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# Recommendation to Reopen Chicago Police Department Disciplinary Investigation

Log #2020-0003028

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Pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago (MCC) § 2-56-230(c)(ii), the Public Safety section of the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducts reviews of individual closed disciplinary investigations conducted by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) and the Chicago Police Department's (CPD) Bureau of Internal Affairs (BIA). Based on those reviews, OIG may make a recommendation to reopen the investigation to address a deficiency materially affecting its outcome.<sup>1</sup>

BIA investigated allegations that a CPD member failed to report the theft of their duty weapon in a timely manner, and allegations that two CPD members who found the weapon failed to make proper notification to CPD. BIA sustained the allegation against the CPD member who failed to report the theft in a timely manner and recommended a ten-day suspension. BIA also sustained the allegation against one of the two officers who failed to notify CPD when the firearm was recovered and recommended a five-day suspension.

During its review, OIG learned that one of the two CPD members who recovered the weapon returned it to the CPD member who reported it stolen. Shortly thereafter, CPD took possession of the weapon and placed it into inventory. CPD conducted a forensic test of the weapon and documented its findings on a Firearms Receipt and Worksheet. OIG observed that the amount of ammunition counted from the weapon during the forensic test did not align with CPD Directive U04-02(II)(H).

BIA also included the CPD member's weapons qualification record in its investigative file. The weapons qualification record indicated that the CPD member qualified with the weapon at a time when the weapon was inventoried for an active investigation. BIA did not address the discrepancies with the forensic test or weapons qualification records during its investigation.

OIG recommended that BIA reopen the investigation to resolve the discrepancy surrounding the amount of ammunition in the CPD member's weapon, to investigate how the CPD member qualified with a weapon that appears to have been inventoried for an active investigation, and to determine whether it would be appropriate to bring additional allegations against the CPD member or any other CPD member.

In response to OIG's recommendations, BIA accepted OIG's recommendation and reopened the investigation. BIA reviewed additional documentation related to the CPD member's weapons qualification and learned that the CPD member qualified with a borrowed weapon from CPD. BIA also learned that another CPD member incorrectly entered the information about the weapon.

BIA conducted an additional interview with the CPD member related to their failure to fully load their duty weapon. The CPD member did not provide any additional statements related to this allegation.

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<sup>1</sup> Once BIA or COPA has responded to an OIG recommendation to reopen an investigation, and once the underlying investigation has reached a final disciplinary decision, OIG's recommendation letters and the agencies' responses will be published on OIG's website. In these procedural postures, OIG's recommendations to reopen and the agencies' responses have been available and, from time to time, released pursuant to MCC § 2-56-250 and the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. These recommendations to reopen, issued pursuant to MCC § 2-56-230(c), are separate from OIG's own confidential investigative work, which is governed by the confidentiality provisions set out in MCC § 2-56-110.

BIA sustained the allegation that the CPD member failed to have their duty weapon loaded to capacity, and the recommended suspension remained at ten days.

OIG's letter to BIA containing its recommendations is attached in Appendix A, BIA's response is attached as Appendix B.

# Appendix A | OIG Letter



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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 13, 2022

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**Re: Log #2020-0003028**

Dear Chief Talley:

Pursuant to § 2-56-230(c)(ii) of the Municipal Code of Chicago (MCC), the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) Public Safety section has conducted a preliminary review of the investigation conducted by the Chicago Police Department's (CPD) Bureau of Internal Affairs (BIA) in Log #2020-0003028. OIG recommends that BIA reopen the investigation to resolve discrepancies that were not addressed in this investigation. Log #2020-0003028 is currently in a Command Channel Review status.

Log # 2020-0003028 concerns allegations against CPD Officer Gregory Young, Star # 3546, related to failure to report the theft of his duty weapon in a timely manner, and against Officer Rashida Young, Star # 9277, and Officer Angelica Corvera, Star # 18598, for failure to make proper notification of a found weapon. BIA sustained allegations against Officer Gregory Young and Officer Rashida Young, and exonerated Officer Corvera.

According to Officer Gregory Young, on July 5, 2020, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., while off duty and at a party on the far South Side of Chicago, Officer Gregory Young had his weapon, a SIG P226, Serial No. U747794, stolen off his person. Officer Gregory Young informed his cousin, who was also at the party, about the theft. Officer Gregory Young's cousin advised him to leave the party, which he did. Officer Gregory Young then drove to the home of his sister, Officer Rashida Young, on the North Side of Chicago and informed her that someone had stolen his weapon. Officer Rashida Young informed Officer Gregory Young that he left his cellphone with another cousin who lives in Streamwood, Illinois. According to Officer Gregory Young's statement, he then dropped off his "classic car" at his residence and then drove his Jeep to Streamwood, Illinois to retrieve his cellphone. After retrieving his cellphone, Officer Gregory Young called Sergeant Keith Olson, assigned to the Gang Investigation Unit, at approximately 5:30 a.m. and reported his weapon was stolen.

According to Officer Gregory Young, he then ran out of gas on the 290 expressway and was assisted by his girlfriend and the Illinois State Police. After returning to Chicago from Streamwood, Illinois he attempted to make a report for his stolen weapon at the 15th District, but they refused and referred him to the 5th



District where the theft occurred. Sergeant Olson arranged for Officer Gregory Young to file a report at the 25th District. Officer Young filed his official report at approximately 9:30 a.m.

At approximately, 4:00 p.m., Officer Rashida Young was contacted by the cousin who attended the party with Officer Gregory Young. The cousin informed her he had recovered the weapon, and they arranged a meeting place for him to turn it over to her. Officer Rashida Young and her partner Officer Angelica Corvera met with the cousin near Central Avenue and Madison Avenue. The cousin handed over the weapon to Officer Rashida Young in a shopping bag, and Officer Young handed the bag off to Officer Corvera. In her statement, Officer Corvera stated she was unaware the gun was reported missing, but she felt uncomfortable transporting an loaded gun so she removed the magazine, and the bullet in the chamber and returned the weapon, magazine, and the one bullet from the chamber back to the bag. Officer Rashida Young and Officer Corvera drove to Officer Gregory Young's residence and Officer Rashida Young turned over the gun to him. Officer Gregory Young informed Sergeant Olson that the weapon he reported stolen was back in his possession.

On July 5, 2020, after reporting that he had recovered his stolen weapon, BIA directed Officer Gregory Young to report to BIA with the recovered weapon. BIA interviewed Officer Gregory Young and the recovered weapon was inventoried under Inventory #14732079.<sup>1</sup>

The investigative file contains a Firearms Receipt and Worksheet from the Crime Laboratory Division of CPD dated August 11, 2020.<sup>2</sup> According to the worksheet, the weapon is described as a 9MM Sig Sauer with a 15+1 cartridge capacity. However, the worksheet states that only 13 live cartridges were removed from the magazine and one live cartridge, for a total of 14 live cartridges. The worksheet also indicates that there was residue exhibited on the bore of the weapon. The total number of live rounds in Officer Gregory Young's gun at the time it was stolen was not addressed by BIA and it remains unclear whether Officer Gregory Young failed to fully load his weapon, in violation of Chicago Police Directive U04-02(II)(H), whether the weapon was fired during the time it was not in Officer Gregory Young's custody, or whether it was fired prior to the theft.

The investigative file also contains a copy of Officer Gregory Young's weapon qualification record, which shows he last qualified with the SIG P226, Serial No. U747794, on July 9, 2020, four days after it was inventoried for investigation by CPD.<sup>3</sup> However, according to an entry in the notes module in the Case Management System (CMS) dated December 4, 2020, the gun was "held for investigation" until it was released on October 6, 2020. The chain of custody printout for this weapon does not indicate the weapon was released to anyone between July 5 and July 9, 2020.<sup>4</sup> According to the note in CMS dated December 4, 2020, BIA determined Officer Gregory Young did not qualify with a "loaner" weapon, but there is no evidence that BIA took any additional investigative steps to determine how Officer Gregory Young could have qualified with a weapon that was inventoried pursuant to an active investigation, including asking Officer Gregory Young about this discrepancy during his interview.

Based on OIG's preliminary review, and without taking any position on any other aspect of the investigation or its findings, OIG recommends that BIA reopen this case to resolve the discrepancy surrounding the amount of ammunition in Officer Gregory Young's weapon and to investigate how Officer

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<sup>1</sup> Attachment 10.

<sup>2</sup> Attachment 16.

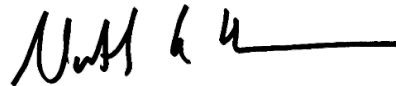
<sup>3</sup> Attachment 17.

<sup>4</sup> Attachment 15.

Gregory Young qualified with a weapon that appears to have been inventoried for an active investigation, and determine whether it would be appropriate to bring additional allegations against Officer Gregory Young or any other CPD member.

Please contact Chief Investigator Megan Carlson at mcarlson@igchicago.org or (773) 478-8454 with any questions. Please send your response to this recommendation before a final disciplinary decision is made with respect to this investigation. OIG looks forward to BIA's response, and recommends that BIA incorporate this letter and its response into the electronic case file to provide for a complete record.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathaniel Wackman', followed by a horizontal line.

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# Appendix B | Department Response

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See below.

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