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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 Concurrence with Findings and Non-Concurrence with Penalty Recommendations
Complaint Log No. 2024-0004203
Police Officer Jermaine Townsend #19758

Dear Interim Chief Administrator White:

After careful review of the above-referenced complaint log number investigation, the Chicago Police Department ("Department") concurs with the recommended sustained findings and does not concur with the recommended penalties as they pertain to Police Officer Jermaine Townsend #19758.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability ("COPA") recommended a penalty of a ninety to one hundred and seventy nine (90–179) day suspension for Police Officer Jermaine Townsend #19758 after concluding that he committed the following violations:

Sustained Allegation #1 – On or about May 11, 2024, at approximately 8:00 pm, at or near [redacted] Officer Jermaine Townsend placed his hand(s) on and/or around [redacted] neck and/or throat.

Sustained Allegation #2 – On or about May 11, 2024, at approximately 8:00 pm, at or near [redacted] Officer Jermaine Townsend pushed and/or slammed [redacted] head against the toilet and/or wall.

Sustained Allegation #3 – On or about May 11, 2024, at approximately 8:00 pm, at or near [redacted] Officer Jermaine Townsend grabbed and/or pulled [redacted] hair.

Sustained Allegation #4 – On or about May 11, 2024, at approximately 8:00 pm, at or near [redacted] Officer Jermaine Townsend grabbed and/or twisted Parris [redacted] arm(s) and/or wrist(s).

Sustained Allegation #5 – On or about May 11, 2024, at approximately 8:00 pm, at or near [redacted] Officer Jermaine Townsend engaged in a verbal and/or physical altercation with [redacted] in front of and/or without regard for the safety of [redacted].

Sustained Allegation #6 – Utilized Chicago Police Department computerized information systems to access information for personal or other strictly prohibited reasons and/or not for the purpose of official police business.

The Department concurs with the recommended findings for all six sustained allegations. However, The Department does not concur with the penalty recommendation for Police Officer Jermaine Townsend #19758. The Department believes a sixty-day penalty is a more appropriate penalty. Police Officer Jermaine Townsend #19758 has no sustained history of domestic violence and has been a member of the Chicago Police Department for six years. The Department utilized comparable case, Complaint Log No. 2023-0003478 to determine a fair and consistent disciplinary recommendation.

Sincerely,

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Larry B. Snelling
Superintendent
Chicago Police Department