



Log # 2023-2753

FINAL SUMMARY REPORT¹

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 25, 2023, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) received an initiation report documenting a complaint made by ██████████ concerning an encounter with members of the Chicago Police Department (CPD).² ██████████ alleged that on June 24, 2023, he was stopped without justification as he traveled to a waterpark with his two children. ██████████ alleged that the accused officers made him exit his car, placed him into handcuffs, had his children stand out in the sun for twenty to forty minutes, searched his car without justification, and searched the bookbags belonging to his children illegally. ██████████ also alleged that his daughter suffered an asthma attack as a result of being kept outside in the heat and smog during the prolonged traffic stop.³ ██████████ was issued three citations by the officers, and he and his children then continued to the waterpark. Following this investigation, COPA sustained allegations against each of the officers for failing to complete an investigatory stop report and for failing to issue ██████████ an investigatory stop receipt. All of the remaining allegations were Not Sustained or Exonerated.

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE⁴

On June 24, 2023, at approximately 1:30 pm, ██████████ his twelve-year-old son, and his thirteen-year-old daughter were traveling in ██████████ car when CPD members assigned to the fifth district tactical team stopped them near 11206 S Edbrooke Ave., near ██████████ residence at ██████████.⁵ Beat 561E, consisting of Police Officers Clifford Martin, Jr., Ryan Edwards,⁶ Kevin Coyne, and Christopher Parker, were assigned to an unmarked police SUV, and they reportedly observed ██████████ fail to signal before turning right onto Michigan Ave. The officers followed ██████████ car and turned on their SUV's emergency lights, signaling for ██████████ to stop, but ██████████ continued driving until pulling over just past the intersection of 112th St. and Edbrooke Ave. Officer Edwards exited the SUV first with his firearm unholstered

¹ 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.

² Att. 1, pg. 2.

³ COPA reviewed this allegation and determined that it was unsupported by the available body worn camera footage and the medical records for ██████████ daughter. *See infra* note 23 and accompanying text. Therefore, this allegation was not served on any of the accused CPD members.

⁴ The following is a summary of what COPA finds most likely occurred during this incident. This summary utilized information from several different sources, including body-worn camera (BWC) video recordings, police reports, medical records, and the interviews of ██████████ and the accused CPD members.

⁵ Att. 3.

⁶ Officer Edwards was promoted to Detective during the pendency of this investigation. In this report, he is referred to by the rank he held when the incident under investigation occurred.

and held behind his right hip, while Officer Coyne approached ██████ car on the driver's side.⁷ Officer Edwards asked ██████ to turn the car off and then had a brief discussion with ██████ about why he failed to immediately stop when the officers activated their lights, and then Officer Edwards asked why ██████ did not use his turn signal.⁸ ██████ son was seated in the front passenger seat,⁹ and ██████ daughter was in the rear passenger seat behind ██████¹⁰ After ██████ seemed to contradict himself regarding whether or not he had noticed the police vehicle behind him during Officer Edwards' brief questioning,¹¹ Officer Edwards asked ██████ to step out of his car, followed by his two children. Officer Coyne patted ██████ down and then placed him into handcuffs, but told ██████ he was not under arrest.¹² The children were neither patted down nor handcuffed. Seemingly upset, ██████ instructed his daughter to "go live."¹³

Officers Martin and Parker began searching ██████ car. Officer Parker seized ██████ son's bookbag and searched it, finding several prepackaged bags of cannabis.¹⁴ Officer Martin searched the rear passenger area where ██████ daughter had been sitting, and he also searched her bookbag, finding no contraband.¹⁵ While Officers Martin and Parker searched, ██████ spoke to Officers Coyne and Edwards about the justification for the stop, the bookbag search, and his plan to drive with his children to a waterpark. Officer Martin asked ██████ about the ownership of the cannabis, and ██████ son denied that it belonged to him.¹⁶ The officers declined to arrest the son or to seize the cannabis. After searching ██████ car, Officer Martin began preparing citations for ██████ that included improper turn signal, failure to wear a seatbelt, and not having a Chicago wheel tax sticker.¹⁷ Approximately seven minutes after being ordered out of the car, ██████ asked Officer Coyne if his children could get out of the sun and return to his car to turn on the air conditioning.¹⁸ Officer Coyne agreed, and he started ██████ car after the children got back inside. ██████ remained in handcuffs outside of his car, and he again told Officer Edwards about his displeasure that his son's bookbag was searched.¹⁹ Officer Edwards explained to ██████ that his son could be arrested for the cannabis and that he should relax and let them finish their traffic stop.²⁰

⁷ Att. 5 at 1:41; Att. 6 at 1:39.

⁸ Att. 11 at 1:44.

⁹ Att. 11 at 2:38

¹⁰ Att. 6 at 2:59.

¹¹ Att. 11 at 1:44 to 2:15.

¹² Att. 6 at 2:31.

¹³ Att. 6 at 2:57. "Going live" is colloquially understood to mean accessing a social media platform to broadcast an event so that the followers of the broadcaster can witness what is occurring.

¹⁴ Att. 7 at 3:47.

¹⁵ Att. 7 at 4:54.

¹⁶ Att. 7 at 4:39.

¹⁷ Atts. 3, 12, and 13. As noted below, Officer Martin later took back the citation for not having a Chicago wheel tax sticker. The citations for improper turn signal and failure to wear a seatbelt were dismissed for want of prosecution on November 20, 2023, after Officer Martin did not appear in court. *See* Att. 12, pg. 1.

¹⁸ Att. 6 at 10:07.

¹⁹ Att. 11 at 10:30.

²⁰ Att. 11 at 10:35.

After approximately ten minutes, [REDACTED] was released from his handcuffs and began to wipe the wheels of his car with a towel while waiting for Officer Martin to complete the citations.²¹ After approximately five more minutes, Officer Martin completed the citations and approached [REDACTED] to get his signature.²² [REDACTED] objected to the Chicago wheel tax citation and showed Officer Martin that he did, in fact, have a valid sticker. Officer Martin took that citation back, and [REDACTED] was allowed to leave. The stop lasted slightly over eighteen minutes from beginning to end.

III. ALLEGATIONS

Officer Clifford Martin Jr.

1. Stopping [REDACTED] vehicle without justification
 - Not Sustained
2. Detaining [REDACTED] and or his children without justification
 - Exonerated
3. Searching [REDACTED] vehicle without justification
 - Exonerated
4. Searching the bookbag belonging to [REDACTED] juvenile daughter without justification
 - Exonerated
5. Failing to document the investigatory stop of [REDACTED] with an investigatory stop report
 - Sustained: Violation of Rules 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10
6. Failing to issue an investigatory stop receipt to [REDACTED]
 - Sustained: Violation of Rules 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10

Officer Christopher Parker

1. Stopping [REDACTED] vehicle without justification
 - Not Sustained
2. Detaining [REDACTED] and or his children without justification
 - Exonerated
3. Searching [REDACTED] vehicle without justification
 - Exonerated
4. Searching the bookbag belonging to [REDACTED] juvenile son without justification
 - Exonerated
5. Failing to document the investigatory stop of [REDACTED] with an investigatory stop report
 - Sustained: Violation of Rules 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10
6. Failing to issue an investigatory stop receipt to [REDACTED]
 - Sustained: Violation of Rules 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10

²¹ Att. 11 at 13:30.

²² Att. 7 at 18:05.

Officer Ryan Edwards

1. Stopping [REDACTED] vehicle without justification
 - Not Sustained
2. Detaining [REDACTED] and or his children without justification
 - Exonerated
3. Failing to document the investigatory stop of [REDACTED] with an investigatory stop report
 - Sustained: Violation of Rules 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10
4. Failing to issue an investigatory stop receipt to [REDACTED]
 - Sustained: Violation of Rules 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10

Officer Kevin Coyne

1. Stopping [REDACTED] vehicle without justification
 - Not Sustained
2. Detaining [REDACTED] and or his children without justification
 - Exonerated
3. Failing to document the investigatory stop of [REDACTED] with an investigatory stop report
 - Sustained: Violation of Rules 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10
4. Failing to issue an investigatory stop receipt to [REDACTED]
 - Sustained: Violation of Rules 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10

IV. CREDIBILITY ASSESSMENT

The credibility of an individual relies primarily on two factors: 1) the individual's truthfulness and 2) the reliability of the individual's account. The first factor addresses the honesty of the individual making the statement, while the second factor speaks to the individual's ability to accurately perceive the event at the time of the incident and then accurately recall the event from memory.

The events in this case were largely captured by BWC, and there is little dispute as to what occurred. Other than the purported traffic violation that led to the encounter, which was not captured on video, the statements provided by the accused CPD members are largely corroborated by BWC and by each other.

Regarding the credibility of [REDACTED] COPA finds that his statements made on BWC, his description of the incident memorialized in the initiation report, and his in-person interview with COPA contain inconsistencies that undermine the veracity of his account. First, he asserted that his daughter suffered an asthma attack and had to be taken to the hospital following their detention by the police. The medical records for [REDACTED] daughter show that the asthma attack occurred much later in the day,²³ after the family had traveled to the water park [REDACTED]

²³ Att. 10, pg. 13.

discussed with Officer Coyne during the stop.²⁴ ██████ also estimated that the stop lasted thirty to forty minutes,²⁵ when the entirety of the stop was just over eighteen minutes. ██████ told COPA that he was not told the reason for the stop until he was out of the car and in handcuffs;²⁶ however, this is contradicted by BWC footage showing Officer Edwards telling ██████ the reason for the stop before ordering everyone out of the car, and before ██████ was handcuffed by Officer Coyne.²⁷ While COPA does not find that ██████ was being deliberately untruthful, COPA does find reason to doubt the accuracy of his memory.

V. ANALYSIS²⁸

Officers Martin, Parker, Edwards, and Coyne were each accused of stopping ██████ car without justification. The officers, who were assigned to a single patrol vehicle, acted together to conduct a traffic stop predicated on the offense of failing to signal a turn. COPA finds these allegations to be **NOT SUSTAINED**. The officers appear consistent and unified in their reasoning for the commencement of the traffic stop. Absent in-car cameras, which unmarked CPD vehicles are not equipped, and no police observation device cameras in the vicinity of the stop, COPA does not find any compelling evidence to dispute the officers' contemporary statements made on BWC, nor their subsequent in-person statements made to COPA. However, COPA also could not find independent evidence to refute ██████ assertion that he activated his turn signal appropriately. This allegation has not been proven by a preponderance of the evidence, nor has COPA found clear and convincing evidence demonstrating that the officers did, in fact, observe ██████ failing to signal. Accordingly, these allegations are **NOT SUSTAINED**.

Officers Martin, Parker, Edwards, and Coyne were each accused of detaining ██████ and his children without justification. COPA finds these allegations to be **EXONERATED**. The legal basis offered by the accused officers for continuing to detain ██████ his car, and the car's occupants beyond the time needed to complete a standard investigation of a traffic offense was based on ██████ failure to immediately curb his car after the officers activated their emergency equipment, along with alleged furtive movements observed and vocalized by Officer Coyne before ██████ did stop.²⁹ Also, COPA was told by Officer Parker that he detected the smell of cannabis and that he had communicated this discovery non-verbally to his fellow officers,³⁰ but COPA could not find evidence to corroborate this assertion. Nevertheless, taken in its totality, the officers appeared to have sufficient grounds to search for weapons and narcotics in the immediate area within ██████ physical control. BWC footage shows that when Officer Edwards told ██████ that he had continued driving after the officers signaled for him to stop, ██████ responded that he did not see the unmarked SUV's flashing

²⁴ Att. 6 at 6:40.

²⁵ Att. 1, pg. 2.

²⁶ Att. 2 at 4:52.

²⁷ Att. 6 at 1:45.

²⁸ For a definition of COPA's findings and standards of proof, *see* Appendix B.

²⁹ Att. 6 at 1:15.

³⁰ Att. 30, pg. 35, lns. 1 to 5.

lights.³¹ This corroborates the accused officers' observations and one of the factors that they relied upon to justify the basis for expanding the scope of the stop. Other factors include the real-time narrative of Officer Coyne describing ██████ movements in his still-moving car, and the assertion by Officer Parker that he detected the smell of cannabis emitting from the car, which was corroborated by his discovery of cannabis in a book bag. Accordingly, COPA finds that there is clear and convincing evidence that the accused officers acted lawfully and properly in detaining ██████ and the occupants of his car, and these allegations are **EXONERATED**.

Officers Martin, Parker, Edwards, and Coyne were each accused of failing to document the investigatory stop of ██████ with an investigatory stop report. COPA finds these allegations to be **SUSTAINED**. The absence of an investigatory stop report made it more difficult for the officers to show that reasonable articulable suspicion existed to continue ██████ detention and to search his car and his children's bookbags. An investigatory stop report would have memorialized their real-time justifications for escalating the encounter with ██████ from a traffic stop to a narcotics and weapons investigation. Special Order S04-13-09 requires the completion of an investigatory stop report when certain investigative steps are performed by detaining officers.³² The completion of Traffic Stop Statistical Study documents and citations are inadequate to document the escalating investigatory procedures undertaken by the officers that included a pat-down search of ██████ a search of his car, a search of his juvenile son's bookbag, the discovery of cannabis in the bookbag, the decision not to arrest ██████ son and to return the cannabis to ██████ the search of his daughter's bookbag, and the reasonable articulable suspicion that justified the shift from a traffic stop to a narcotics and weapons investigation. Any of the four officers could have completed this report and they are each responsible for ensuring that these investigative steps are documented per CPD policy and Illinois law.³³ When interviewed by COPA, Officers Martin,³⁴ Parker,³⁵ Edwards,³⁶ and Coyne each admitted to this allegation.³⁷ Accordingly, COPA finds by a preponderance of evidence that each of the accused officers failed to complete the required investigatory stop report, in violation of Rules 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10, and these allegations are **SUSTAINED**.

Officers Martin, Parker, Edwards, and Coyne were each accused of failing to issue an investigatory stop receipt to ██████ COPA finds these allegations to be **SUSTAINED**. Similarly to their collective accountability for the preparation of the investigatory stop report, they are also each accountable for the issuance of the investigatory stop report receipt, which is to be issued to the subject of a detention involving a search, per Special Order S04-13-09.³⁸ ██████ should have been issued the receipt, which should have contained pertinent information regarding the basis for the detention and searches. While offering far less information than the actual report,

³¹ Att. 11 at 1:47.

³² Att. 34, S04-13-09(VIII)(A), Investigatory Stop System (effective July 10, 2017, to present).

³³ 725 ILCS 5/107-14.

³⁴ Att. 33, pg. 54, lns. 2 to 10.

³⁵ Att. 30, pg. 37, lns. 9 to 17.

³⁶ Att. 32, pg. 33, lns. 2 to 11.

³⁷ Att. 31, pg. 48, ln. 18, to pg. 49, ln. 3.

³⁸ Att. 34, S04-13-09(VIII)(A)(3).

the investigatory stop receipt provides the subject of the stop with the detaining officers' names and star numbers, along with a checklist of alleged actions or conditions that allowed the officers to detain the subject for further investigation. When interviewed by COPA, Officers Martin,³⁹ Parker,⁴⁰ Edwards,⁴¹ and Coyne each admitted to this allegation.⁴² Accordingly, COPA finds by a preponderance of evidence that each of the accused officers failed to issue [REDACTED] an investigatory stop receipt, in violation of Rules 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10, and these allegations are **SUSTAINED**.

Officers Martin and Parker were each accused of searching [REDACTED] car without justification during the investigatory stop. COPA finds that these allegations to be **EXONERATED**. Due to the previously mentioned actions that [REDACTED] engaged in prior to the stop, the accused officers performed a limited search of the car in the areas that [REDACTED] had immediate access to. The search was confined to the passenger cabin and only expanded when [REDACTED] himself suggested that the officers search his trunk.⁴³ Accordingly, COPA finds that there is clear and convincing evidence that the accused officers acted lawfully and properly in searching [REDACTED] car, and these allegations are **EXONERATED**.

Officers Martin and Parker were each accused of searching bookbags belonging to [REDACTED] minor children without justification during the investigatory stop. COPA finds these allegations to be **EXONERATED**. The basis for this search, as explained to COPA by the accused, was that the officers were concerned with the delay in [REDACTED] curbing his car to comply with the traffic stop, combined with [REDACTED] movements within the car, leading the officers to believe that [REDACTED] may have been hiding or retrieving a firearm or other contraband. The officers explained that their training and experience with vehicles that continue driving after being signaled to stop placed them on heightened alert. It was reasonable for the officers to suspect that a firearm or other contraband could be hidden inside the bookbags, which were within [REDACTED] reach, even though the bookbags belonged to [REDACTED] children. Accordingly, COPA finds that there is clear and convincing evidence that the accused officers acted lawfully and properly in searching the bookbags, and these allegations are **EXONERATED**.

VI. DISCIPLINARY RECOMMENDATION⁴⁴

a. Police Officer Clifford Martin, Jr.

i. Complimentary and Disciplinary History

Officer Martin has received three Department Commendations, one Special Commendation, the Problem-Solving Award, The Police Officer of the Month Award, one-

³⁹ Att. 33, pg. 54, lns. 11 to 17.

⁴⁰ Att. 30, pg. 37, lns. 18 to 21.

⁴¹ Att. 32, pg. 33, lns. 12 to 15.

⁴² Att. 31, pg. 49, lns. 4 to 6.

⁴³ Att. 11 at 7:43.

⁴⁴ For the complete complimentary and disciplinary histories of each accused CPD member, *see* Att. 35.

hundred-and-five Honorable Mentions, and at least three other awards and commendations. Officer Martin has no sustained complaint registers within the past five years, but was disciplined twice through the summary punishment system for preventable accidents in April 2023 and May 2024, receiving a reprimand and a one-day suspension.

ii. Recommended Discipline

COPA has found that Officer Martin violated Rules 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10 by failing to complete a required investigatory stop report and by failing to issue a required investigatory stop receipt. Properly completed Investigatory Stop Reports document stops and searches of members of the public by the police and help ensure that CPD members are exercising their law-enforcement authority in a constitutional manner. By failing to properly document this stop, and by failing to offer ██████████ a receipt, Officer Martin's actions tended to undermine public confidence in the police department. Officer Martin is an experienced police officer, and he knew that the report and the receipt were required under the circumstances of this stop. Officer Martin took responsibility for his oversights and admitted to the allegations regarding the report and the receipt. Considering the facts and circumstances of this incident, and considering Officer Martin's complimentary and disciplinary history, COPA recommends that Officer Martin be suspended for one day.

b. Police Officer Christopher Parker

i. Complimentary and Disciplinary History

Officer Parker has received two Department Commendations, one Special Commendation, the Life Saving Award, the Police Officer of the Month Award, the Problem-Solving Award, one-hundred-and-thirteen Honorable Mentions, and at least four other awards and commendations. Officer Parker has no sustained complaint registers within the past five years but was disciplined once through the summary punishment system for a preventable accident in May 2023, receiving a one-day suspension.

ii. Recommended Discipline

COPA has found that Officer Parker violated Rules 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10 by failing to complete a required investigatory stop report and by failing to issue a required investigatory stop receipt. Properly completed Investigatory Stop Reports document stops and searches of members of the public by the police and help ensure that CPD members are exercising their law-enforcement authority in a constitutional manner. By failing to properly document this stop, and by failing to offer ██████████ a receipt, Officer Parker's actions tended to undermine public confidence in the police department. Officer Parker is an experienced police officer, and he knew that the report and the receipt were required under the circumstances of this stop. Officer Parker took responsibility for his oversights and admitted to the allegations regarding the report and the receipt. Considering

the facts and circumstances of this incident, and considering Officer Parker's complimentary and disciplinary history, COPA recommends that Officer Parker be suspended for one day.

c. Police Officer as Detective Ryan Edwards

i. Complimentary and Disciplinary History

Officer Edwards has received the Problem-Solving Award, seventy-six Honorable Mentions, and at least six other awards and commendations. Officer Edwards was reprimanded after a sustained complaint register for a February 2022 incident involving verbal abuse with allegations of bias. Officer Edwards was also disciplined through the summary punishment system for an August 2024 incident involving his Illinois license plates and/or City of Chicago vehicle sticker, receiving a reprimand.

ii. Recommended Discipline

COPA has found that Officer Edwards violated Rules 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10 by failing to complete a required investigatory stop report and by failing to issue a required investigatory stop receipt. Properly completed Investigatory Stop Reports document stops and searches of members of the public by the police and help ensure that CPD members are exercising their law-enforcement authority in a constitutional manner. By failing to properly document this stop, and by failing to offer ██████████ a receipt, Officer Edwards's actions tended to undermine public confidence in the police department. Officer Edwards is an experienced police officer, and he knew that the report and the receipt were required under the circumstances of this stop. Officer Edwards took responsibility for his oversights and admitted to the allegations regarding the report and the receipt. Considering the facts and circumstances of this incident, and considering Officer Edwards's complimentary and disciplinary history, COPA recommends that Officer Edwards be suspended for one day.

d. Police Officer Kevin Coyne

i. Complimentary and Disciplinary History

Officer Coyne has received one Superintendent's Honorable Mention, three Department Commendations, seventy-three Honorable Mentions, and at least two other awards and commendations. Officer Coyne was reprimanded after a sustained complaint register for a January 2022 incident involving improper handling of a traffic crash report. Officer Coyne was also found responsible through the summary punishment system for a January 2024 court appearance violation, but no disciplinary action was taken.

ii. Recommended Discipline

Appendix ACase Details

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	June 24, 2023 / 1:30 pm in the vicinity of 11206 S Edbrooke Ave., Chicago, IL 60628
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	June 25, 2023 / 5:06 pm
Involved Police Officer #1:	Clifford Martin, Jr., Star #18859, Emp. # [REDACTED], DOA: January 16, 2018, Unit: 005, Male, Black
Involved Police Officer #2:	Christopher Parker, Star #6035, Emp. # [REDACTED], DOA: September 27, 2018, Unit: 005, Male, Black
Involved Detective #3:	Ryan Edwards, Star #20865, ⁴⁵ Emp. # [REDACTED], DOA: February 20, 2018, Unit: 610, Male, Black
Involved Police Officer #4:	Kevin Coyne Star #11423, Emp. # [REDACTED], DOA: October 16, 2019, Unit: 005, Male, White
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] Male, Black
Involved Individual #2:	[REDACTED] Female, Black (juvenile)
Involved Individual #3:	Juvenile son of [REDACTED] (name unknown), Male, Black

Applicable Rules

- Rule 2:** Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
- Rule 3:** Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.
- Rule 5:** Failure to perform any duty.
- Rule 6:** Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
- Rule 10:** Inattention to duty.

Applicable Policies and Laws

- S04-13-09: Investigatory Stop System (effective July 10, 2017, to present).⁴⁶

⁴⁵ At the time of the incident under investigation, Detective Edwards held the rank of Police Officer with Star #19672, and he was assigned to Unit 005.

⁴⁶ Att. 34.

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.⁴⁷ 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.”⁴⁸

⁴⁷ See *Avery v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 216 Ill. 2d 100, 191 (2005) (“A proposition proved by a preponderance of the evidence is one that has been found to be more probably true than not true.”).

⁴⁸ *People v. Coan*, 2016 IL App (2d) 151036, ¶ 28 (quoting Illinois Pattern Jury Instructions, Criminal, No. 4.19 (4th 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