

**SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

**I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Date of Incident:	March 15, 2018
Time of Incident:	3:52 PM
Location of Incident:	1430 S. Throop Street
Date of COPA Notification:	March 16, 2018
Time of COPA Notification:	7:48 AM

Officers responded to multiple domestic violence calls by Ms. [REDACTED] against [REDACTED]. After removing Mr. [REDACTED] from Ms. [REDACTED] apartment, officers informed Mr. [REDACTED] that he had to leave the grounds of the apartment complex. Mr. [REDACTED] refused to leave without all his belongings, and a verbal confrontation ensued between him and the officers. During this time, Ms. [REDACTED] signed a complaint to have Mr. [REDACTED] arrested for Domestic Battery. As officers approached Mr. [REDACTED] to place him in custody, Mr. [REDACTED] fled. During the subsequent foot pursuit, Mr. [REDACTED] fell face down on the ground. Thereafter, officers placed a resisting Mr. [REDACTED] into custody. Mr. [REDACTED] arrest was captured on several Body Worn Cameras (BWC). The BWC footage clearly established that Mr. [REDACTED] allegations were meritless, and that his injuries were the direct result of him resisting the arresting officers; COPA and reached a finding of Unfounded without obtaining Mr. [REDACTED] statement.

**II. INVOLVED PARTIES**

Involved Officer #1:	Daniel Sanchez, Star# 17414, Employee# [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: April 25, 2016, Chicago Police Officer, Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1981, White Hispanic Male.
Involved Officer #2:	Danon Bright, Star #4503, Employee # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: December 02, 1991, Chicago Police Officer, Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1968, Black Male.
Witness Officer #1	Molly Beahan, Star #11113, Employee # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: April 17, 2017, Chicago Police Officer, Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1984, White Female.
Witness Officer #2	Jose Reynoso, Star #14901, Employee # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: April 29, 2001, Chicago Police Officer, Date of Birth: May 24, 1979, Spanish Male.

Witness Officer #3	Melissa Zollmer, Star #18479, Employee # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: March 16, 2017, Chicago Police Officer, Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1989, White Hispanic Female.
Witness Officer #4	Robert Lopez, Star #6265, Employee # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: February 24, 2003, Chicago Police Officer, Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1980, Spanish Male.
Witness Officer #5	Isaua Carmona, Star #20387, Employee # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: October 30, 2006, Chicago Police Officer, Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1982, Spanish Female.
Witness Officer #6	Matthew Augle, Star #2048, Employee # [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: November 29, 2004, Chicago Police Officer, Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1980.
Involved Civilian #1:	[REDACTED] 26 Years of Age, Male, Black

**III. ALLEGATIONS**

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Daniel Sanchez	1. That Officer Daniel Sanchez mistreated [REDACTED] in violation of Rule 9.	Unfounded
Danon Bright	2. That Officer Danon Bright physically maltreated [REDACTED] causing bruising to his wrist and face, in violation of Rule 8.	Unfounded

IV.

**APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS**

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

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

## V. INVESTIGATION<sup>1</sup>

### a. Digital Evidence

Officer Robert Lopez's Body Worn Camera (BWC) captured Ms. [REDACTED] leading officers to her apartment. The officers enter Ms. [REDACTED] apartment and awoke [REDACTED]. Officers gathered Mr. [REDACTED] belongings, and escorted him from the apartment complex. As officers were gathering Mr. [REDACTED] belongings, he became hostile with an officer by directing profanity toward him. Eventually, Mr. [REDACTED] was escorted down the hallway stairs.

Mr. [REDACTED] stood on the street corner of the apartment complex. Officers approached Mr. [REDACTED] and instructed him to leave the area. Mr. [REDACTED] became hostile towards Officer Sanchez by directing profanities and threats toward him. Once it was confirmed that Ms. [REDACTED] signed a complaint to have Mr. [REDACTED] arrested, Officer Sanchez instructed Mr. [REDACTED] to put his hands on a fence. Instead Mr. [REDACTED] fled.

Mr. [REDACTED] ran in a circular motion from the sidewalk into the street with officers in foot pursuit. Officer Bright grabbed Mr. [REDACTED] body, and Mr. [REDACTED] stumbled and fell face down on the ground. As officers attempted to place Mr. [REDACTED] in custody, Mr. [REDACTED] resisted by not following verbal commands, and moving his body about. Officers eventually gained control of Mr. [REDACTED] and handcuffed him. Officers walked Mr. [REDACTED] to a Department SUV and attempted to place him inside.

Mr. [REDACTED] resisted being placed in the SUV by stiffening his body, kicking his feet wildly, placing his feet against the exterior of the vehicle, then pushing himself off the exterior body of the SUV, causing his body to propel backward. Several officers repositioned themselves to gain control of Mr. [REDACTED] and place him inside the vehicle. Throughout the incident, Mr. [REDACTED] complained about Officer Sanchez' treatment of him.

Once inside the SUV, Mr. [REDACTED] kicked the at the windows of the SUV, which resulted in officers shackling him. Upon arriving at the hospital, Mr. [REDACTED] was shackled to a chair and escorted into the hospital by several officers and hospital security. Mr. [REDACTED] volatile behavior continued with officers and medical personnel.<sup>2</sup> He repeatedly complained about his handcuffs being too tight; Sergeant Augle explained that he would not loosen the handcuffs until Mr. [REDACTED] became calm. Mr. [REDACTED] continued being agitated and uncooperative.<sup>3</sup>

### b. Documentary Evidence

The **Original Case Incident Report (RD# JB186840)** documented that Beat 1235 responded to a call of a person with a knife at [REDACTED] on March 15, 2018 at 1100 hours. [REDACTED] informed officers that Mr. [REDACTED] had damaged her apartment, and requested to

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<sup>1</sup> COPA conducted a thorough and complete investigation. The following is a summary of the material evidence gathered and relied upon in our analysis.

<sup>2</sup> Attachment 35 (fleeing 00:30 mark, resisting being placed in vehicle, 06:40 mark, hospital, 20:00).

<sup>3</sup> COPA determined that this complaint would not become an allegation because Sergeant Augle continually addressed Mr. [REDACTED] request to loosen the handcuffs, but Mr. [REDACTED] failed to calm down and cooperate.

have him removed. Officers had Mr. [REDACTED] gather his belongings and informed him that could not remain on the premises. Ms. [REDACTED] also informed officers that Mr. [REDACTED] had punched her on the arm and pulled her hair, but she refused to sign a complaint against Mr. [REDACTED] at the time.

According to Mr. [REDACTED] **Arrest Report**, Beat 1235 responded to a second domestic call at [REDACTED], on March 15, 2018 at 1552 hours. Ms. [REDACTED] informed officers that Mr. [REDACTED] had returned to her apartment and began harassing her, by banging and spitting on the door, and attempting to break the apartment window. Ms. [REDACTED] positively identified Mr. [REDACTED] standing at 1430 S. Throop street, and signed a complaint for his arrest. When officers attempted to place Mr. [REDACTED] in custody, Mr. [REDACTED] fled on foot.

Officers pursued Mr. [REDACTED] on foot. Officer Bright attempted to grab Mr. [REDACTED] who tripped over himself, and struck his head on the pavement. Officers conducted an emergency handcuffing of Mr. [REDACTED] and escorted him to Beat 1235's vehicle. As officers attempted to place Mr. [REDACTED] in a Department vehicle, he stiffened his body. Mr. [REDACTED] kicked his feet outward to defeat arrest. Mr. [REDACTED] then kicked himself off the squad car causing his body to propel backward, resulting in Officer Beahan injuring her left knee. Per his request, Mr. [REDACTED] was transported to the University of Illinois Chicago Hospital (UIC); where he was treated and released. During the transport to the hospital, Mr. [REDACTED] was irate, and kicked the cage and back window of the squad car. According to the Visual Check of Arrestee, there was no obvious pain or injury to Mr. [REDACTED] but Mr. [REDACTED] appeared to be irrational. Mr. [REDACTED] was charged with Domestic Battery, and 4 counts of Resisting/Obstruction of a Peace Officer.<sup>4</sup>

**Tactical Response Reports** were completed by Officers Robert Lopez, Danon Bright, Molly Beahan, and Daniel Sanchez. Per reports, Mr. [REDACTED] appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, he did not follow verbal direction, stiffened, pulled away, verbally threatened officers, was an imminent threat of battery, and fled. Officers response to Mr. [REDACTED] actions were member presence, tactical positioning, additional units, verbal direction/control techniques. Officers applied the following control tactics to Mr. [REDACTED] escort holds, wristlock, and emergency handcuffing.

Per Mr. [REDACTED] **medical records** from UIC, Mr. [REDACTED] has a history of anxiety. Mr. [REDACTED] complained of wrist pain, due to being handcuffed too tightly. Mr. [REDACTED] was aggressive with police and medical staff by screaming, being hostile, uncooperative, and belligerent. Mr. [REDACTED] would not allow medical staff or officers to speak to him. Mr. [REDACTED] related to medical personnel that he fell after running from the police, and admitted to kicking the window of a Department vehicle several times. An abrasion was observed on the right side of Mr. [REDACTED] forehead. Mr. [REDACTED] was diagnosed with Wrist Sprain, and discharged in police custody.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Attachment 6.

<sup>5</sup> Attachment 34.

**ANALYSIS**

COPA recommends a finding of **UNFOUNDED** for **Allegation #1**, that **Officer Daniel Sanchez** mistreated [REDACTED] in violation of Rule 9. The multiple body worn cameras captured the incident. Although Mr. [REDACTED] alleged that Officer Sanchez mistreated him, the footage clearly established that Mr. [REDACTED] was uncooperative and threatening towards Officer Sanchez. Officer Sanchez did not respond unprofessionally to Mr. [REDACTED] provocations. Therefore, this allegation is Unfounded.

COPA recommends a finding of **UNFOUNDED** for **Allegation #2** that **Officer Danon Bright** physically maltreated [REDACTED] causing bruising to his wrist and face in violation of Rule 8. The video footage from the body worn cameras shows the incident did not occur as alleged by Mr. [REDACTED]. As Mr. [REDACTED] fled from officers, Officer Bright reached out to grab Mr. [REDACTED] who then stumbled and fell face down on the pavement.

As officers attempted to place Mr. [REDACTED] in custody, Mr. [REDACTED] ignored the verbal command of officers and resisted arrest by thrashing his body. It took several officers to gain control of Mr. [REDACTED] and place him in custody. Mr. [REDACTED] continued resisting, thrashing and being uncooperative after he was handcuffed. His resistance required the officers to forcibly place him inside the police SUV. Mr. [REDACTED] continued with his aggressive behavior throughout his transport and at the hospital, including him kicking the windows of the police SUV multiple times.

Based on the BWC footage of this incident, Mr. [REDACTED] caused injury to himself as he fell while fleeing from officers, and then thrashed his body while being handcuffed. Therefore, this allegation is Unfounded.

**CONCLUSION**

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

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Approved: 



Deputy Chief Administrator Andrea Kersten

8/13/18

Date

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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<b>Squad#:</b>	2
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<b>Deputy Chief Administrator:</b>	Andrea Kersten

