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**COPA RELEASES MATERIALS FROM OFF-DUTY OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING NEAR 9900 SOUTH BISHOP FORD FREEWAY**

Today, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) released materials related to an off-duty officer-involved shooting near 9900 South Bishop Ford Freeway. COPA investigators immediately responded to the scene and began the investigation.

On January 2, 2023, the Chicago Police Department (CPD) notified COPA of an off-duty officer-involved shooting. Based on preliminary information, the incident began when an off-duty officer was involved in an incident with another driver while driving to work.

According to preliminary reports by the Department, COPA was informed that an individual pointed a weapon at the off-duty officer as they both were in their separate vehicles on the Bishop Ford Freeway. The officer responded by discharging their firearm through the rear passenger window of their vehicle, which resulted in the individual fleeing the scene. The off-duty officer flagged down an Illinois State Police Trooper conducting another investigation nearby, which led to a pursuit of the individual's vehicle to no avail. Currently, the individual and their vehicle have not been identified or located.

Due to the location of the incident, Illinois State Police has jurisdiction and will conduct the criminal investigation and COPA is conducting the administrative investigation. COPA also seeks to obtain video and other materials, which is currently in possession of the Illinois State Police, and will be released to our website once received.

OEMC Transmissions, Case Incident and Tactical Response Reports regarding this incident can be viewed now by visiting: https://www.chicagocopa.org/case/2023-0000022/

If anyone has information or video footage related to this incident, please contact our office at 312-746-3609 or by visiting ChicagoCOPA.org.

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