

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION¹

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Incident:	December 7, 2016
Time of Incident:	1:30 pm
Location of Incident:	2153 W. 111 th Street (Morgan Park High School)
Date of COPA Notification:	December 7, 2016
Time of COPA Notification:	4:16 pm

On December 7, 2016, at approximately 1:30 p.m., an off-duty CPD officer who was working secondary employment as a Chicago Public Schools security guard at Morgan Park High School met with two juvenile students in a school office for approximately one minute and twenty seconds. One of the students claimed that the officer then called her “bitch” and pushed her to the ground.

II. INVOLVED PARTIES

Involved Officer #1:	Margie Broadway; #18798; Employee # [REDACTED]; DOA August 14, 2000; Police Officer; 52 YOA; female; black
Subject #1:	[REDACTED] 55 YOA; female; black
Subject #2:	[REDACTED] 18 YOA; female; black

III. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer Margie Broadway	1. Verbally abused the Complainant’s minor daughter, [REDACTED] by calling her “bitch,” in violation of Rule 8.	Not Sustained
	2. Pushed the Complainant’s minor daughter, [REDACTED] to the ground without justification in violation of Rule 8.	Not Sustained

IV. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS

Rules
1. Rule 8: Prohibiting disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

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.

V. INVESTIGATION²

a. Interviews

COPA investigators attempted to interview ██████████ ██████████ about this incident, but she failed to keep appointments and did not respond to attempts to contact her. Additionally, CPS informed COPA that confidentiality laws preclude it from providing COPA with contact information for the parent or guardian of the other student who was present for the alleged incident.³

In an interview with COPA on September 29, 2017,⁴ **Complainant Ms. ██████████** stated that on December 7, 2016, after returning home from attending school at Morgan Park High School ["MPHS"], ██████████ had told her that Officer Broadway had grabbed her by the arm earlier that day. ██████████ denied that ██████████ needed medical attention as a result.

In an interview with COPA on December 12, 2017,⁵ **Witness Ms. ██████████ ██████████** a CPS-employed security guard at MPHS on the date of the alleged incident, stated that she was present with Officer Broadway, ██████████ and the other student during a meeting that took place in a MPHS office assigned to MPHS Special Services Advocate ██████████ ██████████.⁶ According to ██████████ and the other student had been directed into that office because ██████████ and the other student were making a disturbance in an adjacent hallway. ██████████ denied that there was any physical contact between Officer Broadway and ██████████ while she was present at that meeting. ██████████ also denied that Officer Broadway called ██████████ "bitch" or any other name while she was present, and she denied that Officer Broadway raised her voice while she was present.

In a statement to COPA on December 15, 2017,⁸ **Accused Officer Margie Broadway** denied the allegations. Officer Broadway had been working secondary employment as a Chicago Public Schools security guard at MPHS on the date and at the time in question. Officer Broadway confirmed that she had been present with ██████████ and the other student during the meeting described above, and she confirmed that ██████████ and the other student had been directed into ██████████ office because ██████████ and the other student were making a disturbance in an adjacent hallway. Officer Broadway said that, during the meeting, she had attempted to calm the students and to get them to lower their voices. Officer Broadway specifically denied that she had pushed ██████████ to the ground, she specifically denied making any physical contact with either student, and she specifically denied that she had ever called any MPHS student "bitch." She denied having knowledge of any reason why Ms. ██████████ would have fabricated the allegations.

b. Digital Evidence

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 Attachment 27.

⁴ Attachment 13.

⁵ Attachment 22.

⁶ In an interview with COPA on December 12, 2017, ██████████ stated that she was not present for this meeting and did not witness the incident.

⁸ Attachment 23.

Video Footage⁹ taken by a CPS security camera that depicts an MPHS hallway shows Officer Broadway, [REDACTED] another minor student, and [REDACTED] leave the hallway and enter a classroom. The video then shows [REDACTED] return to the hallway approximately 15 seconds later. [REDACTED] sits on a chair in the hallway approximately 10-20 feet from the classroom door. The video then shows Officer Broadway, [REDACTED] and the other minor student return to the hallway from the same classroom door approximately 1 minute and 20 seconds after having entered the classroom. There were no other security cameras that would have depicted the interior of that classroom in place at the time of the incident.¹⁰

c. Documentary Evidence

An Initiation Report¹¹ written by Sgt. Timothy Moriarty dated December 7, 2016 reveals that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reported that a CPD member (subsequently identified as P.O. Broadway) had called her “bitch” and pushed her to the ground in a classroom earlier that day.

VI. ANALYSIS

COPA recommends a finding of **NOT SUSTAINED**, in that there is insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the allegations. Video evidence shows there were two persons present with the accused officer’s for time period that lasted approximately 1 minute and 20 seconds during which the incident may or may not have occurred. The accounts one of those persons differs materially from the accused officer’s account, and COPA has been unable to secure a statement from the third person. There is no video evidence in existence that tends to prove or disprove the allegations.

VII. CONCLUSION

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

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Approved:

[REDACTED]
 Joshua Hunt
 Deputy Chief Administrator – Chief Investigator

30 Jan 2018
 Date

⁹ Attachment 10.
¹⁰ Attachment 28.
¹¹ Attachment 4.

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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Supervising Investigator:	Shannon Hayes
Deputy Chief Administrator:	Joshua Hunt