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**COPA RELEASES VIDEO & OTHER MATERIAL FROM OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING
NEAR 8500 S. WINCHESTER AVE**

Today, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) released, to its website, video, and other materials of an officer-involved shooting near the 8500 block of S. Winchester Avenue. COPA investigators immediately responded to the scene and began the investigation.

On January 25, 2024, the Chicago Police Department (CPD) notified COPA of an officer-involved shooting. Preliminary information indicates this incident began when three on-duty Chicago Police officers in a marked police vehicle responded to a ShotSpotter notification in the area.

“COPA can confirm that a firearm was not used against the officers,” said COPA First Deputy Chief Administrator, Ephraim Eaddy. “When officers arrived in the area, they observed an individual, who has now been identified as a juvenile, standing near a residence. As one officer exited the vehicle, they heard a loud bang, which was later determined to be fireworks. The officer who exited the vehicle discharged their firearm in the direction of the juvenile, who was not struck by gunfire. At this time, no criminal charges are pending, and no weapon was recovered.”

COPA has released to its website for the officer-involved shooting: body-worn camera (BWC), third-party video, OEMC Transmissions, Shot Spotter recordings, Case Incident and Tactical Response reports, which can be viewed by visiting: <https://www.chicagocopa.org/case/2024-0002095/>

If anyone has information or video footage related to this incident, please contact our office at 312-746-3609 or by visiting ChicagoCOPA.org.

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