

APPENDIX 5

Officer Scott Kniaz was interviewed by COPA on October 30, 2018.⁸ Officer Kniaz was asked about each allegation separately, as detailed below.

Allegation 1

Figure 32, found in Att. 11



⁸ Att. 54

Allegation 2

Figure 33, found in Att. 45: Pgs. 3



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Police, Protesters and What Comes Next

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When I first saw spiky-haired, 16-year-old Lamon Reccord he was nose-to-nose with a Chicago Police Officer asking the officer to shoot him 16 times. The officer, who was also black, stood stone faced taking it but refused to give the teen an inch that second night of protests over the shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. As the officer stared into the teens' eyes, Reccord continued hurling insults. The standoff was tense. To call it gripping television would just deminish the human drama playing out on the streets of Chicago. No one knew what was going to happen next. Would he get arrested? Would Reccord throw a punch? Neither outcome came to fruition which kept the mostly peaceful protest from triggering a riot.

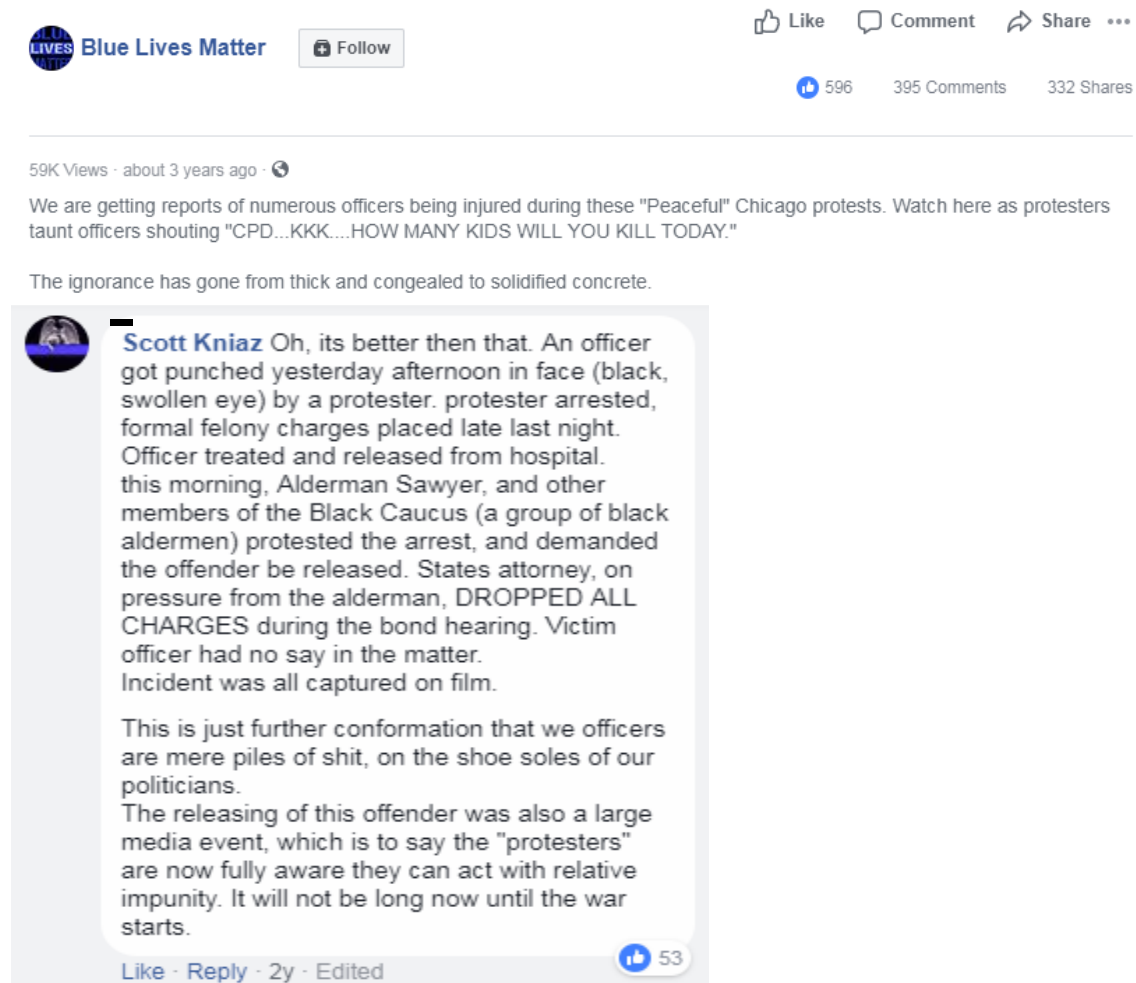


Scott Kniaz well, lets just hope this case goes before a black judge, because if it goes before a white judge, then when the officer gets found not guilty, the city will burn.

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Allegation 3

Figure 34, from Att. 11.



The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook post from the page "Blue Lives Matter". The post has 596 likes, 395 comments, and 332 shares. The main text of the post reads: "We are getting reports of numerous officers being injured during these 'Peaceful' Chicago protests. Watch here as protesters taunt officers shouting 'CPD...KKK...HOW MANY KIDS WILL YOU KILL TODAY.'" Below this is a comment from a user named Scott Kniaz. The comment text is: "Oh, its better then that. An officer got punched yesterday afternoon in face (black, swollen eye) by a protester. protester arrested, formal felony charges placed late last night. Officer treated and released from hospital. this morning, Alderman Sawyer, and other members of the Black Caucus (a group of black aldermen) protested the arrest, and demanded the offender be released. States attorney, on pressure from the alderman, DROPPED ALL CHARGES during the bond hearing. Victim officer had no say in the matter. Incident was all captured on film. This is just further conformation that we officers are mere piles of shit, on the shoe soles of our politicians. The releasing of this offender was also a large media event, which is to say the 'protesters' are now fully aware they can act with relative impunity. It will not be long now until the war starts." The comment has 53 likes and was posted 2 years ago.

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The ignorance has gone from thick and congealed to solidified concrete.

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 That's horrible and disgraceful that police officers are being treated this way. I stand 100% behind the police officers. 🚔❤️


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 I hate to say this, but what would happen if none of the officers showed up to work? I mean no one. Would they fire everyone? Not a single 911 call responded to, seriously, I think that's what it would take to get the message across.


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 I don't know what the answer is. But something needs to be done to put a stop to how police officers are being mistreated!!!! Stay safe men and women in BLUE!! 🚔❤️


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 This just makes me sick. Officers, please be safe out there. Saying prayers while this madness is going on. It just doesn't make any sense. Thugs are the innocent and the good guys are the bad guys...does not make sense. And yes, the media is a huge part of the problem!!!!


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 **Scott Kniaz** I wish. Several of us have been trying to at least get our FOP to demand the city put officers in their Riot gear, but even that isn't going anywhere. The city doesn't want the police to look "intimidating"

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 **Scott Kniaz** all the officers you see in these videos, with helmets on, that's our Bike Patrol. Every one else is required to wear soft hats. Riot helmets are still prohibited.

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