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Andrea Kersten
Chief Administrator
Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA)
1615 W. Chicago Ave., 4th Floor

Re: Superintendent's Concurrence with COPA's findings and Concurrence in part in penalty and non-concurrence in penalty
Log# 2022-0001652
Police Officer John Kaporis and Detective Christoph Kaporis

Dear Chief Administrator Kersten:

Based on a review of the above-referenced complaint register (CR), the Chicago Police Department (CPD) concurs with the recommended findings and penalty for the below listed members:

NAME	RECOMMENDED PENALTY
P.O. John Kaporis	Separation
Det. Christoph Kaporis	180 days

Due to the amount of Chicago Police Department members facing allegations of misconduct as related to the above Log #, the Department's responses will be grouped by member below.

By way of review, below is a brief synopsis of the incident that gave rise to the allegations:

On April 21, 2022, at approximately 7:25 pm, near the vicinity of [REDACTED] in Chicago, Illinois [REDACTED] (son of Police Officer John Kaporis) made multiple calls for service by dialing 911. [REDACTED] reported that there were multiple black females inside his grandmother's vacant home located at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] related to dispatchers that his father is a CPD officer assigned to Unit 017. His father, Officer John Kaporis #18741, arrived on scene.

At approximately 7:44 pm, responding CPD officers arrived on scene. Officer Kaporis told Chicago Police Officer Jorge Romo that pranks have been recently played on his family at his mother's home, where people have requested to perform different services. Officer Kaporis went on to state that two black females were inside his mother's home, cleaning without anyone's consent. During the course of his conversation Officer John Kaporis referred to the two black females as "F1s" and "Shines." These events were captured on body worn camera.

During the course of the conversation between Officer Kaporis and responding officers, [REDACTED] called his uncle, Detective Christoph Kaporis #21235. Responding officers left the scene and Officer John

Kaporis waited on the front steps of the aforementioned address for his brother, Detective Christoph Kaporis. While outside, Officer John Kaporis observed a couple of U-Haul trucks stop in front of his mother's house and drive slowly southbound down Whipple Street. At approximately 8:10 p.m. Police Officer John Kaporis then dialed 911 and reported the suspicious trucks.

A short time later Detective Christoph Kaporis arrived at [REDACTED] with his wife, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Officer Kaporis and his sister-in-law [REDACTED] remained in the front of the house, while Det. Christoph Kaporis went to the back yard of the residence.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were contractors, hired via the Thumbtack Application to move boxes from [REDACTED] and intended to conduct their business through the use of a rented U-Haul Truck. [REDACTED] drove the U-Haul and [REDACTED] followed in his personal car. The U-Haul came to a stop in the alley near [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] approached on foot. Detective Kaporis observed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and approached the two on foot from his vehicle, which was parked in the alley. Detective Kaporis then drew his weapon from his waistband area and pointed it at [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] watched from inside the U-Haul. [REDACTED] put his hands up and informed Detective Kaporis that he was there for work and was unarmed. Detective Kaporis grabbed [REDACTED] with one hand, ordered him to his knees, pushed him to the ground and held his arms behind his back. These events were recorded by a neighbor, [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] asked Detective Kaporis for his name and star number, which Detective Kaporis failed to provide. Detective Kaporis then left the scene.

At approximately 8:11 p.m. Officer John Kaporis called 911 and falsely reported a 10-1 because he assumed something had gone wrong in the alley and he wanted to expedite the response time of officers. Officers Jesus Rivolta and Jorge Romo arrived on scene and cancelled the 10-1 due to a multitude of reasons. [REDACTED] remained on scene and informed responding officers of the events that transpired in the alley. Sgt. Johnny Santiago arrived on scene and spoke to the individuals involved, including Officer John Kaporis. Officer Kaporis informed Sgt. Santiago that he could not tell if his brother was the individual who stopped [REDACTED] because he was in the front of the house. These events were captured on body worn camera.

Approximately an hour and a half after the incident, Det. Kaporis arrived at the 020th District Police Station and spoke with Sgt. Santiago. Detective Kaporis did not complete any reports or ISRs following this incident.

Police Officer John Kaporis

The Department does concur with COPA'S finding that P.O. Kaporis made racial slurs toward unidentified members of the public, reported false and misleading information when calling 911 and failed to report the misconduct of his brother Det. Christoph Kaporis in the aforementioned incident.

The charges brought forth by COPA that allege Kaporis' misconduct were proven by videotaped evidence captured on officer worn body cameras in addition to call logs from OEMC. Officer Kaporis is observed multiple times making racially charged statements to responding officers while in off-duty capacity. While Officer Kaporis has a complimentary history over his twenty-eight years of service, he has also has several disciplinary actions that must be taken into account. Most notably, a recent CR that involves similar behavior where Officer Kaporis was observed making unprovoked racial slurs at random citizens while on patrol. The CPD concurs with the sustained finding that Officer John Kaporis referred to unidentified members of the public as "F1's" and "shines" and does concur with the premise that the latter finding of fact provides a sufficient basis for COPA's conclusion that cause for discharge exists. The CPD also concurs that the false

reporting of a 10-1 is conduct that rises to a sustained Rule 14 violation and that COPA has met its burden in the charge brought upon Officer Kaporis. Thus, CPD concurs with the penalty of separation.

Detective Christoph Kaporis

The Department does concur with COPA'S finding that Detective Kaporis pointed a firearm at an unarmed member of the public without justification, failed to report pointing said firearm to OEMC, performed an unlawful seizure, failed to complete ISRs, failed to identify himself as a police officer, and remain on scene of the above mentioned incident.

The charges brought forth by COPA that allege Detective Kaporis' misconduct were proven by videotaped evidence captured by civilian [REDACTED] officer worn body camera footage, and statements taken from responding officers and supervisors. While CPD concurs that the allegations against Detective Kaporis have been proven, CPD does not concur with the punishment suggested by COPA. Detective Kaporis has an exemplary complimentary history over his twenty-five years of service and has not been subject to any disciplinary actions or CRs. Detective Kaporis' 110 complimentary awards, including 65 honorable mentions and 17 complimentary letters must be taken into account when weighing the penalty he faces as a result of his misconduct. Thus, CPD concurs with the penalty of a 180 day suspension.

CPD looks forward to discussing this matter with you pursuant to MCC 2-78-130(a)(iii). If COPA and the CPD find themselves at an impasse on the resolution of this matter, the CPD asks that COPA include all attachments from the log investigation to the member of the Police Board selected to conduct the review.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Larry Snelling
Superintendent of Police