

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION¹

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Incident:	December 3, 2017
Time of Incident:	8:40 AM
Location of Incident:	██████████
Date of COPA Notification:	December 9, 2017
Time of COPA Notification:	8:04 PM

Officer Henry Morrison shares ██████████ of his ██████████ ██████████ with her ██████████ Complainant, ██████████ told her ██████████ that her ██████████ intentionally slammed a door on her shoulder at the home of her friend, ██████████

INVOLVED PARTIES

Involved Officer #1:	Officer Henry Morrison, #15062, empl. # ██████████, DOA March 9, 2009, DOB ██████████, 1969, Male, Black
Subject #1:	██████████ DOB ██████████, 1972, Female, Black
Subject #2:	██████████ DOB ██████████, 2004, Female, Black

II. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer Henry Morrison	1. It is alleged that on December 3, 2017, at approximately 8:40 AM, at the location of ██████████ ██████████, Officer Morrison intentionally slammed the door on ██████████ in violation of Rule 8.	Unfounded
	2. It is further alleged that on an unknown date in September 2017, while at her ██████████ house, Officer Morrison grabbed ██████████ by the collar, pushed her back on the bed, and pinned her down in violation of Rule 8.	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.

III. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS

Rules

1. **Rule 8:** Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
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IV. INVESTIGATION

a. Interviews

In her interview with COPA on January 22, 2018, **Victim** ██████████ related that, on December 3, 2017, her ██████████ Officer Henry Morrison (“Officer Morrison”), picked her and her friend, ██████████ up from her ██████████ house to take them to school. On the way, they stopped by ██████████ house to drop off her overnight bag. As ██████████ was entering ██████████ house, Officer Morrison closed the door from the outside, striking ██████████ on the shoulder. ██████████ believed that Officer Morrison intended to close the door on her because, when she asked him why he pushed the door on her, he laughed and told her that she would be okay. ██████████ further explained that she and her ██████████ had a disagreement earlier that morning about her cell phone and that he was still upset with her. ██████████ identified ██████████ as a witness to the incident. ██████████ sustained a bruise on her shoulder and did not tell her mother about it until a week had passed.

██████████ also related that one morning in September 2017, Officer Morrison, who accused her of being disrespectful to her ██████████ the night before, came into her room and told her to get off the bed. When she refused, Officer Morrison grabbed her by the collar, pushed her back on the bed, and pinned her down.²

In her statement to COPA on March 9, 2018, **Witness** ██████████ related that Officer Morrison and his wife took her home to drop off her overnight bag because she had spent the night with ██████████ entered first and did not witness the door strike ██████████ ██████████ stated that, after she heard the door close, she observed ██████████ holding her right shoulder and accusing Officer Morrison of intentionally striking her with the door. ██████████ added that she and ██████████ went to a breakfast program at their school after the incident and ██████████ did not bring the incident back up nor did she mention her injury. ██████████ stated that she did not believe that Officer Morrison intentionally struck ██████████ with the door and that ██████████ had never complained to her of being abused or injured by her father prior to this incident.³

In her interview with COPA on March 9, 2018, **witness** ██████████ step-parent of ██████████ related that she opened the door for ██████████ and the Morrisons when they arrived on December 3, 2017. Ms. ██████████ stated that she rushed them inside and quickly closed the door because the family cat has been known to run out of the house. Ms. ██████████ recalled that she quickly

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pulled Officer Morrison inside while simultaneously closing the door to keep the cat from escaping. When ██████ accused Officer Morrison of striking her with the door, Ms. ██████ interrupted ██████ and told her that her account was not true and that Officer Morrison did not intentionally strike her with the door. When asked if she noticed a difference in ██████ relationship with Officer Morrison prior to this incident, Ms. ██████ stated that ██████ had in recent months become noticeably defiant and flippant during her interactions with Officer Morrison.⁴

In his statement to COPA on April 10, 2018, **Accused Officer Henry Morrison** related that on the date and time of the incident, he picked up his daughter, ██████ and her friend, ██████ from his mother's house after a sleepover. Officer Morrison, accompanied by his wife, ██████ took ██████ to her home. Prior arrangements had been made for ██████ mother, ██████ ██████ to transport the girls to a school event.

At ██████ house, ██████ and ██████ entered first, followed by Officer Morrison and ██████ Officer Morrison stated that he believed ██████ spouse, opened the door. He explained that it is an unwritten rule there to hurry and close the door so the couple's cat will not escape. Officer Morrison stated that, as they rushed inside, the door struck him on his upper body or backside and also struck ██████ Officer Morrison stated that ██████ did not complain of any injuries and he was shocked a few days later when ██████ mother, called and accused him of striking ██████ with the door. Additionally, Officer Morrison denied having any physical contact with ██████ in September 2017. Officer Morrison explained that ██████ has completely turned ██████ against him.⁵

b. Physical Evidence

Evidence Technician Photographs taken on December 9, 2017, depict what appears to be a scab on ██████ right shoulder.⁶

c. Documentary Evidence

In her **Initiation Report**, Sgt. Karla Johnson, related that on December 9, 2017, she responded to a Domestic Battery complaint involving a police officer. She spoke with the victim, ██████ who related that on December 3, 2017, while she was walking through the front door of her friend's house, her father, Officer Morrison intentionally slammed the door on her right shoulder. ██████ informed her mother, ██████ of the incident on December 6, 2017, and ██████ notified CPD of the incident on December 9th.⁷ Beat 311 generated Domestic Battery RD# ██████ documenting the incident. CFD EMS #38 responded to the scene and requested an Evidence Technician. Sgt. Johnson also notified DCFS.⁸

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⁵ Attachment 37

⁶ Attachment 15

⁷ To be clear, the incident at ██████ house occurred on December 3, 2017, and ██████ returned home to her ██████ on December 6th, at which time she informed her of the incident with her ██████ and the door. ██████ waited three days, until December 9th, to report the incident via 911, which generated the physical and documentary evidence reviewed herein.

⁸ Attachment 4

According to **Chicago Fire Department Records**, on December 9, 2017, at 6:43pm, Ambulance 38 Personnel responded to a battery call at the location of [REDACTED]. CFD Personnel spoke with [REDACTED] who related that her [REDACTED] [REDACTED] injured her right shoulder when she was pushed into a door. It was noted that [REDACTED] had a good range of motion and no deformity was observed. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she would take [REDACTED] to the hospital later and refused to have her transported via ambulance.⁹

The involved parties provided essentially the same account of the incident to detectives which was documented in **Domestic Battery Supplemental Report RD# [REDACTED]**. Detectives attempted to interview [REDACTED] on several different occasions but were unable to make contact. Additionally, detectives interviewed [REDACTED]¹⁰ [REDACTED] of witness [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED] related that Officer Morrison's wife, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came through the door first and Officer Morrison and [REDACTED] were waiting in the threshold for their turn to enter the house. Ms. [REDACTED] then heard her [REDACTED] [REDACTED] shout for them to hurry inside because their cat, was about to run out of the front door. Ms. [REDACTED] related that Officer Morrison, who was holding the door as [REDACTED] was entering, quickly rushed inside and released his grip on the door. Ms. [REDACTED] explained that it is possible that the door made contact with [REDACTED] and, if it did, it was an accident.¹¹

The **Department of Children and Family Services** investigated the allegation of abuse and determined the report to be "Unfounded."¹²

V. ANALYSIS

COPA recommends a finding of **Unfounded** for **Allegation #1**, that Officer Morrison intentionally struck [REDACTED] with the door. Upon her return home, three days after the incident, [REDACTED] told her mother about the incident and informed her of the injury to her shoulder. Three days after being notified, [REDACTED] called the police to report the incident.

Witness [REDACTED] stated that she rushed Officer [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] inside the house so their cat would not run out if the house like he is known to do. In fact, [REDACTED] stated that she pulled Officer Morrison inside the house and closed the door. This investigation revealed that while the door may have struck [REDACTED] it was clearly an accident and not done intentionally or maliciously.

COPA recommends a finding of **Not Sustained** for **Allegation #2** that Officer Morrison grabbed [REDACTED] by the collar, pushed her back on the bed and pinned her down. Officer Morrison denied the allegation and there were no witnesses to the incident. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to support or refute the allegation.

⁹ Attachment 7

¹⁰ In the Detectives Supplemental Report, [REDACTED] name was incorrectly spelled and she was referred to as "[REDACTED]"

¹¹ Attachment 46

¹² Attachment 40

VI. CONCLUSION

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

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer Henry Morrison	1. It is alleged that on Dec 3, 2017, at approximately 08:40 AM, at the location of 2207 W. 118th Street, Officer Morrison intentionally slammed the door on [REDACTED] in violation of Rule 8. 2. It is further alleged that on an unknown date in Sep 2017, while at grandmother's house, Officer Morrison grabbed [REDACTED] by the collar, pushed her back on the bed, and pinned her down in violation of Rule 8.	Unfounded Not Sustained

Approved:

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Appendix A

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