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Lakenya White
Chief Administrator
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Re: Superintendent's Partial Concurrence with COPA's Findings and Concurrence with Penalty Recommendation
Complaint Log. 2024-0006776
Officer Carlos Manarpaac-Alvarez #17832, Officer DJ Pacheco #18162
Officer Jonathan Mondragon #13036

Dear Chief Administrator White:

After a careful review of the above referenced complaint log number, the Chicago Police Department (Department) partially concurs with the recommended sustained findings and concurs with the penalty recommendations, as it pertains to Officer DJ Pacheco, Star #18162. In addition, the Department concurs with the recommended sustained findings and penalty recommendation for Officer Carlos Manarpaac-Alvarez, Star No.1783 and Officer Jonathan Mondragon, Star No, 13036. Pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Department provides the following comments:

The COPA investigation recommended a 1-10 Days for Officer DJ Pacheco after concluding that he:

1. Committed misconduct when he pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] without justification.
2. Failed to make a weapons pointing notification to OEMC.
3. Committed misconduct when he failed to activate his body-worn camera in a timely manner in violation of Special Order S03-14.
4. Engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation with [REDACTED]

The COPA investigation recommended a Reprimand for Officer Jonathan Mondragon after concluding that he:

1. Committed misconduct when he failed to activate his body-worn camera in a timely manner in violation of Special Order S03-14.

The COPA investigation recommended a Reprimand for Officer Carlos Manarpaac-Alvarez after concluding that he:

1. Committed misconduct when he failed to activate his body-worn camera in a timely manner in violation of Special Order S03-14.

The Department concurs with allegation two, three and four for Officer Pacheco and agrees to impose a 1-day suspension. The Department will also provide training on body worn camera activation and the protection of human rights.

However, the Department does not concur with allegation one. "CPD directives provide that an officer may only point a firearm at a person when it is objectively reasonable to do so under the totality of the circumstances faced by the officer on the scene. While reasonableness is not capable of precise definition, CPD members may consider factors that include, but are not limited to, the nature of the incident, the risk of harm to the member or others, and the level of threat or resistance presented or maintained by the person (e.g., possession of access to weapons." Attachment #61 at pg. 6. In this case, Officer Pacheco pointed his weapon at [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] at 16:48:41 while his partner gave commands to [REDACTED] to "not move that gun." Attachment #7. The gun referenced was in [REDACTED] waistband, first observed on Officer Manarpaac-Alvarez's body worn camera. Attachment #6 at 16:48:28. [REDACTED] despite multiple verbal commands from the officers, resisted while being placed into custody for approximately three minutes, then eventually being placed into custody, and handcuffed behind his back at approximately 16:51:31. During the time [REDACTED] was resisting the arrest, his hands were either unsecured, or handcuffed in front of his body, as officers attempted to secure him. During that time, [REDACTED] had the opportunity to break free of the officer's hold and retrieve the weapon from his person. In addition, during the struggle, [REDACTED] had his finger in Officer Manarpaac-Alvarez's Taser. Officer Pacheco states, "dude stop watch out watch out he has it in the trigger." Attachment #7 at 16:49:46. In addition, Officer Pacheco originally removed his weapon from his holster at 16:48:37, as a female approaches the officers, attempting to intervene in the arrest of [REDACTED]. Upon approaching, the female placed her right hand in her waistband, took a bladed stance, and concealed her right arm. Officer Pacheco kept his weapon in a low ready, as he observed a threat moving towards the officers. The female approached and was within 1-2 feet of the officers. Officer Pacheco assessed the threat while still attempting to secure the armed individual, [REDACTED]. Officer Pacheco then moves his weapon from "low ready" back towards [REDACTED] at 16:48:41, while giving verbal commands to not reach for his weapons, as he was still not secured. By 16:48:43, less than two seconds, Officer Pacheco's weapon is no longer pointed at [REDACTED] and Officer Pacheco re-holsters by 16:48:57. Officer Pacheco was simultaneously assessing the threat presented by the approaching female, while attempting to secure an armed, unsecured, and resisting [REDACTED]. Given the totality of the circumstances, the weapon pointing was objectively reasonable and within policy. For these reasons, the Department believes a finding of Exonerated is the proper finding for allegation one.

Lastly, the Department concurs will the allegation one for Officer Mondragon and Officer Manarpacc-Alvarez and will impose a Reprimand and provide training on body worn camera activation.

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,

[REDACTED]
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