

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION¹

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Incident:	July 28, 2015
Time of Incident:	10:35 pm
Location of Incident:	██████████
Date of COPA Notification:	July 29, 2015
Time of COPA Notification:	1:05 am

This incident involves allegations of domestic violence by the accused Field Training Officer Joey Buckley against his teenage █████, █████ █████². █████ was staying with Officer Buckley and the two allegedly argued. █████ alleged that Officer Buckley placed him in a headlock, punched him and kneed him on the body. █████ left the premises and called his █████ and 911. Officers responded and █████ went home with his █████. A sergeant on the scene registered this complaint. No arrests were made.

II. INVOLVED PARTIES

Involved Officer #1:	Joey Buckley; #4821; Employee # █████; DOA May 22, 1991; Field Training Officer; 54 YOA; male; black
Subject #1:	██████████ 52 YOA; female; black
Subject #2:	██████████; 19 YOA; male; black

III. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Field Training Officer Joey Buckley	1. Placed the victim, █████, in a headlock, in violation of Rule 9.	Not Sustained
	2. Punched the victim, in violation of Rule 9.	Not Sustained
	3. Kneed the victim, in violation of Rule 9.	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.

² In the interest of clarity, this summary will refer to █████ as "████" and Joey Buckley as "Officer Buckley".

IV. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS

Rules

1. Rule 9 – Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

V. INVESTIGATION³

a. Interviews

The victim, ██████████, provided a **statement**⁴ on August 1, 2015 in which he stated that he and his ██████████ argued about a scratch on ██████████ car. When ██████████ attempted to walk away from Officer Buckley, Officer Buckley grabbed ██████████ placed him in a headlock, and struck him about the head and body as stated in the Allegations section.

Accused Field Training Officer Joey Buckley provided a **statement**⁵ on December 7, 2017 in which he denied the allegations against him. Officer Buckley stated that he and his ██████████ were inside Officer Buckley's residence discussing ██████████ classwork when ██████████ became upset. Officer Buckley told ██████████ to leave the house to cool off and ██████████ did. Officer Buckley stated that about fifteen minutes after he told ██████████ to go outside, on-duty officers were knocking on his door. Officer Buckley spoke with officers and denied striking his ██████████ Officer Buckley also stated that ██████████ had legal troubles when he lived with his ██████████ and that Officer Buckley received residential custody in about November 2014 following an altercation between ██████████ and his ██████████

b. Digital Evidence

OEMC Recordings⁶ of ██████████ calls to 911 indicate he called 911 and reported that his ██████████ Joey Buckley ██████████, choked him and punched him. ██████████ told call-takers that he was hiding in bushes near his ██████████ house and he would meet officers on their arrival.

c. Documentary Evidence

In an **Initiation Report**⁷ dated July 29, 2015, Sergeant Russell Marrella reported that ██████████ told him that he and Officer Buckley got into a verbal altercation over damage to his vehicle. The verbal altercation escalated and Officer Buckley put ██████████ into a headlock and punched him on the face and kned him on the body. ██████████ pulled away and called his ██████████ and 911. Sergeant

³ COPA conducted a thorough and complete investigation. The following is a summary of the material evidence gathered and relied upon in our analysis.

⁴ Attachments 10-11.

⁵ Attachment 20.

⁶ Attachments 15-17.

⁷ Attachment 4

Marrella did not observe any signs of injury on [REDACTED] face. Officer Buckley told Sergeant Marrella that the verbal altercation escalated after [REDACTED] pushed him. Officer Buckley placed [REDACTED] in a headlock to subdue him but [REDACTED] was able to pull away and run off. Sergeant Marrella was unable to determine an aggressor and concluded both parties were mutual combatants. [REDACTED] arrived on the scene and told Sergeant Marrella that Officer Buckley and [REDACTED] had been combative in the past. Ms. [REDACTED] told Sergeant Marrella that she did not want Officer Buckley arrested but she did want the incident documented.

A Case Report⁸ for RD #HY359905 listed [REDACTED] as the victim of a Domestic Battery – Simple, and Officer Buckley as a suspect. The narrative contains the same information account of the incident contained in the Initiation Report.

VI. ANALYSIS

COPA recommends a finding of **NOT SUSTAINED** for Allegation #1 against **Field Training Officer Joey Buckley**, that he placed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in a headlock. [REDACTED] made the allegation and Officer Buckley denied it in a statement to COPA. Sergeant Marrella’s Initiation Report indicated that Officer Buckley reported unsuccessfully restraining [REDACTED] using a headlock. There is insufficient available evidence to either sustain or refute this allegation.

COPA recommends a finding of **NOT SUSTAINED** for Allegation #2 against **Field Training Officer Joey Buckley**, that he punched [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] alleged his [REDACTED] punched him about the head. Officer Buckley denied the allegations. Sergeant Marrella stated that there were no signs of any injury to [REDACTED]. There is insufficient available evidence to either sustain or refute this allegation.

COPA recommends a finding of **NOT SUSTAINED** for Allegation #3 against **Field Training Officer Joey Buckley**, that he kned [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] alleged his [REDACTED] kned him about the body. Officer Buckley denied the allegations. Sergeant Marrella stated that there were no signs of any injury to [REDACTED]. There is insufficient available evidence to either sustain or refute this allegation.

VII. CONCLUSION

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

Allegation	Finding
Field Training Officer Joey Buckley	
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2. Punched the victim, in violation of Rule 9.	Not Sustained
3. Kneed the victim, in violation of Rule 9.	Not Sustained

⁸ Attachment 5.

Approved:



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Date

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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