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Andrea Kersten
Chief Administrator
Civilian Office of Police Accountability
1615 West Chicago Avenue, 4th Floor
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Re: Superintendent's Non-Concurrence with Penalty Recommendations
Complaint Log No. 2022-0000401

Dear Chief Administrator Kersten:

After a careful review of the above referenced complaint log number, the Chicago Police Department (Department) concurs with the findings for both Officer Mario Fuentes # 9793 and Sergeant Edward Ranzzoni #1776 but does not concur with the recommended penalties.

The COPA investigation recommended a penalty of a 45-day suspension for Officer Fuentes after concluding that he:

1. Engaged in a verbal altercation with a citizen without justification;
2. Seized the person of the citizen without justification;
3. Used restraints in detaining the citizen without justification or for longer than reasonable;
4. Seized the vehicle of the citizen without justification.

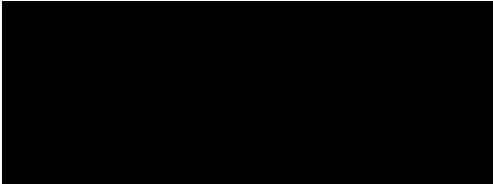
The COPA investigation also recommended a penalty of a 60-day suspension for Sergeant Ranzzoni after concluding that he:

1. Seized the person of a citizen, directed such seizure, approved such seizure and/or failed to intervene to stop such seizure, without justification;
2. Used restraints in detaining a citizen without justification and /or for longer than was reasonable, directed the use of such restraints, approved the use of such restraints and /or failed to intervene to stop such use of restraints;
3. Seized the vehicle of a citizen without justification, directed such seizure, and/or failed to intervene to stop such seizure.

The Department agrees with all the sustained findings. But the Department believes that both penalty recommendations are excessive. The Department recommends a penalty of a 10-day suspension for

both members. Pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Department provides the following comments.

Both accused members have impressive complimentary histories and each has only one disciplinary penalty of a reprimand for an operations/personnel violation. If the purpose of discipline is to correct errant behavior and modify future conduct, then this can be accomplished with a lesser suspension that would also support the principal of progressive discipline. Additional training would also be provided to both accused members on search & seizure as well as Courtesy & Demeanor. It is the Department's position that a 10-day suspension for each accused member is sufficient to accomplish this goal. The Department looks forward to discussing this matter with you pursuant to MCC 2-78-130(a)(iii).



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