

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Incident:	March 20, 2020
Time of Incident:	8:55pm
Location of Incident:	██████████
Date of COPA Notification:	March 20, 2020
Time of COPA Notification:	10:45 PM

On March 20, 2020, Off-Duty Officer ██████████ called 911 and reported that he was involved in a domestic dispute with his ██████████ Officer Anna Hosepian. ██████████ told responding officers that ██████████ came to his home uninvited, forced her way inside of his apartment and physically attacked him and his current girlfriend, ██████████ Officer Hosepian left the scene and was not arrested.

II. INVOLVED PARTIES

Involved Officer #1:	Anna Hosepian, Star 18922, Employee# ██████████, DOA December 14, 2015, Police Officer, Unit 011, DOB ██████████ 1980, Female, White
Involved Individual #1:	██████████ Star ██████████, Employee # ██████████, DOA August 31, 2015, Police Officer, Unit 018, DOB ██████████ 1989, Male, White
Involved Individual #2:	██████████ DOB ██████████, 1994, Female, White
Involved Individual #3:	██████████ DOB ██████████ 1951, Male, White

III. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer Hosepian	1. It is alleged that on or about March 20, 2020, at approximately 7:30PM, at or near the location of ██████████ Chicago, IL the accused came to Officer ██████████ residence uninvited.	Sustained
	2. It is alleged that on or about March 20, 2020, at approximately 7:30PM, at or near the location of ██████████ Chicago, IL, the accused knocked a glass from ██████████ hand.	Sustained
	3. It is alleged that on or about March 20, 2020, at approximately 7:30PM, at or near the location of ██████████ Chicago, IL, the accused forcibly entered the residence of ██████████ without permission.	Sustained
	4. It is alleged that on or about March 20, 2020, at approximately 7:30PM, at or near the location of ██████████ Chicago, IL, the accused scratched ██████████	Sustained
	5. It is alleged that on or about March 20, 2020, at approximately 7:30PM, at or near the location of ██████████ Chicago, IL, the accused slapped ██████████ on the face.	Sustained
	6. It is alleged that on or about March 20, 2020, at approximately 7:30PM, at or near the location of ██████████ Chicago, IL, the accused grabbed ██████████ about the body.	Sustained
	7. It is alleged that on or about March 20, 2020, at approximately 7:30PM, at or near the location of ██████████ Chicago, IL, the accused kicked open ██████████ bathroom door.	Sustained
	8. It is alleged that on or about March 20, 2020, at approximately 7:30PM, at or near the location of ██████████ Chicago, IL, the accused pushed ██████████	

<p>9. It is alleged that on or about March 20, 2020, at approximately 7:30PM, at or near the location of ██████████ Chicago, IL, the accused threw ██████████ cellular phone.</p>	<p>Sustained</p>
<p>10. It is alleged that on or about March 20, 2020, at approximately 7:30PM, at or near the location of ██████████ Chicago, IL, the accused directed profanities at ██████████ in that she stated words to the effect of, “Fuck you, bitch.”</p>	<p>Sustained</p>

IV. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS

Rules

1. Rule 2 - Any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit to the Department.
2. Rule 9 – Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

V. INVESTIGATION¹

a. Summary of Evidence

According to **Domestic Battery Case and Supplemental Reports²** for JD-191603, on March 20, 2020, at approximately 8:55PM, Chicago Police Department Officers responded to a domestic related incident at ██████████ Upon arrival, Off-Duty Chicago Police Officer, ██████████ related that his ██████████ Chicago Police Officer Anna Hosepian, came to his home, knocked on his window and asked to speak to him. ██████████ told his current girlfriend, ██████████ who was inside of his apartment, to wait in the bathroom. ██████████ went to speak to Officer Hosepian outside of the front door. She proceeded to question him about his company currently visiting. When ██████████ tried to close the door, Officer Hosepian placed her foot in the doorjamb and knocked a glass out of ██████████ hand. ██████████ tried to stop Officer Hosepian from gaining entry inside, but she managed to get inside of his apartment building. ██████████ blocked the apartment door to prevent her from gaining entry inside. Officer Hosepian started scratching ██████████ right forearm. Officer Hosepian then kicked open the door and made her way into ██████████ bathroom, where ██████████ was hiding,

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

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and began yelling profanities at [REDACTED] reported that while she was sitting on the tub, Officer Hosepian forced her way inside of the bathroom, pushed her in the tub, and grabbed and threw [REDACTED] cell phone into a glass of water, causing the glass to break. It is reported that Officer Hosepian then slapped [REDACTED] and told him to get the fuck out of her life. Responding Officers observed scratches on [REDACTED] forearm, but he refused medical treatment.

Witness [REDACTED] landlord, related that he heard an argument in the hallway of his building. He looked out of his apartment door and observed Officer Hosepian kick [REDACTED] apartment door open. [REDACTED] reported that Officer Hosepian had been previously informed by him that she was not welcomed at the residence. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] refused to pursue the matter criminally.

In his **Initiation Report**³, Sgt. Sedlacek reported essentially the same information as contained in the Domestic Battery Case Report.

According to the **Office of Emergency Management Communications Records**⁴, on March 20, 2020, at approximately 8:44pm, [REDACTED] called 911 and requested a beat car and a supervisor to his home. He reported that he had a domestic incident with another Chicago Police Officer who was no longer on the scene. He identified himself, his landlord and his current girlfriend as victims and stated that EMS was not needed.

The **Body-Worn Camera Footage**⁵ depicts essentially the same information as provided in Department reports. Prior to speaking with [REDACTED] the responding officer points out broken glass outside of [REDACTED] apartment building. When [REDACTED] opens the entry door, he reports that Officer Hosepian came to his house, knocked on his garden window, and told him that she wanted to talk to him. [REDACTED] tells his current girlfriend to hide in the bathroom, because he did not want any problems. He then meets Officer Hosepian at the door and attempts to step outside of the apartment building to speak with her. As he closes the entry door, Officer Hosepian puts her foot in the doorjamb, slips under [REDACTED] arm (entering the building), and hits the wine glass from his hand, which falls and shatters. Officer Hosepian then tries to enter [REDACTED] apartment, but the door was locked. Officer Hosepian then repeatedly kicks on the door, and when [REDACTED] tries to stop her, she grabs his arm and starts scratching him. Eventually, she kicks the door open and proceeds to the bathroom where [REDACTED] is hiding. There, Officer Hosepian pushes [REDACTED] into the bathtub and takes [REDACTED] phone from her hand and throws it into a glass of water. She then grabs [REDACTED] by the shirt, slaps him on the right side of his face, and states words to the effect of, "Get the fuck out of my life. I don't want to talk to you again." Officer Hosepian then leaves the apartment.

Officers also speak with [REDACTED] (witness) who states that he heard a commotion in the hallway and looked downstairs, he saw Officer Hosepian repeatedly kicking [REDACTED] door until it opened. Also, [REDACTED] relates that she hid in the locked bathroom because she knew that Officer Hosepian was psychotic. [REDACTED] continues to report that Officer Hosepian

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pushed her into the tub, took her cell phone from her hand, and threw it against the window near a glass of water, causing the glass to shatter. Officer Hosepian slapped [REDACTED] and stated words to the effect of, "Fuck you, bitch. Fuck you. I don't want to talk to you again." [REDACTED] showed the officers the glass on the ground outside of his building and the damage to his apartment door. There was no damage to [REDACTED] phone.

In a statement at COPA on May 5, 2021, accused **Officer Anna Hosepian**⁶ related that she and Officer [REDACTED] met at the police academy in 2015 and had been involved in [REDACTED] until March of 2020. She related that she does not know if they broke up prior to March 20, 2020, the date of the alleged incident, and she does not know who initiated the breakup but described it as amicable. Officer Hosepian stated that, although they had been together for a while and she wanted to advance their relationship, [REDACTED] didn't seem to be interested. She related that they still texted each other even though they could not see each other much since she worked midnights and is a single parent. Officer Hosepian related that she and [REDACTED] had been in constant communication despite the breakup and often professed their love to one another.

Officer Hosepian related that on the date and time in question, she had spoken to [REDACTED] on the telephone before she went to the store. While she was out, [REDACTED] sent her a text message asking her when she was going to take the day off to spend time with him and suggested that they should work things out because he missed her. Officer Hosepian called [REDACTED] but he did not answer. Since she was on her way home from the store and [REDACTED] lived a few blocks away from her, she decided to stop by his residence. [REDACTED] lives in a garden apartment that requires a key to gain entry. Since [REDACTED] doorbell had never been operable, when Officer Hosepian arrived at his home, she stated that she either called or texted [REDACTED] to let him know that she was outside. [REDACTED] partially opened the door as Officer Hosepian proceeded to walk inside to the foyer area. Officer Hosepian explained that when [REDACTED] opened the door, the door swung inward and he stepped back, which is when Officer Hosepian walked inside. She stated that [REDACTED] who had a glass of wine in his hand, was standing in the threshold of the door and told her that it was not a good time. Officer Hosepian stated that something didn't seem right, and Officer Hosepian noticed that [REDACTED] was swaying back and forth and appeared to be disheveled and disoriented as if he had not been to sleep in several days. She also recalled smelling alcohol on his breath. Officer Hosepian stated that this was out of character for [REDACTED]

Officer Hosepian related that she proceeded to his apartment door, which was cracked open, and went inside where she observed his apartment to be a complete mess. He had beer bottles sprawled on the floor and the apartment had a bad odor. She asked [REDACTED] who entered the apartment behind her, what was he doing and again he responded, "Now is just not a good time," and told her that he was depressed about their relationship. Officer Hosepian said "something" told her to go his bathroom. She explained that when she and [REDACTED] wanted to smoke and didn't feel like going outside, they would hang out in the bathroom and smoke cigarettes since there was an exhaust fan inside. When Officer Hosepian opened the bathroom door, she observed a female sitting on the rim of the bathtub. Officer Hosepian stated she

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immediately walked out of the bathroom and called [REDACTED] a fucking liar and cheater. She added that [REDACTED] never tried to stop her from approaching or entering the bathroom. Officer Hosepian related that she did not have any conversation with the female and added that she was only in his apartment for approximately one minute and fifteen seconds. Officer Hosepian stated that she did not recall if [REDACTED] knew she was coming and did not recall if she was invited or not. She stated that it was not uncommon for the two of them to show up without the other person's knowledge.

Officer Hosepian stated that she was not angry when she saw the other woman in the bathroom. In fact, she explained that it was a bittersweet moment because she knew that things had not been going right for the two of them. She stated that she did scream and cry when she saw the other woman because she felt betrayed. Officer Hosepian denied having any verbal exchange or physical contact with the other woman. Furthermore, she denied taking and throwing the woman's phone.

Officer Hosepian related that she does not have the text exchange between she and [REDACTED] and she has had two phones since the date of the alleged incident. Officer Hosepian related that [REDACTED] called her a few days after the incident to apologize to her. She stated that he told her that he called the police on her, but she could not recall the details he provided during the conversation.

Officer Hosepian stated that [REDACTED] landlord, [REDACTED] never barred her from the building and they have never had a problem with one another. Officer Hosepian denied damaging [REDACTED] door and added that [REDACTED] already had damage to this bathroom door in that it was unlevelled and coming off the hinges. Furthermore, Officer Hosepian categorically denied all allegations.

VI. LEGAL STANDARD

For each Allegation COPA must make one of the following findings:

1. Sustained - where it is determined the allegation is supported by a preponderance of the evidence;
2. Not Sustained - where it is determined there is insufficient evidence to prove the allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
3. Unfounded - where it is determined by clear and convincing evidence that an allegation is false or not factual; or
4. Exonerated - where it is determined by clear and convincing evidence that the conduct described in the allegation occurred, but it is lawful and proper.

A **preponderance of evidence** can be described as evidence indicating that it is **more likely than not** that the conduct reviewed complied with Department policy. *See Avery v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.*, 216 Ill. 2d 100, 191 (2005), (a proposition is proved by

a preponderance of the evidence when it has found to be more probably true than not). If the evidence gathered in an investigation establishes that it is more likely that the conduct complied with Department policy than that it did not, even if by a narrow margin, then the preponderance of the evidence standard is met.

Clear and convincing evidence is a higher standard than a preponderance of the evidence but lower than the "beyond-a-reasonable doubt" standard required to convict a person of a criminal offense. See *e.g.*, *People v. Coan*, 2016 IL App (2d) 151036 (2016). Clear and Convincing can be defined as a "degree of proof, which, considering all the evidence in the case, produces the firm and abiding belief that it is highly probable that the proposition . . . is true." *Id.* at ¶ 28.

VII. ANALYSIS

COPA finds that **Allegations #1-3** that Officer Hosepian came to ██████████ home uninvited, knocked a wine glass from his hand, and forcibly entered his residence are **Sustained**. Although Officer Hosepian denied the allegations, she also could not recall if ██████████ invited her over or if he knew she was coming. It is highly unlikely that ██████████ would invite Officer Hosepian to his apartment while his current girlfriend, ██████████ was visiting. In her own statement, Officer Hosepian stated that, on two occasions, ██████████ told her that it was not a good time. This further supports the fact that he was unaware that she was coming to his home. Although Officer Hosepian stated that she and ██████████ would often visit each other's residence without an invite, ██████████ did not cooperate with the investigation, this could not be verified. According to the BWC footage, responding officers noticed the shattered glass outside of ██████████ home and ██████████ witnessed Officer Hosepian repeatedly kicking ██████████ apartment door until it opened. These two factors strongly corroborate ██████████ account. Therefore, COPA has determined that these allegations are supported by a preponderance of the evidence. Accordingly, allegations ## 1-3 are **Sustained**.

COPA also finds that Allegations ## 4-10 are **Sustained**. Although ██████████ and ██████████ did not cooperate with the COPA investigation, ██████████ immediately called 911 and reported the incident to the police. The officers who reported to the scene have accounts of the incident which were captured on BWC and documented in an official Domestic Battery Case Report. ██████████ account of the incident corroborates with ██████████ account. Both reported that Officer Hosepian kicked open the locked bathroom door, pushed ██████████ and threw her phone, and slapped ██████████ Responding Officers reported that they observed scratches to ██████████ forearm which further corroborates ██████████ allegation that Officer Hosepian scratched his arm. In her statement, Officer Hosepian described an encounter without incident. However, COPA finds that the investigation revealed that a physical and verbal altercation did in fact take place. Based on the totality of the circumstances, COPA finds that the incident most likely occur as alleged. Therefore, COPA has determined that these allegations are supported by a preponderance of the evidence and thus finds that they are **Sustained**.

VIII. CONCLUSION

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

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<p>8. It is alleged that on or about March 20, 2020, at approximately 7:30PM, at or near the location of [REDACTED] Chicago, IL, the accused pushed [REDACTED]</p>	<p>Sustained</p>
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IX. RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE FOR SUSTAINED ALLEGATIONS

a. Officer Anna Hosepian

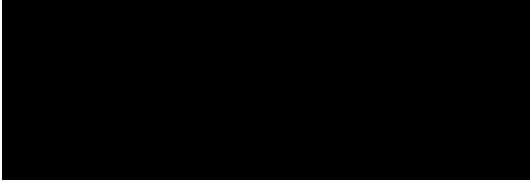
i. Complimentary and Disciplinary History

As of October 27, 2021, Officer Hosepian’s Complimentary History comprises of 35 awards, including 3 Department Commendation and 28 Honorable Mentions. Officer Hosepian has 1 sustained complaint against her. The incident date for said CR is July 8, 2017, for altercation/disturbance- traffic under log# [REDACTED].

ii. Recommended Penalty: 180-Day Suspension up to Separation

In this case, Officer Hosepian’s actions describe the commission of multiple criminal acts, including forcible entry, home invasion, property damage and battery. As an officer, Anna Hosepian pledge to uphold and enforce the law, not act against it. Such a lapse in judgement greatly undercuts her vow to uphold the law. Furthermore, COPA finds that Officer Hosepian was not forthcoming in her account of the incident, nor did she accept any responsibility. Accordingly, COPA recommends a substantial suspension up to and possibly including separation form the Department.

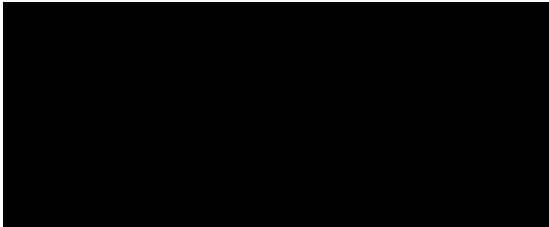
Approved:



10/29/2021

Matthew Haynam
Deputy Chief Administrator – Chief Investigator

Date



10/29/2021

Andrea Kersten
Interim Chief Administrator

Date

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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