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Andrea Kersten  
Chief Administrator  
Civilian Office of Police Accountability  
1615 West Chicago Avenue, 4th Floor  
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Re: Superintendent's Non-Concurrence with Penalty Recommendations  
Complaint Log No. 2020-0003671

Dear Chief Administrator Kersten:

After a careful review of the above referenced complaint log number investigation, the Chicago Police Department (Department) concurs with the recommended sustained findings but does not concur with the penalty recommendations as they pertain to Sergeant Javier Alonso #1717, Sergeant Matthew Shea # 2121 and Detective David Ivankovich # 20521. Pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Department provides the following comments.

The COPA investigation recommended a penalty of a 5 to 10-day suspension and retraining on CPD's polices on Domestic Violence investigations for Sergeant Javier Alonso after concluding that he, on or about June 7, 2018:

1. failed to report a battery between [REDACTED] against [REDACTED].

The COPA investigation also recommended a penalty of a 5 to 10-day suspension and retraining on CPD's polices on Domestic Violence investigations for Sergeant Matthew Shea and for Detective David Ivankovich after concluding that they, on or about June 7, 2018:

1. failed to conduct a thorough investigation regarding a domestic related incident;
2. failed to complete an accurate case report regarding a domestic related incident;
3. failed to notify a supervisor of a CPD member's involvement in a domestic related incident.

The Department agrees with the sustained finding for the allegation involving Sergeant Alonso and the Department agrees with the sustained findings for the allegations involving Sergeant Shea and Detective Ivankovich. But the Department believes that the penalty recommendations are excessive and, in the alternative, recommends a penalty of a Reprimand for Sergeant Alonso and a penalty of a 1-day suspension for Sergeant Shea and Detective Ivankovich. In addition, all three members will receive additional training on conducting investigations involving Domestic Violence, specifically when a Department member is involved.

This log number is 10 days short of being six years old from date of incident to the conclusion of the

investigation. The incident occurred on June 7, 2018, but the investigation was initiated over two years later on August 10, 2020. And even with the delay in starting the investigation, the statements of the accused members were not taken until over another year later for Detective Ivankovich and Sergeant Shea (November 19, 2021 and December 1, 2021, respectively) and almost another two years for the statement of Sergeant Alonso (June 12, 2023). Both Sergeant Shea and Detective Ivankovich stated that they had no independent recollection of this incident and this significant delay is very likely a contributing factor for that. This delay in the member's statements occurred despite the fact that the statements of the complainant and the statement of the witness (complainant's [REDACTED]) occurred fairly quickly after initiation (October 22, 2020 and February 9, 2021).

At the time of the incident, all three accused members held the rank of Police Officer. Since that time, but before their statements to COPA, accused members Shea and Alonso were promoted to Sergeant and accused member Ivankovich was promoted to Detective. As part of their in-service promotional training curriculum, all three members received training on conducting domestic violence investigations as well as incidents involving Department members. Sgt. Shea specifically stated that he did not know his responsibilities at the time but he knows now after being promoted. But since there could still be a benefit to giving additional training again, the Department will do so.

If the purpose of discipline is to correct errant behavior and modify future conduct, then this can be accomplished with this lesser suspension. A higher suspension would serve no purpose except to be punitive and therefore is not in this member's nor in the Department's best interest. All three accused members had no disciplinary histories and all three accused members had respectable complimentary histories.

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

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Larry B. Snelling  
Superintendent  
Chicago Police Department