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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 Partial Non-Concurrence with Findings and with Penalty Recommendations
Complaint Log No. 2023-0003217
Officer Curtis Alequin # 10028
Officer Tyler Alexander # 17583
Officer Krisada Daorerk # 16422

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 Curtis Alequin # 10028, Officer Tyler Alexander # 17583 and Officer Krisada Daorerk # 16422.

The COPA investigation recommended a penalty of a suspension of up to 30 days for Officer Curtis Alequin after concluding that he:

1. Engaged in and/or continued a foot pursuit of an unknown man without justification;
2. Failure to complete a Foot/Bicycle Pursuit Report in violation of General Order 03-07.

The COPA investigation also recommended a penalty of a suspension of up to 30 days for Officer Tyler Alexander after concluding that he:

1. Failed to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons.

The COPA investigation also recommended a penalty of a suspension of up to 30 days for Officer Krisada Daorerk after concluding that he:

1. Engaged in and/or continued a foot pursuit of an unknown man without justification;
2. Failure to complete a Foot/Bicycle Pursuit Report in violation of General Order 03-07;
3. Entered the residence of a citizen without justification;
4. Searched a residence of a citizen without justification.

Regarding Officer Alequin, the Department does not concur with the first allegation of engaging in and/or continuing a foot pursuit without justification. For this allegation, the Department recommends

an alternate finding of Unfounded. The Department directive states that members may only engage or continue a foot pursuit if there is a valid law enforcement need to detain the person that Department members reasonably believe outweighs the threat to safety posed by a pursuit. G.O. G03-07-I-A. In his statement to COPA, Officer Alequin stated that as the unknown male was running, a Draco firearm was visible to him because the firearm "popped out of his backpack when he was running." Attachment # 19 at page 18 (Line 15-18) - Transcript of Curtis Alequin. As Officer Alequin continued in his statement, public safety was balanced to arrest and detain an individual running with a firearm. As such, Officer Alequin was justified in engaging and continuing the foot pursuit. However, Officer Alequin was required to complete and submit a Foot Pursuit report and had no justification for his failure to do so. As such, the Department concurs with the sustained finding and recommends a penalty of a Reprimand and retraining on the Foot Pursuit policy.

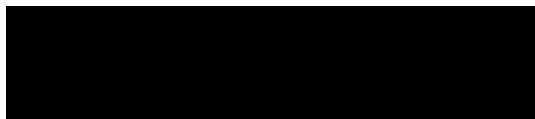
Regarding Officer Tyler Alexander, the Department does not concur with the sustained finding and recommends an alternate finding of Not Sustained. The Summary Report states that "POD camera footage shows Officer Alexander drive through a crosswalk and over a sidewalk with little regard for pedestrians, causing pedestrians to hasten their pace and/or abruptly halt to avoid getting struck by Officer Alexander's vehicle." SRI at page 8. The Department does not agree with this conclusion as the video clearly shows Officer Alexander avoiding the pedestrians. In his statement, Officer Alexander states "I was definitely driving with due regard in looking for obstacles, people, other vehicles and things like that." Attachment # 22 at page 14 - (Transcript of statement of Officer Alexander). The Summary Report goes on to state that "CPD policy requires the activation of lights and sirens when engaging in emergency operation of CPD vehicles. Officer Alexander could not recall in his statement with COPA if he had activated his lights and sirens prior to initiating the emergency operation of his CPD unmarked vehicle. That said, it appears in POD footage that Officer Alexander indeed failed to activate his lights and sirens." SRI at page 8. As COPA acknowledges, it cannot be definitively stated that the lights were or were not activated. And due to the lack of audio on the footage, there is no way to determine if the siren was activated. But regardless, there is no allegation that the accused member failed to activate the emergency lights and sirens or was not in compliance with the Emergency Vehicle Operations directive. As such, the sole allegation of Failure to Drive with Due Regard has not been proven.

Regarding Officer Krisada Daorerck, the Department does not concur with the first allegation of engaging in and/or continuing a foot pursuit without justification. For this allegation, the Department recommends an alternate finding of Unfounded. The Department directive states that members may only engage or continue a foot pursuit if there is a valid law enforcement need to detain the person that Department members reasonably believe outweighs the threat to safety posed by a pursuit. G.O. G03-07-I-A. In his statement, Officer Daorerck explained that based on the total of the circumstances and his prior knowledge and experience, the unknown male was suspected of having a firearm in his backpack. However, Officer Daorerck was required to complete and submit a Foot Pursuit report and had no justification for his failure to do so. As such, the Department concurs with the sustained finding. The Department also concurs with the sustained finding of entering and searching the apartment without justification. For these three sustained allegations, the Department recommends, consistent with the penalty recommendation, a suspension of five (5) days with additional training on foot pursuits and exigent circumstances.

On behalf of Superintendent Larry B. Snelling, the Department looks forward to discussing this matter

with you pursuant to MCC 2-78-130(a)(iii).

Sincerely,



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