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Larry B. Snelling
Superintendent

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Lakenya White
Interim Chief Administrator
Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA)
1615 West Chicago Avenue, 4th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60622

Re: Superintendent's Partial Non-Concurrence with Findings and with Penalty Recommendations
Complaint Log No. 2023-0004524
Officer Brandon Twymen #15662
Officer Darell Willis # 19819

Dear Interim Chief Administrator White:

After a careful review of the above referenced complaint log number investigation, the Chicago Police Department (Department) partially concurs with the recommended sustained findings and with the penalty recommendations as they pertain to Officer Brandon Twymen #15662 and Officer Darell Willis # 19819.

The COPA investigation recommended a penalty of a Violation Noted for Officer Brandon Twymen after concluding that he:

1. Pushed [REDACTED] into a bench without justification;
2. Failed to use adequate de-escalation techniques in order to prevent or reduce the need for force, including but not limited to the creation of distance and the continued use of verbal direction.

The COPA investigation also recommended a penalty of a Violation Noted for Officer Darell Willis after concluding that he:

1. Directed words to the effect of "You stupid mother fucker" at [REDACTED]

Regarding Officer Willis, the Department concurs with the sustained finding for stated allegation as well as the penalty recommendation. As such, a Violation Noted will be inserted into the officer's disciplinary records.

However, regarding Officer Twymen, the Department does not concur with the sustained findings and recommends an alternate finding of Exonerated for Allegation #1 and Not Sustained for Allegation #2.

During recorded interview of Officer Twyman, he clearly states the reason why he pushed [REDACTED] toward the bench and continued to detain him until the custodial search was concluded. At 05:51 in the recorded statement officer TWYMAN states that Mr. [REDACTED] attempt to grab him. The BWC

video (@19:57 in video), [REDACTED] in an aggressive manner, attempts to grab officer Twyman near his neck/face area. Based on our use of force model, that would classify [REDACTED] as an assailant. There are multiple times that [REDACTED] places his hand within inches of officer Twyman. This would lead any reasonable officer to believe they could be receiving a battery. Officer Twyman reacts by creating distance with [REDACTED] and then momentarily detaining him on the bench while he finishes the custodial search

Regarding the second allegation, Officer Twyman cuffed Mr. [REDACTED] to the wall in an effort to better control him and finish the custodial search. Officer Twyman gave [REDACTED] verbal direction multiple times. Officer Twyman also cuffed [REDACTED] to the wall in order to continue his custodial search in the safest manner possible. The statement that Officer Twyman could have created distance is not reasonable due to the fact that in order to conduct a custodial search, an officer would have to be within arm's length of the arrestee.

On behalf of Superintendent Larry B. Snelling, the Department looks forward to discussing the matter with you pursuant to MCC 2-78-130(a)(iii).

Sincerely,

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