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

Re: Superintendent's Partial Concurrence with COPA's Findings and Non-Concurrence with Penalty Recommendation
Complaint Log. 2024-0008333
Officer Ivan Lopez #13516

Dear Interim Chief Administrator White:

After a careful review of the above referenced complaint log number, the Chicago Police Department (Department) partially concur with the recommended sustained findings but does not concur with the penalty recommendation, as it pertains to Officer Ivan Lopez, Star No. 13516. Pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Department provides the following comments:

The COPA investigation recommended a suspension of 1-29 days for Officer Ivan Lopez after concluding that he:

1. Failed to complete a Tactical Response Report
2. Placed your hands at or near [REDACTED] neck area, without justification.

The Department concurs with allegation one.

However, the Department does not concur with allegation two. First, the allegation as written is not proper. Secondly, COPA states in their final summary report "CPD policy prohibits members from using chokeholds or other restraints above the shoulders, with the sole exception being as an act of last resort, when necessary to protect against an imminent threat to life." [Attachment #22 at pg 3](#). Moreover, COPA cites G03-02, (IV)(D)(2), which specifically states "The Chicago Police Department prohibits its members from using chokeholds or other restraints above the shoulders **with risk of positional asphyxiation**, with the sole exception being as an act of last resort, when necessary to protect against an imminent threat to life. [Attachment #20 at pg 5](#). Here, Officer Lopez never restraint [REDACTED] in a manner where the risk of positional asphyxiation existed. Therefore, the Department recommends a finding of Unfounded for allegation two.

Officer Lopez has more than 20 years on the Department; has no disciplinary history, and has earned over 200 awards. Therefore, the Department believes a Violation Noted and TRR training is a more appropriate penalty.

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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