

**SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	September 21, 2020/1:45AM/3612 W. 117 <sup>th</sup> Street
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	September 21, 2020/ 2:57AM
Involved Officer #1:	PO Brendan Shine, Star 17455, Employee ID [REDACTED], Date of Appointment, December 17, 2018, Police Officer, Unit of Assignment 004, DOB [REDACTED], 1993, Male, White
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED], 1995, Female, White
Case Type:	Domestic-related

**I. ALLEGATIONS**

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer Brendan Shine	1. It is alleged by [REDACTED] that on or about September 21, 2020, at approximately 1:45 AM, at or near [REDACTED] the accused pushed her.	Not Sustained
	2. It is alleged by [REDACTED] that on or about September 21, 2020, at approximately 1:45 AM, at or near [REDACTED] the accused stated words to the effect of "dumb bitch" to her.	Not Sustained
	3. It is alleged by [REDACTED] that on or about September 21, 2020, at approximately 1:45 AM, at or near [REDACTED] the accused grabbed her by the arms and pushed her.	Not Sustained
	4. It is alleged that on or about September 21, 2020, at approximately 1:45 AM, at or near [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the accused failed to cooperate with a criminal investigation, to wit: refused to answer the door for police at his home.	Not Sustained

## II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE<sup>1</sup>

In a statement to COPA on October 9, 2020, the complainant, ██████████<sup>2</sup> related that she and PO Shine have dated off and on for four years. They had issues related to their differences in age and lifestyles. On September 20, 2020, PO Shine and ██████████ had made plans to meet at his house when she got off work. ██████████ had drinks at work and was “tipsy and buzzed”<sup>3</sup> when she got to his house. They sat in his backyard and had a couple drinks together, eventually starting to argue. PO Shine was upset that she was already tipsy when she arrived at his house. The two began screaming at each other and went into the house, where they continued arguing. During the midst of the argument, PO Shine told ██████████ to leave. As she was walking towards the door, he began shoving her. ██████████ told him that she was going to sit on the porch and wait for a ride. PO Shine replied, “Just get in your car, dumb bitch.”<sup>4</sup>

While ██████████ was crying on the front porch and waiting for her parents to pick her up, PO Shine came to the door and told her to be quiet so she wouldn’t wake his neighbors. ██████████ went to the door and tried to enter to wait inside. PO Shine grabbed her by the biceps and pushed her, causing her to fall and injure her elbows.<sup>5</sup> She called her parents back and told them to hurry because PO Shine pushed her. Her parents arrived at PO Shine’s home with the police. ██████████ did not call the police but learned her dad, who is an Evergreen Park police officer, called the 022nd District. ██████████ spoke to her mom, while her father exchanged words with PO Shine. PO Shine then closed the door and would not open the door for the police. ██████████ reported the incident to CPD but did not wish to sign complaints against PO Shine or receive medical treatment. ██████████ sustained small scrapes on both of her elbows on the date of the incident and twisted her right ankle when she fell, aggravating a previous injury.

According to **CPD Reports**,<sup>6</sup> the 022<sup>nd</sup> District Desk Sergeant informed officers of a domestic disturbance at this location. When the officers arrived, they observed ██████████ dad arguing with an unknown individual at the front door. As officers approached the scene, the front entry door slammed. ██████████ related to officers essentially the same information she provided in her COPA statement. Additionally, ██████████ stated that while they were arguing, she pushed her hands onto PO Shine’s chest to prevent him from getting closer to her. At that point, PO Shine pushed her causing her to fall and strike her elbows on the ground. Officers attempted to contact PO Shine, but he did not answer the door. While ██████████ complained of elbow pain, she did not show any signs of visible injury, refused medical treatment, and refused to sign complaints against PO Shine

The **photos**<sup>7</sup> of ██████████ injuries taken the day after the incident depict what appears to be redness and a bruise near both elbows and swelling to her right ankle.

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<sup>1</sup>COPA conducted a full and complete investigation of this matter, including the interview of all pertinent civilian and officer witnesses, and the collection and review of digital, documentary, and forensic evidence.

<sup>2</sup> Att. 2, 3

<sup>3</sup> Att. 3, Pg. 10, Lns. 10-11

<sup>4</sup> Att. 3, Pg. 11, Lns. 13 -14

<sup>5</sup> ██████████ did not know if she fell because she was intoxicated.

<sup>6</sup> Atts. 1, 5, 6

<sup>7</sup> Att. 13-20

BWC footage<sup>8</sup> depicted ██████████ and her parents on the scene with police officers, which is consistent with what is in the CPD reports.

In a statement to COPA on December 16, 2021, the accused, **PO Brendan Shine**,<sup>9</sup> related that he and ██████████ had dated, off and on, for approximately three and a half years prior to this incident. He explained that he broke up with her on the night of the incident and she did not handle the breakup well. PO Shine stated that earlier that day, he and ██████████ made plans for her to come to his house when she got off work that night. ██████████ arrived later than expected because she had a drink after work. When she arrived, PO Shine was in the backyard, drinking a beer and relaxing by the bonfire. PO Shine related that ██████████ was extremely intoxicated.<sup>10</sup> During the evening, they got into a verbal disagreement regarding her past infidelities and PO Shine's trust issues.

They moved inside to avoid disturbing his neighbors and continued to argue. PO Shine asked ██████████ to leave multiple times but she refused. As ██████████ became more upset, PO Shine moved towards her and told her that it was time to go. ██████████ then punched PO Shine on the chest, lunged towards him and attempted to strike him on the face. PO Shine deflected the punch by putting his arms up and covering his face. PO Shine stated that he moved to the side and ██████████ lost her footing and fell against the counter. She then grabbed a steak knife, but PO Shine grabbed her wrist with one hand, grabbed the steak knife with his other hand and threw it in the sink. PO Shine positioned himself in front of the counter to prevent ██████████ from retrieving another knife. While screaming and cursing at PO Shine, ██████████ then punched him on the left jaw. PO Shine explained that they had made their way from the kitchen to his front door. ██████████ continued pushing him as she exited his home and punched him through the security door after it was closed.<sup>11</sup> PO ██████████ closed his entry door and sat on the couch in his living room. PO Shine stated that he continuously yelled for her to go home.

PO Shine overheard ██████████ on the front porch calling her parents and telling them to come and pick her up. PO Shine opened his entry door when ██████████ father arrived and tried to explain what occurred, but her father was extremely upset and irate. PO Shine closed the door, turned his lights off, and went downstairs to his basement. He turned on his television. PO Shine stated that he thought he later heard a knock at the door, but he didn't answer because he assumed it was ██████████ father. PO Shine had a working doorbell at the time but did not hear anyone ring his bell.

PO Shine denied the allegations. PO Shine said he did not see or know the police were on the scene. PO Shine sustained a small nick on his arm but did not get medical treatment. He did not believe that ██████████ sustained any injuries. He stated that ██████████ did not fall to the floor during this incident. PO Shine related that he consumed two beers and ██████████ who PO Shine believes had been drinking prior to her arrival, had one beer with him. PO Shine stated that he and ██████████ had never been involved in a physical altercation prior to this night. He also

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<sup>8</sup> Att. 22-28

<sup>9</sup> Att. 31, 32

<sup>10</sup> PO Shine notes ██████████ was slurring her words and had bloodshot eyes.

<sup>11</sup> PO Shine explained the upper part of the door has an opening for a window with no window in place.

stated that he did not want to call the police on her because she was trying to join the police and/or fire department and he did not want to ruin her chance for employment.

**III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

COPA finds that **Allegations 1-4** against PO Shine are **Not Sustained**. ██████████ stated that PO Shine pushed her several times while he was trying to force her to leave his residence. ██████████ stated that she fell to the ground but was not sure if she fell due to the force or the fact that she had consumed several drinks that evening. PO Shine described ██████████ as being the aggressor and accused her of displaying a kitchen knife. He admitted that he made physical contact with her to grab the knife from her but denied physically abusing her. ██████████ stated that she sustained a bruise on her elbows and a sore ankle. While PO Shine stated that he did not see ██████████ fall to the ground, he stated that she did lose her footing and fall against the counter when she lunged towards him in the kitchen. Officers responded to the incident, but PO Shine stated that he was unaware that officers were present and did not hear the doorbell. There were no eyewitnesses to the incident and ██████████ parents did not cooperate with the COPA investigation. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegations.

Approved:

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Sharvay Jackson  
*Deputy Chief Administrator*

November 30, 2023  
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