

**SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION<sup>1</sup>**

**I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Date of Incident:	March 12, 2016
Time of Incident:	10:40-11:00 pm
Location of Incident:	6679 N. Oliphant Avenue, 6727 N. Olmsted Avenue
Date of COPA Notification:	March 13, 2016
Time of COPA Notification:	1:07 am

On March 12, 2016, Chicago Police Officer Steve Jedd was off-duty and out celebrating St. Patrick’s Day with his [REDACTED] got into a verbal altercation on the street. During the verbal altercation, it is alleged that Officer Jedd struck [REDACTED] pushed her against a wall, knocked her to the ground, and kicked her. [REDACTED] was a witness to the incident and alerted Officer Phillip Travis, who was in the area for an unrelated traffic incident. Officer Travis approached Officer Jedd to conduct a field interview, but Officer Jedd refused to stop to answer questions and instead entered Moretti’s Restaurant. Officer Travis followed him into the restaurant and, with the help of the restaurant’s employees, was eventually able to place Officer Jedd in custody. During processing, Officer Jedd repeatedly refused to cooperate with the sergeants who conducted the preliminary investigation. Officer Jedd was intoxicated and arrested for Domestic Battery. He was later found Not Guilty after a trial. Sgt. Bryon Uding registered this complaint for investigation.

**II. INVOLVED PARTIES**

Involved Officer #1:	Steve Jedd, Star #14361, Employee ID#[REDACTED] Date of Appointment July 7, 1997, Police Officer, Unit 015, DOB: [REDACTED], 1972, male, white
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED], 1976, female, white

**III. ALLEGATIONS**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Finding / Recommendation</b>
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<sup>1</sup> 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.

Officer Steve Jedd	<p>1. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:40-10:50 pm, at 6679 N. Oliphant, Officer Steve Jedd engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation with [REDACTED] in violation of Rule 9.</p> <p>2. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:40-10:50 pm, at 6679 N. Oliphant, Officer Steve Jedd struck [REDACTED] about the face and head, in violation of Rule 8.</p> <p>3. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:40-10:50 pm, at 6679 N. Oliphant, Officer Steve Jedd pushed [REDACTED] against a wall, in violation of Rule 8.</p> <p>4. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:40-10:50 pm, at 6679 N. Oliphant, Officer Steve Jedd "knocked" [REDACTED] to the ground, in violation of Rule 8.</p> <p>5. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:40-10:50 pm, at 6679 N. Oliphant, Officer Steve Jedd kicked [REDACTED] about the body, in violation of Rule 8.</p> <p>6. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd failed to comply with lawful orders from Officer Philip Travis, in violation of Rule 6.</p> <p>7. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd resisted arrest, in violation of Rule 1.</p> <p>8. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd pushed and/or brushed off Officer Philip Travis, in violation of Rule 8.</p> <p>9. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd directed profanities</p>	<p>Not Sustained</p> <p>Not Sustained</p> <p>Sustained / 11 Days</p> <p>Not Sustained</p> <p>Not Sustained</p> <p>Sustained / 60 Days</p> <p>Sustained / 60 Days</p> <p>Sustained / 2 Days</p> <p>Sustained / 2 Days</p>
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<p>at Sergeant Bryon Uding, in violation of Rules 7 and 9.</p>	
<p>10. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd was intoxicated while off duty, in violation of Rule 15.</p>	<p>Sustained / 15 Days</p>
<p>11. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd was placed under arrest for Domestic Battery, in violation of Rule 1.</p>	<p>Exonerated</p>
<p>12. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd failed to comply with two direct orders from Sergeant Terrance Cochran from the BIA Unit to take a breathalyzer test, in violation of Rules 6 and 7.</p>	<p>Sustained / 15 Days</p>

**IV. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS**

Rules

**Rule 1:** Violation of any law or ordinance.

**Rule 2:** Any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.

**Rule 6:** Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.

**Rule 7:** Insubordination or disrespect toward a supervisory member on or off duty.

**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 a person, while on or off duty.

**Rule 10:** Inattention to duty.

**Rule 15:** Intoxication on or off-duty.

State Laws

**720 ILCS 5.0/12-3.2-A-1** – Domestic Battery

## V. INVESTIGATION<sup>2</sup>

### a. Interviews<sup>3</sup>

#### 1. Civilian Statements

In her interview to IPRA on June 21, 2016,<sup>4</sup> ██████ stated that she and her husband, Officer Steve Jedd (“Officer Jedd”), were out celebrating St. Patrick’s Day. They met her sister (now known as ██████) and their neighbors at Moretti’s for lunch at approximately 1:00 p.m. They went to several other bars in the area throughout the day and into the evening. At some point when they were at Firewater Saloon, she decided to go home because she was not feeling well from drinking all day. ██████ admitted that she was intoxicated by this time and said that Officer Jedd was as well.

█████ left the bar and Officer Jedd followed her outside. They walked toward an apartment building near Olmsted and Oliphant Avenues where they argued about the set of house keys they had brought with them.<sup>5</sup> ██████ told Officer Jedd that she did not have the house keys, but he insisted on looking in her purse. They pulled the purse back and forth. According to ██████ when she jerked the purse from Officer Jedd, she fell backwards against a brick wall of the apartment building and then fell onto the sidewalk. ██████ stated that she cut her right hand trying to catch herself. ██████ told Officer Jedd to get away from her. Officer Jedd told her to “get it together”<sup>6</sup> and walked away from her toward Moretti’s. ██████ denied that Officer Jedd pushed her against a brick wall, held her against the brick wall, pushed her to the ground, or kicked her while she was on the ground. According to ██████ she caused herself to trip backward when she jerked her purse back from Officer Jedd. ██████ stated that she remained seated on the ground for about a minute. She was mad and embarrassed and was crying about the situation. ██████ stated that Officer Jedd did not assist her up or in collecting her personal stuff. A young woman (most likely ██████) helped her get off the ground and retrieve her belongings that had fallen from her purse. The woman asked why Officer Jedd did that to her, to which ██████ responded that she did not know and walked towards her home.

As ██████ walked home, she was stopped by a police officer (Officer Craig Castro) who asked if her husband hit her. ██████ repeated the question to Officer Castro. ██████ sat on the curb while talking to Officer Castro. Officer Castro then drove her home and informed her that someone had seen Officer Jedd abuse her and that he was being arrested. ██████ stated that she tried to tell Officer Castro that Officer Jedd did not abuse her and that she would not sign any complaints against him.<sup>7</sup> ██████ stated that Officer Jedd returned home the next morning and told

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<sup>2</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>3</sup> IPRA also interviewed Officer Robert Kujawski, who was not a witness to any of the alleged misconduct. Officer Jedd was already in custody when Officer Kujawski and his partner, Officer Daniel Bacoulis, arrived.

<sup>4</sup> Attachments 81, 84.

<sup>5</sup> ██████ stated that the keys were in the pocket of Officer Jedd’s sweatshirt, which one of their neighbors had borrowed to walk home earlier in the evening.

<sup>6</sup> Attachment 84, page 33, line 12.

<sup>7</sup> ██████ stated that she did not know where Officer Castro got the information that he included in his report of their conversation (Attachment 33).

her that he walked away from Officer Phillip Travis when Officer Travis was trying to question him about whether he struck her. Officer Jedd tried to leave Moretti's when Officer Travis continued to try to talk to him. Officer Jedd then told her that Officer Travis struck him with a baton and handcuffed him. In her trial testimony on July 05, 2016,<sup>8</sup> ██████ provided essentially the same account of the incident as in her statement to IPRA. ██████ insisted that Officer Jedd did not batter her and that she never told Officer Castro, Officer Travis, or Ms. ██████ that he did. ██████ also stated she was concerned about the serious repercussions that Officer Jedd was facing if he was found guilty in court, indicating that it would affect his career, pension, and their family life.

In the trial testimony on July 5, 2016,<sup>9</sup> ██████ (██████) stated that she met her sister, ██████ and brother-in-law, Officer Jedd, at approximately 4:00 or 5:00 pm on March 12, 2016 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. At approximately 10:30 to 10:45 pm, while they were at Firewater Saloon, ██████ decided she wanted to go home and walked out of the bar with Officer Jedd. ██████ was outside the bar about 30 feet from ██████ and Officer Jedd, who were having a discussion regarding the house keys. ██████ testified that she saw Officer Jedd grab ██████ purse to look inside the purse. ██████ jerked the purse from him, and in the process, lost her balance and fell back against a wall. ██████ then stumbled down to the ground.

According to ██████ she did not see Officer Jedd push or shove ██████ against a wall and did not see Officer Jedd kick ██████ while she was on the ground. ██████ went back inside Firewater Saloon at that point to retrieve her jacket so she could go home. When she returned outside, she did not see ██████ or Officer Jedd and assumed that Officer Jedd had placed ██████ in a cab and sent her home.

In a telephone conversation with IPRA on March 22, 2016,<sup>11</sup> ██████ stated that she and her friends<sup>12</sup> were in Chicago for spring break. On the date of this incident, they were in and near Park Ridge celebrating St. Patrick's Day. ██████ stated that she saw a white man (Officer Jedd) yelling loudly at a white woman (██████) stated that she saw Officer Jedd push ██████ against a wall, then pin her shoulders against the wall. ██████ looked at her friends to see if they were watching the incident. Upon looking back at the couple, she saw ██████ on the ground on her hands and knees. She then saw Officer Jedd kick ██████ in the stomach area and walk away from her. ██████ and her friends saw a police officer (Officer Travis) parked on the corner and immediately informed him about the situation. Officer Travis exited his vehicle as Officer Jedd walked across the street and continued north on Olmsted. ██████ described Officer Jedd to be intoxicated and said that he stumbled when he walked away from the situation. Officer Travis walked rapidly toward Officer Jedd and told him to stop. Officer Jedd ignored Officer Travis' order and kept walking. ██████ and her friends approached and assisted ██████ who lay on the sidewalk. ██████ learned that Officer Jedd was ██████ husband. ██████ said that ██████ who was also intoxicated, refused help and medical treatment before stumbling as she walked away.

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<sup>8</sup> Attachment 78, pages 68-86.

<sup>9</sup> Attachment 78, pages 87-96.

<sup>10</sup> Ms. ██████ was not interviewed by IPRA/COPA, She testified at Officer Jedd's criminal trial.

<sup>11</sup> Attachment 47. Ms. ██████ lives out of state and was unable to meet with IPRA for an in-person interview.

<sup>12</sup> Ms. ██████ declined to provide her friends' names because they did not want to be involved in the investigation.

In her trial testimony on July 05, 2016,<sup>13</sup> ██████ provided essentially the same account as in her telephone interview to IPRA. ██████ estimated that she was approximately 50 feet away from ██████ at the time of the incident. She also acknowledged that she had two or three alcoholic beverages in the four to five hours prior to the incident.

In her telephone conversation with IPRA on March 22, 2016,<sup>14</sup> ██████ stated that she was visiting Chicago with her daughter<sup>15</sup> and they were involved in a traffic accident on Northwest Highway. ██████ called the police and Officer Travis responded to complete the traffic crash report. ██████ related that while she was in her vehicle, she observed a white man (Officer Jedd) and a white woman (██████) engaged in an altercation across the street. ██████ described Officer Jedd as loud and belligerent and said that he was yelling at ██████. Officer Jedd said to ██████ "Give it to me,"<sup>16</sup> as he harassed her. Officer Jedd shoved ██████

██████ was not sure if ██████ fell to the ground at that point because there were parked vehicles that partially obstructed her view. At some point, however, she saw ██████ in a crouched position as if she was getting up from the sidewalk. ██████ saw a group of white women knock on Officer Travis' squad car window and point to Officer Jedd. Officer Jedd walked away from ██████. Officer Travis walked quickly behind him and ordered Officer Jedd to stop and to come to him. Officer Jedd failed to stop and continued to walk away until ██████ lost sight of him. ██████ and her daughter remained in their vehicle and did not have any verbal contact with any of the other people involved in this incident. At some point, ██████ got up and walked away until ██████ lost sight of her.

In his interview to IPRA on March 21, 2016,<sup>17</sup> ██████ (██████ a ██████ of Moretti's restaurant, stated that he was standing outside of the restaurant when a black male uniformed officer (Officer Travis) approached him and asked for assistance in moving a squad car.<sup>18</sup> Upon returning to Moretti's, ██████ observed Officer Travis and a white male (Officer Jedd) who was against the bar. ██████ heard Officer Travis ordering Officer Jedd to turn around and put his hands behind his back. ██████ stated that Officer Jedd would not turn around, so Officer Travis finally handcuffed him in the front before bringing him outside and placing him inside Officer Travis' squad car. ██████ did not witness any physical altercation that may have occurred before he entered Moretti's.<sup>19</sup>

In his interview to IPRA on March 21, 2016,<sup>20</sup> ██████ (██████ a ██████ of Moretti's, stated that he was at the restaurant and standing at the far end of the bar when he saw a scuffle at the host stand at the front of the restaurant. He immediately ran to that location and saw that one of the individuals involved in the scuffle was in a police uniform. He later recognized the officer as Officer Travis, who patrols the area. ██████ observed Officer Travis trying to control a

<sup>13</sup> Attachment 78, pages 19-37.

<sup>14</sup> Attachment 46. ██████ lives out of state and was unable to meet with IPRA for an in-person interview.

<sup>15</sup> ██████ daughter, Adrian Shaltry, did not cooperate with this investigation.

<sup>16</sup> Attachment 46; paragraph 3, line 5.

<sup>17</sup> Attachments 22, 52.

<sup>18</sup> This was investigated under Log #1079809.

<sup>19</sup> Attempts to identify and interview additional witnesses from Moretti's that ██████ identified and Firewater Saloon were unsuccessful. See Attachments 16, 29, 49, 90, 91.

<sup>20</sup> Attachments 26, 53.

white man (Officer Jedd) who was trying to get away from Officer Travis and exit the restaurant. Officer Travis told Officer Jedd to calm down and identified himself as a police officer. During the scuffle, Officer Jedd pushed Officer Travis. ██████ stated that he saw either one or both men go down on the floor. A patron and other employees were all now behind Officer Travis and appeared to be ready to assist the officer if necessary. ██████ heard Officer Travis tell Officer Jedd to calm down, turn around, and put his hands behind his back. At some point, Officer Jedd was facing the bar and Officer Travis placed zip ties on Officer Jedd's wrists. ██████ stated that he and the others helped Officer Travis escort Officer Jedd outside and into the squad car. ██████ described Officer Jedd as intoxicated, based on the way he looked, smelled, and acted.

## 2. Officer Statements

In his interview to IPRA on August 10, 2016,<sup>21</sup> **Officer Phillip Travis (“Officer Travis”)** stated that he was sitting inside his vehicle completing a traffic crash report when two women (one of whom is ██████) knocked on the door. One of the women pointed to a white male (Officer Jedd) and said that he had just knocked down a woman. Officer Travis exited his vehicle and saw a white female (██████) on the ground with her knees pulled up to her chest. Officer Travis called out to Officer Jedd to stop and asked if he knocked down ██████

Officer Jedd responded that he hadn't and kept walking away. Officer Travis again called to Officer Jedd to stop, then reported the incident over the radio and asked for assistance. Officer Travis followed Officer Jedd and repeatedly instructed him to stop, but Officer Jedd refused. Officer Travis followed Officer Jedd into Moretti's and approached him, but Officer Jedd attempted to move around Officer Travis to exit the restaurant. Officer Travis continued giving Officer Jedd verbal commands to stop and turn around, which Officer Jedd continued to ignore. When Officer Travis reached for Officer Jedd's hand to handcuff him, Officer Jedd pulled away, continued to struggle, and did not comply. Officer Jedd tensed his arm and struggled by not allowing Officer Travis to handcuff him. Officer Travis took out his expandable baton and struck Officer Jedd once on the shoulder. Officer Travis stated that after he used his baton, some of the restaurant staff assisted him by holding Officer Jedd so Officer Travis could handcuff him. Officer Travis stated that Officer Jedd resisted arrest and did not follow verbal commands, but he did not push or verbally abuse Officer Travis. Officer Travis was not a witness to any verbal or physical interaction between Officer Jedd and his ██████. Officer Travis did not hear any conversation between Sergeant Uding and Officer Jedd.

In his trial testimony on July 5, 2016,<sup>22</sup> **Officer Travis** provided essentially the same account of the incident as he provided to IPRA. However, during the questioning Officer Travis stated that he did not believe Officer Jedd was resisting arrest although he had to tell Officer Jedd four times to stop and he failed to do so. Officer Travis also stated that Officer Jedd brushed his upper body against him when Officer Jedd attempted to leave the restaurant.

In his interview to IPRA on August 3, 2016,<sup>23</sup> **Officer Craig Castro (“Officer Castro”)** stated that he received a call to assist Officer Travis with an incident at Moretti's. When Officer Castro arrived, Officer Travis had an offender (Officer Jedd) in custody and asked Officer Castro

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<sup>21</sup> Attachments 70, 88.

<sup>22</sup> Attachment 78, pages 51-62.

<sup>23</sup> Attachment 63, 64.

to search for the victim (██████████) Officer Castro located ██████████ walking by herself. Officer Castro stated that although ██████████ was not very cooperative during their conversation, she informed him that she could not believe that her husband had pushed her to the ground. She also informed Officer Castro that Officer Jedd was upset due to an argument he had with patrons from a bar regarding political issues. Officer Castro asked ██████████ to accompany him to the scene to speak with a sergeant about the incident, but she refused. Officer Castro then drove her home. Officer Castro described ██████████ to be intoxicated, as he could smell alcohol in her breath and her mood changed from upset to sad to happy. Officer Castro stated that he did not observe any injuries to ██████████ and she did not complain of any pain or injuries. She refused the medical attention that he offered.

Officer Castro returned to the station and completed his reports. While at the station, he saw Officer Jedd. He did not speak with Officer Jedd but could tell that he appeared to be intoxicated due to his behavior, specifically that he appeared confused and uncooperative with BIA officers. Officer Castro witnessed Officer Jedd refusing to cooperate with the BIA sergeant (Sergeant Cochran) who ordered Officer Jedd to submit to a breathalyzer test. A CPD Deputy (Deputy Chief Ruiz) responded to the district and ordered Officer Jedd to submit to the breathalyzer test, which he did. Officer Castro described Officer Jedd as confused and uncooperative but calm most of the time while at the station. Officer Castro did not assist Officer Travis with the arrest of Officer Jedd and he was not a witness to any verbal or physical contact Officer Travis or any other responding officer had with Officer Jedd. Officer Castro documented his conversation with ██████████ in a report.<sup>24</sup>

In his interview to IPRA on August 24, 2016,<sup>25</sup> **Involved Officer Steve Jedd (“Officer Jedd”)** stated that on March 12, 2016 he was out celebrating St. Patrick’s Day with ██████████ and her sister until approximately 10:45 pm, when ██████████ told him that she was going home. Officer Jedd decided to stay out with some of his friends. Officer Jedd walked ██████████ outside and asked her for the house keys. ██████████ informed him that she did not have them, which he did not believe. According to Officer Jedd, they engaged in a loud discussion as he reached for ██████████ purse to look inside it. ██████████ jerked the purse away from him, lost her balance, and fell back against a wall then down onto the ground. According to Officer Jedd, ██████████ was upset and told him to go out with his friends and that she was going home. Officer Jedd did not help ██████████ off the ground. Officer Jedd stated that ██████████ picked up the items that had fallen from her purse, then picked herself up from the ground and walked down the block. Officer Jedd described ██████████ to be fine but embarrassed about falling to the ground and upset about damaging her cell phone. Officer Jedd stated that he was not concerned about ██████████ walking home alone even though she was intoxicated. Officer Jedd denied pushing or kicking ██████████ or that she was in a fetal position while on the ground. He also denied striking ██████████ about the body or holding her against a wall.

Officer Jedd stated that he did not recall seeing or talking to Officer Travis outside prior to reaching Moretti’s. Officer Jedd could not explain why he did not stop when Officer Travis ordered him to do so. According to Officer Jedd, the only time he recalled Officer Travis talking to him outside of Moretti’s was when Officer Travis asked him if he had been involved in a fight. According to Officer Jedd, he answered Officer Travis by telling him no and then continued inside

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<sup>24</sup> Officer Castro’s report is Attachment 33.

<sup>25</sup> Attachments 77, 89.



the restaurant to find his friends. Officer Jedd stated that he did not think that Officer Travis was talking to him directly as he recalled seeing other people on the sidewalk and nearby area.

Officer Jedd stated that once they were in the restaurant, Officer Travis blocked the door. According to Officer Jedd, he could not hear what if anything Officer Travis said to him due to the loud noise inside the restaurant. Officer Jedd reiterated that if Officer Travis asked him to stop, he did not hear him. Officer Jedd denied using his upper body or hands to push or shove Officer Travis out of the way or to pass him to exit the restaurant. According to Officer Jedd, he did try to exit the restaurant after Officer Travis blocked the door but could not recall having physical contact with Officer Travis. Officer Jedd stated that he could not hear what Officer Travis said to him while in the restaurant but did hear him say something to the effect of Officer Jedd being under arrest. According to Officer Jedd, he wanted to talk to Officer Travis outside to clarify the situation, but he could not get out of the restaurant.

Officer Jedd was unable to explain why he did not stop to talk to Officer Travis about the domestic battery Officer Travis had asked him about when he had walked away and into Moretti's restaurant. Officer Jedd could not explain why he did not ask Officer Travis what was going on, or why he did not comply with Officer Travis' orders to stop. Officer Jedd stated that he wanted to leave the restaurant, but that Officer Travis intervened. He related that two men who were at the bar stopped him from exiting the restaurant while Officer Travis attempted to handcuff him.

Officer Jedd stated that Officer Travis struck him on his shoulder with his expandable baton during the time that he was trying to exit the restaurant and it was then that he extended his arms to allow Officer Travis to handcuff him. Officer Jedd stated that Officer Travis escorted him out of the restaurant and placed him in a squad car. Officer Travis told Officer Jedd that a witness accused him of kicking someone. Officer Jedd stated that Officer Travis then informed him that he was under arrest for Battery against his [REDACTED]

Officer Jedd denied that he refused to exit the squad car or enter the police station as indicated in Sergeant Uding's initiation report. Officer Jedd recalled talking to Sergeant Cochran, who ordered him to do a breathalyzer test, but Officer Jedd initially refused because according to him he was not sure he had to comply and wanted to speak with a representative from the Fraternal Order of Police ("FOP") first. According to Officer Jedd, Sergeant Cochran gave him a direct order to do the test, however he only complied when the street deputy (Deputy Chief Ruiz) arrived and gave him the order. According to Officer Jedd, he initially told the deputy that he wanted to talk to a FOP representative before doing the test. When Deputy Chief Ruiz told him that he would lose his job if he did not comply with the order, Officer Jedd consented to the breathalyzer test. Officer Jedd admitted that he was intoxicated and confused regarding what Sergeant Cochran and Deputy Chief Ruiz wanted him to do. Officer Jedd stated that he did not recall talking to Sergeant Uding or any other supervisor while at the station or at Moretti's restaurant. Officer Jedd did not recall using or directing any profanities at Sergeant Uding. Officer Jedd stated that he did not believe he had any physical contact with Officer Travis when he was trying to exit the restaurant and denied pushing or shoving Officer Travis. Officer Jedd stated that after he finally cooperated with the breathalyzer test, the arrest process was completed. Officer Jedd admitted that he engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation with [REDACTED] that he was intoxicated while off-duty, and that he was placed under arrest for domestic battery. Officer Jedd denied the other allegations of physical contact toward [REDACTED]

In his trial testimony on July 05, 2016,<sup>26</sup> **Officer Jedd** provided a similar account of the incident as the one he provided in his interview to IPRA. In reference to why he tried to leave Moretti's, Officer Jedd said that he frequents that restaurant often and knows people there so he was embarrassed at being spoken to by a police officer in front of people he knew. Officer Jedd also said that he wanted to talk to Officer Travis outside because it was too loud inside the restaurant for them to talk. However, he never related that information to Officer Travis when Officer Travis stopped him inside the restaurant.

### b. Digital Evidence

The **In-Car Camera video**<sup>27</sup> from Officer Travis' vehicle showed Officer Jedd walking away from Officer Travis, who attempted to conduct an interview with him. The in-car camera video captured Officer Jedd crossing the street back and forth on two occasions and Officer Travis behind him. The in-car camera video did not capture the altercation between Officer Jedd and [REDACTED]. The in-car camera video captured Officer Jedd asking Officer Travis why he was handcuffed and being taken to the station. No other activity was captured in the video.

The **security video**<sup>28</sup> from Moretti's Restaurant captured Officer Jedd entering the bar wearing a light-colored jacket or hoodie. As Officer Jedd walked around the restaurant, he removed the jacket/hoodie and proceeded toward the exit door. Simultaneously, Officer Travis entered the restaurant and appeared to be looking for Officer Jedd. As Officer Jedd approached the front where Officer Travis was located, he held the jacket/hoodie behind his back, and began interacting with Officer Travis. Officer Jedd then attempted to walk away from Officer Travis, who appeared to be talking to him. When Officer Travis attempted to detain Officer Jedd, Officer Jedd raised his hand and appeared to make contact with Officer Travis. Officer Jedd attempted to exit the same door he originally entered and a scuffle ensued between Officer Jedd and Officer Travis. Officer Travis tried to stop and detain Officer Jedd, who resisted Officer Travis' efforts. Again, Officer Jedd pushed and pulled away from Officer Travis and attempted to get away from him, but Officer Travis and two other individuals<sup>29</sup> immediately stopped him. Officer Travis and the two individuals grabbed Officer Jedd, pulled him away from the door, and placed him against the bar. One of the individuals wrapped his arm around Officer Jedd's arm while holding him against the bar. The video captured as additional security guards from Moretti's Restaurant entered the bar area and assisted Officer Travis by standing around Officer Jedd to prevent him from fleeing. Officer Travis handcuffed Officer Jedd in the front of his body and escorted him out of the bar. No other officers were observed entering the restaurant or assisting Officer Travis with the arrest of Officer Jedd. No other physical contact was observed between Officer Jedd and Officer Travis.

### c. Documentary Evidence

In his initiation report,<sup>30</sup> **Sergeant Bryon S. Uding** reported that he responded to a call for a supervisor from Officer Philip Travis at Moretti's Restaurant regarding an off-duty police officer,

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<sup>26</sup> Attachment 78, pages 98-116.

<sup>27</sup> Attachment 20.

<sup>28</sup> Attachment 18.

<sup>29</sup> The individuals were later identified as Moretti's personnel and a patron from the restaurant.

<sup>30</sup> Attachment 4. Sergeant Uding retired from CPD on May 6, 2016 and did not provide an interview for this investigation.

now identified as Officer Steve Jedd. Upon arrival, Sergeant Uding learned that Officer Travis was completing a Traffic Crash Report when two women (one of whom was ██████████) got his attention and pointed to a man who was walking away (Officer Jedd). ██████████ told Officer Travis that Officer Jedd had knocked a woman to the ground. Officer Travis turned around and observed a woman, now identified as ██████████ rising into a sitting position on the sidewalk. Officer Travis instructed Officer Jedd to stop, but Officer Jedd continued to walk away and entered Moretti's Restaurant. Once inside the restaurant, Officer Jedd attempted to evade Officer Travis and continued to refuse to comply with commands. Some of the restaurant's employees (██████████ ██████████) assisted Officer Travis in controlling and handcuffing Officer Jedd.

After Officer Travis handcuffed and secured Officer Jedd in his squad car, he attempted to locate ██████████. Additional units responded to the scene and Officer Travis gave Officer Craig Castro ██████████ description and direction so he could locate her. Officer Castro reported to Sergeant Uding that he located ██████████ nearby, briefly interviewed her, and gave her a ride home. During the interview, ██████████ confirmed that Officer Jedd struck her, however, she told Officer Castro that she did not want to have anything to do with any investigation and refused to further cooperate.

Sergeant Uding, who was in full uniform at the time, opened the rear passenger door to Officer Travis' squad car, asked Officer Jedd for his name and if he was in fact a police officer. Officer Jedd responded to Sergeant Uding, "Who the fuck are you?" Sergeant Uding observed that there was a strong smell of alcohol on Officer Jedd's breath. Sergeant Uding described Officer Jedd's behavior to be defiant, in that Officer Jedd initially refused to exit the squad car once at the 016<sup>th</sup> District and refused to enter the station. Sergeant Uding reported that Officer Jedd's physical appearance and movements showed signs of being under the influence of alcohol.

In his Synoptic Report,<sup>31</sup> **BIA Sergeant Terrance Cochran** reported that he responded to the 016<sup>th</sup> District and learned that there was an allegation that Officer Jedd, who was in custody for Domestic Battery, was intoxicated while off-duty. Sergeant Cochran reported that there were no Order of Protection orders on file against either Officer Jedd or ██████████ and no other case reports listing ██████████ as the victim and Officer Jedd as the offender. After receiving permission from BIA Chief Eddie Welch, Sergeant Cochran relieved Officer Jedd of his police ██████████. Sergeant Cochran explained to Officer Jedd what was happening, but Officer Jedd was uncooperative and argumentative, and repeatedly stated that he did not understand why he was under arrest because there was no victim. Officer Jedd refused to accept that civilian witnesses had reported seeing him physically attack his ██████████. After having Officer Jedd sign the Notification of Charges/Allegations, Sergeant Cochran gave him a Direct Order to take the breathalyzer test. Officer Jedd did not comply and spent almost ten minutes demanding to be allowed to consult with his Fraternal Order of Police representative before taking the test. Officer Jedd was informed that FOP would be called, but neither the call nor waiting for their arrival would delay or stop the test. Officer Jedd refused to comply with Sergeant Cochran's second Direct Order. Deputy Chief

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<sup>31</sup> Attachment 30. Sergeant Cochran's report also included the information he learned from Sergeant Uding about the domestic battery and arrest, which is the same account as in Sergeant Uding's Initiation Report.

Berscott Ruiz had to come into the station to give Officer Jedd a Direct Order to comply with the breathalyzer test, which he did.

The **Alcohol/Drug Influence Report**<sup>32</sup> documented that Officer Jedd performed a breathalyzer exam on March 13, 2016 at 4:48 a.m. The report documented that Officer Jedd's attitude was cocky, combative, and argumentative. Officer Jedd's breath had a slight odor of alcohol, his eyes were bloodshot, and his ability to follow instructions was fair. As noted in Sergeant Cochran's report, Officer Jedd initially repeatedly refused to take the breathalyzer test. After he finally complied, the results returned with a Breath Alcohol Content (Br.A.C.) of .146.

Officer Jedd's **Arrest Report**<sup>33</sup> prepared by Officer Travis contains essentially the same account of the arrest as in Sergeant Uding's Initiation Report. Officer Travis struck Officer Jedd's right shoulder with his baton to gain control of him after Officer Jedd brushed past him, making contact with Officer Travis' upper body. The report noted that Moretti's security video recorded the arrest. Officer Castro informed Officer Travis that [REDACTED] who also appeared to be intoxicated, told him that Officer Jedd pushed her against a wall and kicked her because he was angry at her. Officer Jedd was charged with Domestic Battery.

The **Original Case Incident Report** (RD# [REDACTED])<sup>34</sup> includes essentially the same account of the incident as that in the Arrest and Initiation Reports.

In his **Tactical Response Report (TTR)** and **Officer's Battery Report (OBR)**,<sup>35</sup> Officer Travis documented that he used verbal commands, wristlock, and an expandable baton to place Officer Jedd in handcuffs. Officer Travis reported that Officer Jedd failed to follow commands, pulled away, and attempted to push past him. In response, Officer Travis struck Officer Jedd with his baton during emergency handcuffing. Officer Travis characterized Officer Jedd as an imminent threat of battery based on his overall actions.

In a **To/From/Subject Report** dated March 13, 2016,<sup>36</sup> **Officer Craig Castro** described his conversation with [REDACTED] during which she reported that her husband shoved her to the ground. She also reported that he was upset with some patrons over politics.<sup>37</sup> [REDACTED] refused medical treatment, did not want Officer Jedd arrested, and refused to further cooperate with Officer Castro because she did not want to get her husband in trouble.

Officer Jedd was found Not Guilty of Domestic Battery after a bench trial on July 5, 2016.<sup>38</sup>

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<sup>32</sup> Attachments 36-37.

<sup>33</sup> Attachment 6.

<sup>34</sup> Attachment 7.

<sup>35</sup> Attachments 14-15.

<sup>36</sup> Attachment 33.

<sup>37</sup> In his IPRA statement, Officer Jedd denied having any such arguments.

<sup>38</sup> Attachment 69.

## VI. ANALYSIS

### A. Applicable rules and standard of analysis

It is alleged that Officer Jedd was involved in multiple improper physical and verbal altercation on the date in question, in violation of rules 8 and 9, Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department, which together “prohibit the use of any excessive force by any member. These rules prohibit all brutality, and physical or verbal maltreatment of any citizen while on or off duty, including any unjustified altercation of any kind.”<sup>39</sup> It is also alleged that Officer Jedd committed two criminal offenses: resisting arrest (720 ILCS 5/31-1-A) and domestic battery (statute he was charged with), in violation of Rule 1, which prohibits officers from violating any law or ordinance. Officer Jedd further allegedly violated Rule 6, which requires obedience to lawful orders. Finally, it is alleged that Officer Jedd was intoxicated in violation of Rule 15.

When making investigative findings, COPA uses a preponderance of the evidence standard.<sup>40</sup> “A proposition proved by a preponderance of the evidence is one that has been found to be more probably true than not true.” *Avery v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.*, 216 Ill. 2d 100, 191 (2005). The preponderance of the evidence standard is a lower evidentiary standard than that used in criminal proceedings, which require a finding of guilt beyond reasonable doubt.

COPA concludes that **Allegation #1** against Officer Jedd, that he engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation with ██████ at 6679 N. Oliphant, in violation of Rule 9, is **NOT SUSTAINED**. Two independent witnesses, ██████ and ██████ provided accounts that included an argument between Officer Jedd and his ██████ during the altercation. Additionally, ██████ and Officer Jedd both acknowledged they had an argument about their house keys. However, no one reported any specific language that was used that would have violated CPD rules and it is not clear whether this argument rose to the level of an unjustified verbal altercation.

COPA concludes that **Allegation #2** against Officer Jedd, that he struck ██████ about the face and head at 6679 N. Oliphant, in violation of Rule 8, is **NOT SUSTAINED**. There is insufficient evidence to prove or refute the allegation. There are no witnesses and no other known facts that this action occurred. Sergeant Uding documented this allegation in his initiation report, but is unknown how the allegation came about.

COPA concludes that **Allegation #3** against Officer Jedd, that he pushed ██████ against a wall at 6679 N. Oliphant, in violation of Rule 8, is **SUSTAINED**. Although Officer Jedd denied the allegation and ██████ supports his account,<sup>41</sup> independent witnesses ██████ and ██████ stated that they observed Officer Jedd push ██████ against a brick wall and pinned her shoulders against the wall. At trial and in her statement to IPRA, ██████ explained that when she jerked her purse from Officer Jedd, she fell back against the wall and denied being pushed by Officer Jedd.

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<sup>39</sup> Official Comment to Rule 9, Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department (effective April 1, 2010)

<sup>40</sup> COPA Rules and Regulations, Article IV, §4.1.1 Investigative Outcomes (effective April 13, 2018)

<sup>41</sup> ██████ noted in her statement that she was concerned that her husband, Officer Jedd, could face serious consequences if allegations against him were sustained. She indicated she was concerned that he could lose his job and his pension, which would have an effect on her financial well-being.

However, her immediate account to Officer Castro, which he documented in a report, was that Officer Jedd pushed her. Officer Jedd and ██████ both admitted that they were intoxicated during the incident, and there is no evidence that either of the independent witnesses were impaired. COPA affords more weight to the independent witnesses who were strangers to the involved parties and have no apparent bias. Additionally, COPA affords more weight to ██████ statement about being pushed that was made immediately after the incident. Therefore, COPA finds by a preponderance of the evidence that this allegation should be sustained against Officer Jedd.

COPA concludes that **Allegation #4** against Officer Jedd, that he “knocked” ██████ down onto the ground at 6679 N. Oliphant, in violation of Rule 8, is **NOT SUSTAINED**. Although the witnesses observed Officer Jedd push and hold ██████ against a brick wall, they did not see how ██████ ended on the ground. Officer Travis stated that ██████ was already on the ground when his attention was first drawn to her. He did not know how she ended on the ground. There is insufficient evidence to support or refute the allegation.

COPA concludes that **Allegation #5** against Officer Jedd, that he kicked ██████ about the body at 6679 N. Oliphant, in violation of Rule 8, is **NOT SUSTAINED**. There is insufficient evidence to support or refute the allegation. Although ██████ stated that she saw Officer Jedd kick ██████ in the stomach area, there are no other witnesses to support her account. ██████ denied that Officer Jedd committed this act toward her and Officer Jedd denied kicking his ██████. Instead, Officer Jedd stated that he kicked some of ██████ personal items that fell out of her purse toward her, which ██████ may have misinterpreted as him kicking ██████.

COPA concludes that **Allegation #6** against Officer Jedd, that he failed to comply with lawful orders from Officer Philip Travis at 6700-6727 N. Olmsted, in violation of Rule 6, is **SUSTAINED**. Officer Travis stated that after witnesses pointed out Officer Jedd as being involved in a domestic battery, he ordered Officer Jedd to stop and to come to him to conduct a field interview. Officer Jedd refused to stop and walked away from Officer Travis. These actions were captured on Officer Travis’ in-car camera. Witnesses ██████ and ██████ also reported observing this. ██████ stated that when Officer Jedd came home, he told her that Officer Travis tried to stop and ask him about the incident and that he walked away. In his statement to IPRA, Officer Jedd admitted that when Officer Travis entered the restaurant, he avoided Officer Travis because he wanted to go outside and was embarrassed. Officer Jedd admitted that he did not stop to speak with Officer Travis when he asked him about the battery or while in the restaurant.

COPA concludes that **Allegation #7** against Officer Jedd, that he resisted arrest at 6727 N. Olmsted, in violation of Rule 1, is **SUSTAINED**. Officer Travis indicated that Officer Jedd refused to obey commands and attempted to leave the restaurant even after being told that he was under arrest. ██████ told IPRA that he saw Officer Jedd resist arrest and engage in physical scuffle with Officer Travis. ██████ also told IPRA that he observed Officer Jedd fail to follow Officer Travis’ commands. The security video from Moretti’s restaurant captured Officer Jedd pulling away from Officer Travis and engaging in a struggle. The security video also captured Officer Jedd trying to leave the restaurant. It also depicted Officer Jedd’s refusal to talk to Officer Travis. The video further captured restaurant employees assisting Officer Travis in controlling Officer Jedd and holding him against the bar until Officer Travis handcuffed him. Officer Travis used his baton to

combat Officer Jedd's resistance. Officer Jedd admitted that he tried to exit the restaurant and was stopped by two men who assisted Officer Travis.

COPA concludes that **Allegation #8** against Officer Jedd, that he pushed Officer Philip Travis during his arrest at 6727 N. Olmsted, in violation of Rule 8, is **SUSTAINED**. ██████ stated that he witnessed Officer Jedd push Officer Travis and engaged in a scuffle with Officer Travis as he resisted arrest. Officer Travis stated that Officer Jedd brushed past him with his shoulders and did not comply to his commands. Officer Travis also stated that Officer Jedd attempted to exit the restaurant and tried to pass by him. The security video captured Officer Jedd being physical with Officer Travis and extending his hand in front of him, pushing Officer Travis away and pulling away from Officer Travis. Officer Jedd stated that he did not believe that he pushed or shoved Officer Travis but apologized for his behavior. Applying a preponderance standard, COPA concludes that this allegation be closed with a finding of Sustained.

COPA concludes that **Allegation #9** against Officer Jedd, that he directed profanities at Sergeant Bryon Uding, in violation of Rules 7 and 9, is **SUSTAINED**. Sergeant Uding documented in his initiation report that Officer Jedd used profanities at him during their interaction and was disrespectful. Officer Jedd denied the allegation; however, based on everyone's descriptions of Officer Jedd's overall actions during this incident, it is more likely than not that he directed profanities at Sergeant Uding.

COPA concludes that **Allegation #10** against Officer Jedd, that he was intoxicated while off duty, in violation of Rule 15, is **SUSTAINED**. Everyone interviewed for this investigation described Officer Jedd as being intoxicated. Officer Jedd admitted that he was intoxicated, and his BrAC was recorded as .146.

COPA concludes that **Allegation #11** against Officer Jedd, that he was arrested for Domestic Battery, in violation of Rule 1, is **EXONERATED**. The court found Officer Jedd Not Guilty for Domestic Battery. Therefore, COPA determines that this finding is Exonerated.

COPA concludes that **Allegation #12** against Officer Jedd, that he failed to comply with two direct orders from BIA Sergeant Terrance Cochran to take a breathalyzer test, in violation of Rules 6 and 7, is **SUSTAINED**. Sergeant Cochran documented in the Synoptic and the Alcohol/Drug Influence Reports Officer Jedd's refusal to take the breathalyzer test and failure to comply with two direct orders given to him. Sergeant Cochran had to call Deputy Chief Berscott Ruiz to come into the station to give Officer Jedd a Direct Order to comply with the breath test, which he finally did. Officer Jedd was insubordinate to Sergeant Cochran for failing to comply with the two direct orders.

## **VII. RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE FOR SUSTAINED ALLEGATIONS**

**a.** Officer Steve Jedd's Complimentary History includes 160 Honorable Mentions. He does not have any record of discipline in the last five years.

**b. Recommended Penalty, by Allegation**

**i. Allegation 3 – 11 Days**

The physical act involved in this domestic altercation (a push) was relatively minor but is what escalated the incident and caused the police to get involved.

**ii. Allegation 6 – 60 Days**

Officer Jedd failed to comply with the orders of an on-duty uniformed police officer. As an officer himself, he knew or should have known that he had to comply with Officer Travis’ request.

**iii. Allegation 7 – 60 Days**

Officer Jedd resisted the efforts of Officer Travis in taking him into custody. As an officer himself, he knew or should have known that compliance was required and cooperated with Officer Travis.

**iv. Allegation 8 – 2 Days**

The physical act involved in this unnecessary physical contact (pushing/brushing past Officer Travis) was relatively minor and did not cause injuries but was nonetheless resistant to a lawful order.

**v. Allegation 9 – 2 Days**

Sgt. Uding was in uniform that designated him as a CPD supervisor, to whom Officer Jedd directed profanities.

**vi. Allegation 10 – 15 Days**

Officer Jedd was visibly intoxicated and his BAC registered .146.

**vii. Allegation 12 – 15 Days**

It is well documented that Officer Jedd refused to follow Sgt. Cochran’s orders to comply with the breathalyzer, which caused a higher-ranking member to be called in to deal with the situation.

**VIII. CONCLUSION**

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

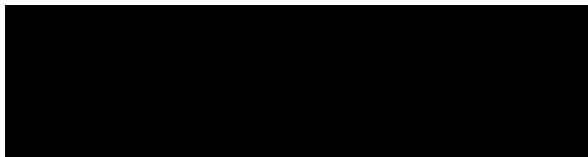
Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer Steve Jedd	1. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:40-10:50 pm, at 6679 N. Oliphant, Officer Steve Jedd engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation with ██████████ in violation of Rule 9.	Not Sustained



2. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:40-10:50 pm, at 6679 N. Oliphant, Officer Steve Jedd struck ██████ about the face and head, in violation of Rule 8.	Not Sustained
3. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:40-10:50 pm, at 6679 N. Oliphant, Officer Steve Jedd pushed ██████ against a wall, in violation of Rule 8.	Sustained / 11 Days
4. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:40-10:50 pm, at 6679 N. Oliphant, Officer Steve Jedd “knocked” ██████ to the ground, in violation of Rule 8.	Not Sustained
5. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:40-10:50 pm, at 6679 N. Oliphant, Officer Steve Jedd kicked ██████ about the body, in violation of Rule 8.	Not Sustained
6. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd failed to comply with lawful orders from Officer Philip Travis, in violation of Rule 6.	Sustained / 60 Days
7. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd resisted arrest, in violation of Rule 1.	Sustained / 60 Days
8. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd pushed and/or brushed off Officer Philip Travis, in violation of Rule 8.	Sustained / 2 Days
9. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd directed profanities at Sergeant Bryon Uding, in violation of Rules 7 and 9.	Sustained / 2 Days
10. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd was intoxicated while off duty, in violation of Rule 15.	Sustained / 15 Days

<p>11. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd was placed under arrest for Domestic Battery, in violation of Rule 1.</p>	<p>Exonerated</p>
<p>12. It is alleged that on March 12, 2016, at approximately 10:50-11:00 pm, at 6727 N. Olmsted, Officer Steve Jedd failed to comply with two direct orders from Sergeant Terrance Cochran from the BIA Unit to take a breathalyzer test, in violation of Rules 6 and 7.</p>	<p>Sustained / 15 Days</p>

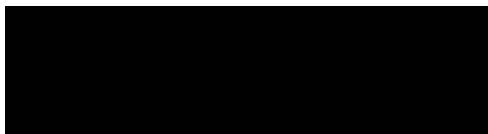
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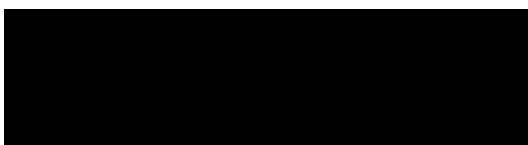
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*First Deputy Chief Administrator*

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Sydney Roberts  
*Chief Administrator*

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Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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<b>Investigator:</b>	Maira Webb
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