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COPA PROVIDES STATEMENT ON INVESTIGATION INTO INCIDENT AT THE 10TH DISTRICT

Yesterday, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) learned of a sexual misconduct allegation involving members of the Chicago Police Department (CPD) assigned to the 10th District and a migrant temporarily housed at the police station. Sexual misconduct investigations may involve criminal actions and require cooperation with CPD and ultimately, the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office (CCSAO). Accordingly, COPA immediately notified CPD’s Bureau of Internal Affairs (BIA) of these allegations, who then initiated a log, which then formally opened this investigation.

“While COPA investigators are currently determining whether the facts and details of this allegation are substantiated, we want to assure the public that all allegations of this nature are of the highest priority and COPA will move swiftly to address any misconduct by those involved,” said COPA First Deputy Chief Administrator, Ephraim Eaddy. “In compliance with the Consent Decree, COPA has jurisdiction to conduct the administrative investigations of sexual misconduct allegations involving Chicago Police officers and we are obligated to demonstrate our commitment to objectivity, integrity, and transparency when responding to misconduct. COPA’s purpose and core mission, under the Chicago Municipal Code, is to conduct independent, fact-finding administrative investigations into the most sensitive allegations of police misconduct on behalf of the public.”

This investigation is ongoing, and all information is preliminary. If anyone has information related to this incident, please contact our office at 312-746-3609 or visit www.chicagocopa.org

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