle on his own and then tells Officer Akerson to close his door and that it was unlawful.

All other events are noted in Sgt. Fields BWC except for the following.

Officer Akerson searched underneath the driver's side front seat and recovered a handgun.²⁴ Officer Akerson calls for Sgt. Fields to return to the vehicle because he located a handgun underneath the driver's seat.

¹⁷ Att. #23 at T15:40:58Z.

¹⁸ Att. #23 at T15:42:17Z.

¹⁹ Att. #23 at T15:42:23Z.

²⁰ Att. #23 at T15:42:32Z.

²¹ Att. #23 at T15:44:05Z.

²² Att. #23 at T15:47:05Z.

²³ All references to specific times within a BWC video correspond to the time stamped on the upper righthand corner of the video.

²⁴ Att. #24 at T15:38:03Z.

The BWC worn by Sgt. Ricardo Mata²⁵ shows Sgt. Mata's arrival at the scene.

The events not covered in Sgt. Fields or Officer Akerson's BWC's are as follows.

The BWC shows the black female passenger telling Sgt. Mata that she woke up to Sgt. Fields telling ██████ to step out the car. She said she told ██████ he had better get out of the car because he was going to get shot. She motioned with her right hand downward and said, "Because his hand was like he was drawing for his gun."²⁶ And that was why she told ██████ to get out. The female said she did not see anything else because she was asleep. A male approach the area and identifies himself as ██████ nephew. Sgt. Mata informs the male that ██████ is being arrested for a felony and is going to be transported to the 002nd District Station. The dispatcher informs Sgt. Mata that when she initially put ██████ vehicle information in the system, the information came back as a 90-day restraint alert with a preliminary recovery. Sgt. Mata instructs the officers to wrap everything up and get the female passenger's information; recover/unload and inventory the handgun from ██████ vehicle; and drive ██████ vehicle to the station. Sgt. Mata clears the job as Event Number ██████.

c. Documentary Evidence

COPA reviewed documents generated by the Chicago Police Department (CPD).

An **Original Case Incident Report²⁷ dated January 27, 2018**, relating to the incident, records ██████ as a suspect and Officer Gross as the victim.

The narrative section lists, this is a Method/CAU code Supplementary Report. The narrative is depicted in the Arrest Report.

An **Arrest Report for ██████** dated January 27, 2018, charged him with Aggravated UUW/Loaded-No FCCA-FOID, Cannabis-Possession 10-30 Grams and Driving on a Suspended License. The narrative report states that Sgt. Michael Shields was on patrol when the Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) system hit on a stolen vehicle bearing Indiana plate ██████, on a red Chrysler Town and Country. Sgt. Shields curbed the vehicle at 4716 S. Prairie Ave in the alley. Upon approach to the vehicle ██████ who was in possession of the vehicle, was asked to exit.

██████ refused to comply with Sgt. Fields verbal commands. When he made furtive movements inside the vehicle, Sgt. Fields requested for assistance via OMEC. ██████ exited the vehicle when other officers arrived and was detained. Officer Willie Akerson conducted a search of the driver's side immediate area and recovered an RG, Model # RG23, Caliber 22LR, 1 inch barrel length revolver, with a nickel finish, that contained six live rounds, from underneath

²⁵ Att. #25. All references to specific times within a BWC video correspond to the time stamped on the upper righthand corner of the video.

²⁶ Att. #25 at T15:42:26Z.

²⁷ Att. #3.

²⁸ Att. 9. (Narrative section).

the seat. [REDACTED] was placed into custody and a custodial search was conducted. Officer Gross recovered 3 clear plastic bags with 30 small zip lock bags containing green leafy plant like substance suspected of cannabis from [REDACTED] front left outside jacket pocket. Officer Gross also recovered a clear plastic bag with 3 small zip lock bags containing a green leafy plant like substance, suspected of cannabis from [REDACTED] front left outside jacket pocket.

[REDACTED] was transported to 002nd District. A name check revealed his driver's license was suspended, he was not on probation or parole, and he is a documented Black P Stone. He was mirandized by Officer Davis and wished not to talk. [REDACTED] has a revoked Firearms Owner Identification Card (FOID) and does not possess a Concealed Carry License (CCL). The Gun Desk notified them that the gun was not registered or stolen.

OMEC Event Query Report²⁹ show Indiana Registration [REDACTED] returned status: preliminary recovery, Class: auto theft, LEADS Caution: Yes. The caution details list, [REDACTED] on a passenger car with Illinois Registration, same vehicle identification number, color and make and model. The auto theft date is listed as August 19, 2017 registered to [REDACTED]. A modification was made on September 18, 2017.

III. LEGAL STANDARD

For each Allegation COPA must make one of the following findings:

1. Sustained - where it is determined the allegation is supported by a preponderance of the evidence;
2. Not Sustained - where it is determined there is insufficient evidence to prove the allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
3. Unfounded - where it is determined by clear and convincing evidence that an allegation is false or not factual; or
4. Exonerated - where it is determined by clear and convincing evidence that the conduct described in the allegation occurred, but it is lawful and proper.

A **preponderance of evidence** can be described as evidence indicating that it is **more likely than not** that the conduct reviewed complied with Department policy. *See Avery v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.*, 216 Ill. 2d 100, 191 (2005), (a proposition is proved by a preponderance of the evidence when it has found to be more probably true than not). If the evidence gathered in an investigation establishes that it is more likely that the conduct complied with Department policy than that it did not, even if by a narrow margin, then the preponderance of the evidence standard is met.

Clear and convincing evidence is a higher standard than a preponderance of the evidence but lower than the "beyond-a-reasonable doubt" standard required to convict a person of a criminal offense. *See e.g., People v. Coan*, 2016 IL App (2d) 151036 (2016). Clear and Convincing can be defined as a

²⁹ Att. #13.

“degree of proof, which, considering all the evidence in the case, produces the firm and abiding belief that it is highly probable that the proposition . . . is true.” *Id.* at ¶ 28.

IV. ANALYSIS

a. Sgt. Fields did not point a gun at the head of [REDACTED]

Sgt. Fields received a stolen vehicle hit on the (ALPR) on the vehicle [REDACTED] was driving, which is a class 4 felony. Incident Scene Responsibilities³⁰ required Sgt. Fields to act on the information received from the (ALPR). It was appropriate for Sgt. Fields to ensure his safety by ordering [REDACTED] out of the vehicle and take a “low ready” position with his weapon, and or place his hand on his weapon. [REDACTED] was given several orders by Sgt. Fields to exit the vehicle, each time he was met with resistance. Sgt. Fields kept a tactical distance until other officers arrived, at which time [REDACTED] exited the vehicle without assistance.

Verifiable video evidence shows Sgt. Fields image can be seen in the mid to rear section of the driver’s side of the van. Sgt. Fields is seen activating the body worn camera (BWC) with his left hand. His right hand and arm are not in view of the BWC. Sgt. Fields right arm and hand would be in view of the BWC if it were extended outwards towards [REDACTED]

In [REDACTED] statement, he was asked where Sgt. Fields pointed his weapon, [REDACTED] responded, “He had it somewhat holstered, but he had his hand on it.” [REDACTED] then said, “It was up out of the holster but facing down.” The position in which [REDACTED] described is consistent with a “low ready” tactical position, which is a reasonable position for Sgt. Fields to take, believing that a crime had been committed. The female passenger also gave a statement that she saw Sgt. Fields hand on his weapon, but it was not pointing at them, which is why she told [REDACTED] to get out of the car because she thought they would be shot. Sgt. Fields BWC showed him telling Officer Akerson, “I did not draw down on him, but I was ready to go.” COPA finds that the evidence is clear and convincing that this conduct did not occur, and therefore finds this allegation against Sgt. Fields is **Unfounded**.

b. Officer Willie Akerson did not plant a gun in the vehicle.

Articulable verifiable video evidence from Officer Akerson’s BWC show him searching the front passenger side of the vehicle, then walk to the driver’s side front. Akerson looks underneath the driver’s front seat and pulls out a weapon without picking it up. He immediately calls for Sgt. Fields to respond. COPA finds that the evidence is clear and convincing that this conduct did not occur, and therefore, finds this allegation against Officer Akerson is **Unfounded**.

c. Officer Willie Akerson did not plant cannabis in the vehicle.

Verifiable video evidence from Officer Akerson, Officer Gross and Sgt. Fields show [REDACTED]’s person being searched prior to being transported to the 002 District Station. The BWC’s shows Officer Gross remove two separate clear plastic baggies, that had individual clear plastic baggies inside, which contained what appeared to be, green leafy plant like substance, suspected

³⁰ G04-01(IV)(A)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6).

as cannabis, was recovered from the jacket pockets that [REDACTED] was wearing. No cannabis was recovered from the vehicle. COPA finds that the evidence is clear and convincing that this conduct did not occur, and therefore, finds this allegation against Officer Akerson is **Unfounded**.

d. Officer Willie Akerson did not inappropriately remove [REDACTED] from the vehicle.

Verifiable video evidence of Officer Akerson, Officer Gross and Sgt. Fields show [REDACTED] complying with orders given to him by Officer Akerson to get out of the vehicle. [REDACTED] was asked to exit the vehicle during a preliminary investigation of a stolen vehicle, which is appropriate by policy standards. COPA finds that the evidence is clear and convincing that this conduct did occur, but was lawful and proper, and therefore, finds this allegation against Officer Akerson is **Exonerated**.

e. Officer Dwayne Gross did not plant a gun in the vehicle.

Verifiable video evidence from Officer Akerson's BWC shows Officer Akerson searching the vehicle. Officer Gross is not in view of the BWC and did not search the vehicle. Officer Gross BWC does not show him searching the vehicle. COPA finds that the evidence is clear and convincing that this conduct did not occur, and therefore, finds this allegation against Officer Gross is **Unfounded**.

f. Officer Dwayne Gross did not plant cannabis in the vehicle.

Verifiable video evidence from Officer Akerson, Officer Gross and Sgt. Fields show [REDACTED] person being searched prior to being transported to 002 District Station. The BWC's shows Officer Gross remove two separate clear plastic baggies, that had several individual clear plastic baggies inside, which contained what appeared to be, green leafy plant like substance, suspected as cannabis, was recovered from the jacket pockets that [REDACTED] was wearing. No cannabis was recovered from the vehicle. COPA finds that the evidence is clear and convincing that this conduct did not occur, and therefore, finds this allegation against Officer Gross is **Unfounded**.

g. Officer Dwyane Gross did not inappropriately remove [REDACTED] from the vehicle.

Verifiable video evidence of Officer Akerson, Officer Gross and Sgt. Fields show [REDACTED] complying with orders given to him by Officer Akerson to get out of the vehicle. [REDACTED] was asked to exit the vehicle during a preliminary investigation of a stolen vehicle, which is appropriate by policy standards. COPA finds that the evidence is clear and convincing that this conduct did occur, but was lawful and proper, and therefore, finds this allegation against Officer Akerson is **Exonerated**.

[REDACTED] provided to COPA a form of identification that listed his residence as at [REDACTED], and not that of his fiancée [REDACTED]. He stated the detectives went to the home of [REDACTED] and was allowed to search her house.

██████████ has refused all attempts to obtain a statement to verify whether this incident occurred. There is no verifiable evidence that officers or detectives went to her home. If in fact this event occurred, ██████████ had the authority to give permission to officers and or detectives to search her residence.

V. CONCLUSION

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

Officer	Allegation	Finding / Recommendation
Sgt. Michael Fields	<p>It is alleged that on January 27, 2018, at approximately 8:00 a.m., at 307 E. 47th Street, Chicago, IL., the accused, Sgt. Michael Fields, committed misconduct through the following acts or omissions.</p> <p>1. Pointed a gun at the head of ██████████</p>	Unfounded
Officer Willie Akerson	<p>It is alleged that on January 27, 2018, at approximately 8:00 a.m., at 307 E. 47th Street, Chicago, IL., the accused, Officer Willie Akerson, committed misconduct through the following acts and/or omissions:</p> <p>1. Planted a gun inside ██████████ vehicle.</p> <p>2. Planted cannabis in ██████████ vehicle.</p> <p>3. Removed ██████████ from his vehicle without justification.</p>	<p>Unfounded</p> <p>Unfounded</p> <p>Exonerated</p>
Officer Dwayne Gross	<p>It is alleged that on January 27, 2018, at approximately 8:00 a.m., at 3:07 E. 47th Street, the accused, Officer Dwayne Gross, committed misconduct through the following acts and/or omissions:</p> <p>1. Planted a gun inside ██████████ vehicle.</p> <p>2. Planted cannabis inside ██████████ vehicle.</p>	<p>Unfounded</p> <p>Unfounded</p>

3. Removed [REDACTED] from his vehicle without justification.	Exonerated
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Approved:

[REDACTED]

9-29-2021

Angela Hearts-Glass
Deputy Chief Administrator

Date

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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