

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	April 16, 2022, 2:19 pm, 1109 W. Congress Parkway
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	April 18, 2022, 11:06 am
Involved Officer #1:	Eljin Loeza, Star 3660, Employee ID: [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: June 3, 2013, Rank: Officer, Unit of Assignment: 007/211, DOB: [REDACTED] 1980, Male, Hispanic
Involved Officer #2:	Jose Munoz, Star 11575, Employee ID: [REDACTED] Date of Appointment: October 27, 2014, Rank: Officer, Unit of Assignment: 007/211, DOB: [REDACTED], 1990, Male, Hispanic
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED], [REDACTED] 1999, Male, Black
Involved Individual #2:	[REDACTED], [REDACTED], 1997, Male, Black
Case Type:	Motor Vehicle Pursuit

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer Loeza	1. Engaged in a motor vehicle pursuit in violation of G03-03-01.	Unfounded
	2. Failed to notify OEMC of a traffic stop.	Unfounded
	3. Failed to notify OEMC of a pursuit, in violation of G03-03-01.	Unfounded
Officer Munoz	1. Engaged in a motor vehicle pursuit in violation of G03-03-01.	Unfounded
	2. Failed to notify OEMC of a traffic stop.	Unfounded
	3. Failed to notify OEMC of a pursuit, in violation of G03-03-01.	Unfounded

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

Officers Eljin Loeza and Jose Munoz responded to a call of a car on fire in the vicinity of 1109 W. Congress Parkway. Upon arrival, the officers were told by the witness, [REDACTED] that one of the occupants, now known as [REDACTED] had a gun. The officers observed one of the occupants, now known as [REDACTED] lying on the ground next to an orange Dodge Charger that was on fire. The officers pulled [REDACTED] away from the Dodge Charger, which caught on fire. [REDACTED] attempted to carjack a vehicle by pulling on the driver’s side door handle. Officers Loeza and Munoz observed [REDACTED] actions and began pursuing him on foot. [REDACTED] ran away from the officers, threw three book bags onto the I-290 expressway, and attempted to climb a concrete barrier and jump onto the expressway. Officer Munoz grabbed [REDACTED] to prevent him from falling onto the expressway. Officers Munoz and Loeza were able to secure [REDACTED] and place him in custody.

During the interviews with Officers Loeza and Munoz¹, they stated that they were at lunch before the traffic accident and had not been involved in a traffic stop or a vehicle pursuit. The GPS records² indicated that Officers Loeza and Munoz were not involved in the pursuit before their response to 1109 W. Congress Parkway. The GPS showed that they did not elevate the speed of their vehicle until 2:22 pm.³ The car crash occurred at 2:19 pm. The Department reports⁴ do not indicate that Officers Loeza and Munoz were involved in a traffic pursuit. The body-worn cameras (BWC)⁵ and the third-party videos from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) did not show Officers Loeza and Munoz in vehicle pursuit with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The UIC video depicts the car crash at the 1:37 mark, Officers Loeza and Munoz arrived on the scene at the 5:41 mark.

III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

COPA finds that allegations 1 through 3 against Officers Munoz and Loeza, that they engaged in and failed to notify OEMC of either a traffic stop or a vehicle pursuit are **unfounded**. Officers Munoz and Loeza denied having any prior contact with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] before the incident. Both officers denied that they had conducted a traffic stop or a vehicle pursuit and CPD reports support this. There was no video evidence depicting Officers Munoz and Loeza engaged in a traffic pursuit. There is no evidence that the officers engaged in either a traffic stop or a vehicle pursuit.

Approved:

[REDACTED]

Sharday Jackson
Deputy Chief Administrator – Chief Investigator

January 26, 2024

Date

¹ Atts. 87 and 88 - Audio Interviews

² Att. 86 - GPS

³ Att. 86 - 58 MPH

⁴ Atts. 2, 3, 4, 49, 50 – Arrest Report, Case Reports, CPIC Notifications, Crime Scene Processing Reports

⁵ Atts. 7 and 17 – BWC’s