



Log # 2022-0004341

## FINAL SUMMARY REPORT<sup>1</sup>

### I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On October 11, 2022, Chicago Police Department (CPD) Officer Luis Torres contacted 911 and requested CPD come to his residence. In an Initiation Report,<sup>2</sup> Officer Torres, who is the complainant, alleged that his girlfriend, CPD Officer Carolina Alonso, pushed him to the ground and threw objects at him. Officer Torres further alleged that the argument was about him speaking to other people at a wedding he attended. The Reporting Sergeant, Gabriel Flores, observed scratch marks on the right side of Officer Torres' neck and dried blood in his left ear. CPD subsequently arrested Officer Alonso for Domestic Battery.<sup>3</sup>

### II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE<sup>4</sup>

On October 11, 2022, Off-Duty Officers Torres and Alonso were in their residence, discussing a wedding that Officer Torres had attended. During that conversation, Officer Torres said Officer Alonso became upset because he hugged his sister-in-law and accused him of being unfaithful. Officer Alonso, who was upset, started breaking and throwing items in Officer Torres' direction,<sup>5</sup> which is how he sustained his injury to his right ear.<sup>6</sup> Officer Torres could not recall how he sustained scratches but said that Officer Alonso had to have come close enough to scratch him.<sup>7</sup>

Sometime during the incident, Officer Alonso went downstairs to the basement, damaged the television, and tried to damage the game console when Officer Torres grabbed the game console from Officer Alonso. They began a tug-of-war for the game console, and Officer Alonso fell backward on the floor.<sup>8</sup> Officer Alonso got up and headed to the bedroom, where she began

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix A includes case identifiers such as the date, time, and location of the incident, the involved parties and their demographics, and the applicable rules and policies.

<sup>2</sup> Att. 1.

<sup>3</sup> One or more of these allegations fall within COPA's jurisdiction pursuant to Chicago Municipal Code § 2-78-120. Therefore, COPA determined it would be the primary investigative agency in this matter.

<sup>4</sup> The following is a summary of what COPA finds most likely occurred during this incident. This summary utilized information from several different sources, including third-party surveillance footage, 911 audio, and body-worn camera footage.

<sup>5</sup> Att. 19, Page 12, Lines 16-19.

<sup>6</sup> Att. 19, Page 13, Lines 16-20.

<sup>7</sup> Att. 19, Page 14, Lines 12-22.

<sup>8</sup> Att. 19, Page 20, Lines 11-23.

throwing items in Officer Torres' direction.<sup>9</sup> Officer Torres called 911.<sup>10</sup> While speaking with CPD Sergeant Gabriel Flores about the incident, Officer Torres was asked about the broken mirror in the bedroom. Sergeant Flores' Body Worn Camera (BWC)<sup>11</sup> captured Officer Torres stating that the broken mirror in the bedroom was from a previous incident. They usually talked it out, but nothing had ever happened to this extent, like throwing things and damaging property. Officer Torres stated that the mirror was damaged because something had fallen and cracked it, but it was damaged more during this incident.<sup>12</sup>

Officer Alonso said that she and Officer Torres share a son. They were dating at the time of this incident but have since married.<sup>13</sup> And are expecting another child. Officer Alonso has a son from a previous relationship who attends high school in Wisconsin.<sup>14</sup>

Officer Alonso became jealous when Officer Torres attended his twin brother's wedding, and she accused him of hugging his sister-in-law, with whom she has issues.<sup>15</sup> During the incident, while in the kitchen,<sup>16</sup> Officer Alonso brought up a prior incident<sup>17</sup> when she accused Officer Torres of having a sexual relationship with an unidentified female coworker.<sup>18</sup> Officer Alonso was upset and said she could not believe Officer Torres had done this to her.<sup>19</sup> Officer Torres denied the allegation.<sup>20</sup>

Officer Alonso went downstairs to the basement, where she grabbed the PS4<sup>21</sup> on the counter and threw it on the ground.<sup>22</sup> Officer Torres came rushing downstairs, grabbed Officer Alonso by her arm,<sup>23</sup> and pushed her.<sup>24</sup> Officer Alonso said she fell to the ground.<sup>25</sup> She was wearing fake nails when she grabbed Officer Torres and scratched him.<sup>26</sup> Officer Alonso sustained a bruise on her arm.<sup>27</sup> Officer Alonso said that when they were arguing in the basement, and after she got up after her fall, she said she did not want to be there anymore and that she was going to

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<sup>9</sup> Att. 24, Pages 9-10, Lines 23-24, Lines 1-6.

<sup>10</sup> Att. 19, Pages 21, Lines 12-13.

<sup>11</sup> Att. 13, Body-worn Camera of Gabriel Flores.

<sup>12</sup> Att. 19, Pages 31-33, Lines 15-24, Lines 1-19, Lines 9-19.

<sup>13</sup> Att. 24, Page 6, Lines 6-24.

<sup>14</sup> Att. 24, Pages 12-13, Lines 21-24, 1-9.

<sup>15</sup> Att. 24, Pages 8-9, Lines 21-24, Line 1.

<sup>16</sup> Att. 24, Page 10, Lines 3-6.

<sup>17</sup> Att. 24, Page 9, Lines 3-8.

<sup>18</sup> Att. 24, Page 9, Lines 10-14.

<sup>19</sup> Att. 24, Page 9, Lines 16-18.

<sup>20</sup> Att. 24, Page 11, Lines 21-24.

<sup>21</sup> Att. 24, Page 15, Line 4, PS4 – Play Station 4.

<sup>22</sup> Att. 24, Page 15, Lines 1-7.

<sup>23</sup> Att. 24, Page 16, Lines 14-16.

<sup>24</sup> Att. 24, Page 15, Lines 9-17.

<sup>25</sup> Att. 24, Page 17, Line 12.

<sup>26</sup> Att. 24, Page 15, Lines 16-24

<sup>27</sup> Att. 24, Page 18, Lines 15-17.

take her son and leave.<sup>28</sup> Officer Alonso went upstairs to the bedroom, and once inside, she threw items in Officer Torres' direction.<sup>29</sup> Officer Alonso did not recall if one of the items struck Officer Torres but said she was upset.<sup>30</sup> While in the bedroom, she grabbed her stuff and her weapon, which she kept locked in a safe,<sup>31</sup> and put it in her purse,<sup>32</sup> but before she could leave, Chicago Police officers knocked on her bedroom door and told her to step out.<sup>33</sup>

Officer Alonso said she was arrested, but the charges were dropped.<sup>34</sup> She said that Officer Torres' injuries were discussed during therapy. Officers Alonso and Torres both attended couple's therapy.<sup>35</sup> Officer Alonso attended anger management therapy,<sup>36</sup> Officer Torres also attended individual therapy.<sup>37</sup> Officer Alonso stayed with her parents for approximately a month and a half to two months. She was shown evidence technician photographs.<sup>38</sup> Officer Alonso stated that they were consistent with what happened in their residence during the incident.<sup>39</sup> Officer Alonso agreed that the photos of Officer Torres' injuries were sustained during the incident.<sup>40</sup> Officer Alonso's parents took photographs of her bruised arm, but she did not want to share the photographs with COPA.<sup>41</sup> Officer Alonso stated that she did not believe Officer Torres was trying to hurt her and that she believed the push was not intentional.<sup>42</sup>

Officer Alonso stated she did not want to have a complaint against her husband. She said it was a bad situation and wanted to move forward. She further stated that they are married now and expecting their second child, and she wants her family and is sorry that this situation occurred.<sup>43</sup>

Officer Alonso denied the allegations alleged against her but did agree that she threw several items and objects at or in the direction of Officer Torres. Officer Torres denied the allegations alleged against him. The body-worn camera<sup>44</sup> of CPD Officer Cesar Claudio captured the conversation between him and Officer Alonso regarding what happened during the incident.

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<sup>28</sup> Att. 24, Pages 28-29, Line 24, Lines 1-24.

<sup>29</sup> Att. 24, Page 10, Lines 5-6.

<sup>30</sup> Att. 24, Page 13, Lines 20-23

<sup>31</sup> Att. 24, Page 29, Lines 1-2.

<sup>32</sup> Att. 24, Page 28, Lines 9-12.

<sup>33</sup> Att. 24, Page 28, Lines 22-24.

<sup>34</sup> Att. 24, Page 19, Lines 17-23.

<sup>35</sup> Att. 24, Page 26, Lines 18-19.

<sup>36</sup> Att. 24, Page 26, Lines 7-13.

<sup>37</sup> Att. 24, Page 26, Line 17.

<sup>38</sup> Att. 8, Evidence Technician Photographs.

<sup>39</sup> Att. 24, Page 21, Lines 7-9.

<sup>40</sup> Att. 24, Page 23, Lines 8-10.

<sup>41</sup> Att. 24, Page 18, Lines 18-24.

<sup>42</sup> Att. 24, Page 30, Lines 5-11.

<sup>43</sup> Att. 24, Page 36, Lines 16-23

<sup>44</sup> Att. 12, Body-worn Camera of Officer Cesar Claudio.

The body-worn camera<sup>45</sup> of Sergeant Flores captured the conversation between him and Officer Torres regarding what happened during the incident.

### III. ALLEGATIONS

#### Officer Carolina Alonso

1. Engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation with Luis Torres.
  - Not Sustained.
2. Pushed Luis Torres about the body.
  - Not Sustained.
3. Threw several unknown items/objects at or in the direction of Luis Torres.
  - Sustained. Violation of Rules 2 and 8.
4. Failed to properly secure their weapon.
  - Not Sustained.

#### Officer Luis Torres

1. Engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation with Carolina Alonso.
  - Not Sustained.
2. Pushed Carolina Alonso about the body.
  - Not Sustained.
3. Failed to properly secure their weapon.
  - Unfounded.

### IV. CREDIBILITY ASSESSMENT

COPA's investigation did not reveal evidence questioning Officers Torres and Alonso's credibility. Their statements were essentially the same, and the available evidence corroborated their version of events.

### V. ANALYSIS

#### Officer Carolina Alonso

COPA finds that **Allegations 1, 2, and 4** against Officer Alonso, that she committed misconduct by engaging in an unjustified verbal altercation with Luis Torres, pushed Luis Torres about the body, and failed to secure her weapon properly, are **Not Sustained**. COPA's

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<sup>45</sup> Att. 13, Body-worn Camera of Sergeant Gabriel Flores.

investigation did not uncover sufficient evidence to corroborate or refute the alleged misconduct by a preponderance of the evidence for all three allegations. Officer Alonso stated that her conversation with Officer Torres was justified because she was upset. Officer Alonso further stated that she removed her weapon from a locked safe and placed it inside her purse because she was going to grab her things and leave, but before she could do that, the police arrived and asked her to step out of the bedroom. Officer Alonso denied the allegations alleged against her.

COPA finds that **Allegation 3** against Officer Alonso, in which she threw several unknown items or objects at or in the direction of Luis Torres, is **sustained**. Officer Alonso admitted that she threw items all over the bedroom and in Officer Torres' direction. Officer Torres sustained an injury as a result.

### **Officer Luis Torres**

COPA finds that **Allegations 1 and 2** against Officer Torres, that he engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation with Carolina Alonso and pushed Carolina Alonso about the body, are **Not Sustained**. COPA's investigation did not uncover sufficient evidence to corroborate or refute the alleged misconduct by a preponderance of the evidence for both allegations. Officer Torres denied the allegations against him.

COPA finds that **Allegation 3** against Officer Torres, that he failed to secure his weapon properly, is **Unfounded**. The weapon in the purse belonged to Officer Alonso, not Officer Torres.

## **VI. DISCIPLINARY RECOMMENDATION**

### **a. Officer Carolina Alonso**

#### **i. Complimentary and Disciplinary History<sup>46</sup>**

Officer Alonso has received 7 Awards, including 4 Honorable Mention, Department Commendation, and Complimentary Letter. As of May 20, 2024, she has no SPAR or Sustained Complaint History.

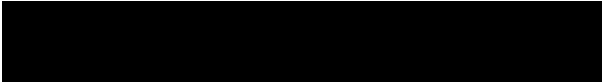
#### **ii. Recommended Discipline**

COPA has considered Officer Alonso's complimentary and disciplinary history. COPA has found that Officer Alonso violated Department policy by throwing several unknown items/objects at or in the direction of Luis Torres. Officer Torres received a minor injury as a result of this incident. Officer Alonso was forthcoming and admitted her role in the incident. The couple reported having since addressed their issues in counseling and Anger Management. Based on this information, COPA recommends a suspension of up to 30 days.

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<sup>46</sup> Att. 25.

Approved:



Snarday Jackson  
*Deputy Chief Administrator*

July 29, 2024

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Date

**Appendix A**

**Case Details**

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Date/Time/Location of Incident:	October 11, 2022 / 12:05 pm / ██████████.
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	October 11, 2022 / 1:51 pm
Involved Member #1:	Officer Carolina Alonso, Star# 4274 <sup>47</sup> , Employee ID #██████ DOA: December 15, 2017, Unit of Assignment: 004/376, Female, White Hispanic.
Involved Member #2:	Officer Luis Torres, Star# 6753, Employee ID #██████ DOA: September 18, 2017, Unit of Assignment: 002, Male, White Hispanic.

**Applicable Rules**

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- Rule 8:** Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

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<sup>47</sup> Officer Alonso's star number during the time of the incident. There is no current star number for Officer Alonso in CLEAR.

## Appendix B

### **Definition of COPA’s Findings and Standards of Proof**

For each Allegation, COPA must make one of the following findings:

1. Sustained – where it is determined the allegation is supported by a preponderance of the evidence;
2. Not Sustained – where it is determined there is insufficient evidence to prove the allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
3. Unfounded – where it is determined by clear and convincing evidence that an allegation is false or not factual; or
4. Exonerated – where it is determined by clear and convincing evidence that the conduct described in the allegation occurred, but it is lawful and proper.

A **preponderance of evidence** can be described as evidence indicating that it is **more likely than not** that a proposition is proved.<sup>48</sup> For example, if the evidence gathered in an investigation establishes that it is more likely that the conduct complied with CPD policy than that it did not, even if by a narrow margin, then the preponderance of the evidence standard is met.

**Clear and convincing evidence** is a higher standard than a preponderance of the evidence but lower than the “beyond-a-reasonable doubt” standard required to convict a person of a criminal offense. Clear and convincing can be defined as a “degree of proof, which, considering all the evidence in the case, produces the firm and abiding belief that it is highly probable that the proposition . . . is true.”<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>48</sup> See *Avery v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.*, 216 Ill. 2d 100, 191 (2005) (a proposition is proved by a preponderance of the evidence when it is found to be more probably true than not).

<sup>49</sup> *People v. Coan*, 2016 IL App (2d) 151036, ¶ 28 (quoting Illinois Pattern Jury Instructions, Criminal, No. 4.19 (4<sup>th</sup> ed. 2000)).



**Appendix C**

**Transparency and Publication Categories**

Check all that apply:

- Abuse of Authority
- Body Worn Camera Violation
- Coercion
- Death or Serious Bodily Injury in Custody
- Domestic Violence
- Excessive Force
- Failure to Report Misconduct
- False Statement
- Firearm Discharge
- Firearm Discharge – Animal
- Firearm Discharge – Suicide
- Firearm Discharge – Unintentional
- First Amendment
- Improper Search and Seizure – Fourth Amendment Violation
- Incidents in Lockup
- Motor Vehicle Incidents
- OC Spray Discharge
- Search Warrants
- Sexual Misconduct
- Taser Discharge
- Unlawful Denial of Access to Counsel
- Unnecessary Display of a Weapon
- Use of Deadly Force – other
- Verbal Abuse
- Other Investigation