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Lakenya White  
Interim Chief Administrator  
Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA)  
1615 West Chicago Avenue, 4th Floor  
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Re: Superintendent's Non-Concurrence with Finding and Penalty Recommendation  
Complaint Log No. 2023-0004468 (Officer Nicholas Oomens #19218)

Dear Interim Chief Administrator White:

After a careful review of the above referenced complaint log number investigation, the Chicago Police Department (Department) does not concur with the recommended sustained finding as it pertains to Officer Nicholas Oomens # 19218.

The COPA investigation recommended a penalty of a suspension of 5 to 10 days and retraining for Officer Oomens after concluding that he:

1. Used force against [REDACTED] while he was restrained without justification.

The Department recommends an alternate finding of Unfounded. The video evidence does not show Officer Oomens pulling [REDACTED] off the bench. However, the video evidence does show [REDACTED] attempting to kick Officer Oomens. In Officer Oomen's TRR, he states "the offender raised his legs and kicked A/O Oomens in the left leg. A/O Oomens tried to pull his legs to redirect his kick. As a result of the struggle, offender then fell off the bench." Attachment 24 -TRR. This is consistent with the officer's statement to COPA when he stated "he lunges up in an attempt to kick me. I do the best I can to defend myself and block the kick. In the process, he does fall off the bench." Attachment 39 -Transcript of Statement. The Department also does not agree with COPA's statement "[REDACTED] (fully restrained) posed no threat to himself nor any officer at the time." SRI at page 3. [REDACTED] was clearly a threat by trying to kick the officer and the video evidence and the officer's statements support this. The Department looks forward to discussing this matter with you pursuant to MCC 2-78-130(a)(iii).

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Larry B. Snelling  
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