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Andrea Kersten
Chief Administrator
Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA)
1615 W. Chicago Ave., 4th Floor

Re: Superintendent's Concurrence with COPA's Findings and Non-Concurrence with COPA's Penalties
Log# 2021-0001133
Officer Dexter Calhoun

Dear Chief Administrator Kersten:

After a careful review of the above referenced complaint log number, the Chicago Police Department (Department) concurs with the recommended findings but does not concur with the penalty recommendation as they pertain to Officer Dexter Calhoun, Star No. 17364. Pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Department provides the following comments.

The COPA investigation recommended a 10-day suspension for Police Officer Dexter Calhoun (Officer Calhoun) after concluding that he:

1. Failed to activate Body-Worn Camera in a timely manner.
2. Engaged in unnecessary verbal altercation with [REDACTED] and/or other civilians.
3. Using biased-based and racial language towards [REDACTED] and/or other civilians.

The Department agrees with COPA's sustained findings. However, the Department believes the penalty recommendation is excessive and recommends a more progressive penalty. The Department recommends a 5-day suspension and retraining, on Body Worn Camera and Professionalism, for Officer Calhoun. Officer Calhoun has an extensive complimentary history and his disciplinary history includes one sustained complaint in January 2024.

The Department looks forward to discussing this matter with you pursuant to MCC-2-78-130(a)(iii).

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Larry B. Snelling
Superintendent of Police
Chicago Police Department