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Andrea Kersten  
Chief Administrator  
Civilian Office of Police Accountability  
1615 West Chicago Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60622

Re: Log No. 1087910

Dear Chief Administrator:

The Department has conducted a review of the above referenced Complaint Log Number. It must be noted that of the two Department members with sustained findings, one has already resigned his position with the Chicago Police Department. As such, no recommendation will be made for Officer Edward Shaffer #18714.

For the other member, Sergeant Timothy Conlon #890, the Department concurs with the two Sustained findings. However, the Department does not agree that the appropriate penalty should be a sixty (60) day suspension as one of the four rule violations cited is a violation of Rule 14, Making a False Report. Pursuant to 2-78-130(a)(i)(1), the Department makes the following comments.

Since approximately 2008, the Department has sought the separation of officers with Sustained Rule 14 violations because such a violation impairs an officer's ability to effectuate arrests and to subsequently testify in criminal cases and hinders an officer from signing affidavits in support of search warrants and from participating in joint federal task forces. Federal and state prosecutors routinely inquire whether an officer has a sustained Rule 14 violation and generally will not call an officer with such a violation to testify in criminal cases because the facts of a violation would be subject to cross-examination and may negatively affect the officer's credibility. As the CPD's Rules and Regulations state, "(t)he public demands that the integrity of its law enforcement officers be above reproach, and the dishonesty of a single officer may impair public confidence and cast suspicion and disrespect upon the entire Department."

Due to these restrictions on officers with sustained Rule 14 violations, and pursuant to 2-78-130(a)(vi), the CPD must seek the separation of Sergeant Timothy Conlon.

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Sincerely,



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