

**BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE POLICE BOARD
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	
RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE OF)	No. 20 RR 01
LIEUTENANT JAMES CASCONE)	
STAR No. 560, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)	
CITY OF CHICAGO)	(CR No. 1077954)

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

On March 11, 2020, the Office of the Police Board of the City of Chicago received from the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (“COPA”) a request for review of the Chief Administrator’s recommendation for discipline of Lieutenant James Cascone, Star No. 560, arising out of the investigation of Complaint Register No. 1077954 (“Request for Review”).

The Chief Administrator recommended that the following allegations against Lieutenant Cascone be *Sustained*:

Allegation No. 1: on November 5, 2015, at approximately 11:40 p.m., during the execution of a search warrant at [REDACTED] South [REDACTED] Avenue, Chicago, then-Sergeant Cascone¹ entered the residence of [A.R.] ([REDACTED] South [REDACTED] Avenue) without a warrant or permission.

Allegation No. 2: on November 5, 2015, at approximately 11:40 p.m., during the execution of a search warrant at [REDACTED] South [REDACTED] Avenue, Chicago, then-Sergeant Cascone searched the residence of [A.R.] ([REDACTED] South [REDACTED] Avenue) without a warrant or permission.

Allegation No. 4: on November 5, 2015, at approximately 11:40 p.m., during the execution of a search warrant at [REDACTED] South [REDACTED] Avenue, Chicago, then-Sergeant Cascone left the scene of the search warrant before the execution of the warrant was complete, in violation of Special Order 04-19 and/or Special Order 03-03-06.

The Chief Administrator recommended that Lieutenant Cascone be suspended for fifteen days.

The Superintendent objected to the Chief Administrator’s recommendations in that the Superintendent recommended that Allegation Nos. 1 and 2 be classified as *Exonerated*, and

¹On the date of the incident, Lieutenant Cascone held the rank of Sergeant.

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recommended that Lieutenant Cascone receive a reprimand (the Superintendent concurred with the recommendation that Allegation No. 4 be *Sustained*).

According to the Certificate submitted by the Chief Administrator: (1) the Chief Administrator issued the recommendations for discipline on December 30, 2019; (2) the Chief Administrator received the Superintendent's written response on February 13, 2020; (3) the Chief Administrator's designees met with the Superintendent's designees and discussed this matter on February 28, 2020; and (4) the Request for Review was sent via email to the Executive Director of the Police Board on March 10, 2020.

The Executive Director of the Police Board prepared and forwarded the Request for Review file to Paula Wolff, the member of the Police Board who was selected on a random basis, pursuant to Article VI of the Police Board's Rules of Procedure ("Reviewing Member"). The Reviewing Member considered the Request for Review pursuant to Section 2-78-130(a)(iii) of the Municipal Code of Chicago and Article VI of the Police Board's Rules of Procedure.

OPINION

It is my opinion that the Superintendent did not meet his burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline. Based on a thorough review of the Request for Review file, I agree with the Chief Administrator that there is sufficient evidence to sustain the above allegations against Lieutenant Cascone.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 2-78-130(a)(iii) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline shall be deemed accepted by the Superintendent.

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DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 25th DAY
OF MARCH, 2020.

/s/ PAULA WOLFF
Vice President
Police Board

Attested by:

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI
Executive Director
Police Board