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Andrea Kersten
Chief Administrator
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1615 West Chicago Avenue, 4th Floor
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Re: Superintendent's Non-Concurrence with Penalty Recommendations
Complaint Log No. 2022-0005092

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 recommendation as it pertains to Officer Tim Piotrowski, Star No. 12164. Pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Department provides the following comments.

The COPA investigation recommended a penalty of a 15 to 30-day suspension for Officer Piotrowski after concluding that he:

1. Harassed [REDACTED] by contacting her via text messages against her wishes on various dates between August 8, 2022 and November 21, 2022;
2. Harassed and/or made unwanted contact with [REDACTED] by entering onto her property and/or leaving items on her property without her consent on various dates between August 19, 2022 and August 29, 2022;
3. Harassed [REDACTED] by contacting her via phone calls and emails against her wishes on various dates between August 30, 2022 and November 14, 2022;
4. Made unwanted contact with [REDACTED] by speaking to her against her wishes and not for professional purposes between November 18, 2022 and November 26, 2022

The Department agrees with the four (4) sustained allegations. But the Department believes that the penalty recommendation is excessive and recommends a 3-day suspension for Officer Piotrowski.

Officer Piotrowski admitted to engaging in the conduct as alleged. In his statement, Officer Piotrowski stated that in the past, they had been able to reconcile and be together again. Although this does not excuse his behavior, his behavior was a result of a misguided attempt to restart again the long-term relationship that had ended. But once this complaint log number investigation was initiated, Officer Piotrowski ceased all contact with [REDACTED].

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. Officer Piotrowski has a respectable complimentary history and has no previous disciplinary actions in his history.

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

Sincerely,



Larry B. Snelling
Superintendent
Chicago Police Department