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Recommendation to Reopen Chicago Police Department Disciplinary Investigation

CPD Log #2023-0000420

OIG Case #C2025-0000000119

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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.

BIA investigated allegations that Officer Larrick West, Star #17947, was involved in an off-duty physical altercation. BIA administratively closed the investigation without speaking to the CPD Detective that initiated the investigation or the CPD officers that initially responded to the scene.

During its review, OIG identified that the electronic case file was incomplete—it did not contain additional Detective Supplemental Reports or recordings of the 911 calls made during the incident.

OIG recommended BIA reopen the investigation to gather all possible evidence, fully investigate the allegation of engaging in a physical altercation while off-duty and conduct an analysis of whether Officer West's actions during the incident required completion of a Tactical Response Report (TRR).

In response to OIG's recommendations, BIA declined OIG's recommendation to reopen the investigation. BIA stated that it administratively closed the investigation, in part, because Officer West was identified as a victim on the case report.

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

Appendix A | OIG Letter



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Re: Log #2023-0000420

Dear Deputy Director Moore:

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 #2023-0000420. OIG recommends that the investigation be reopened to consider all available evidence and investigate all potential rule violations. Log #2023-0000420 is currently in an Administratively Closed status.

Log #2023-0000420 concerns allegations against CPD Officer Larrick West, Star #17947, related to involvement in an off-duty physical altercation. According to CPD's Event Query report #2300104682, a call was received for a battery in progress on January 1, 2023, at 5:24 a.m.¹ The event remarks stated the "caller [requested] the police for [an individual] who won't leave his girlfriend's house. [Individual] fought the caller stating [they have] a CCL. They started fighting while on call."² Additional event remarks for Event Query report #2300104862 state, "call taker heard the male tussling with [an individual] in the background."³

Officers Hector Briseno, Star #5260, and Graciela Prado, Star #17225, responded to the call. Officer Briseno's body worn camera (BWC) footage shows the accused, Officer West, approach Officers Briseno and Prado on scene and state, "So basically, uh ex-girlfriend now, calls me over here saying she's scared. She hears something weird outside." Officer West states he arrived at the apartment and encountered an individual outside whom his ex-girlfriend claimed to not know. Officer West states that his ex-girlfriend had to know who the individual was because the individual was outside his ex-girlfriend's house. Officer West states that the individual confronted them and "started to kinda try to fight me" and "starts swinging at me." Officer West explains that he hit the individual "a couple times," but the individual "still kept coming at me." Officer West states, "So I, you know, [I] defended myself

¹ Attachment 7, p. 6-7.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

again” and tells Officers Briseno and Prado he could not get the individual’s name from his ex-girlfriend.⁴ Officer West walks to the front door of the apartment and rings the doorbell to ask for the individual’s name, but no one answers the door or comes outside. Officer West tells Officers Briseno and Prado that the individual was no longer on scene and pointed in the direction where the individual walked away. Officer West makes a phone call and states over the phone, “some guy was here” and “I just beat him up because he was trying to fight me, and I let him know I was a police officer.” Officer West ends the phone call unable to determine the individual’s last name and tells Officers Briseno and Prado, “I’ll go into [CPD’s District] 8 and look at the past police report” to “see if I can get a name that way.” Officer Briseno states, “Alright” and Officers Briseno and Prado left the scene without completing a case report for the incident or calling a supervisor for an off-duty incident involving a CPD member.⁵

The Original Case Incident Report (OCIR) recorded under RD #JG100321 reported Officer West came into CPD’s 8th District to file a report on January 1, 2023, at approximately 7:03 a.m.⁶ The OCIR reported Officer West was called by his ex-girlfriend who was hearing noises outside their apartment. Officer West arrived at the apartment and “observed [the offender] standing out in front” of the apartment. Officer West questioned the individual, asked for their name and whether they reside at the apartment building. Officer West’s ex-girlfriend told him the individual did not live there and they wanted the individual to leave. The OCIR reported, “the offender then walked toward [Officer West] and stated ‘I don’t care if your [sic] the police, ill [sic] kick your ass!’” and “the offender swung at [Officer West] missing him.” Officer West “then defended himself and struck the offender with a closed fist in the face” before he “backed up and the offender came at him again, took another swing” which Officer West blocked with his arms. Officer West “struck the offender again in the face” and “the offender then got up, came at [Officer West],” who responded by hitting “the offender in the face for a third time knocking [them] down.” The OCIR’s Narrative reported the offender walked away from the scene following the altercation.

Sergeant Joseph Perez, Star #1242, completed the Initiation Report for Log #2023-0000420 after Detective Tina Sukalo, Star #21276, notified Sergeant Perez that an off-duty CPD member was involved in a physical altercation on January 1, 2023.⁷ BIA’s closing packet for Log #2023-0000420 reported Detective Sukalo expressed their concerns to Sergeant Perez, “citing that the incident reported by [Officer] West doesn’t sound right.”⁸ While the closing packet stated BIA spoke with Sergeant Perez, the electronic case file does not reflect that BIA spoke with Detective Sukalo regarding her investigation into the incident and reported concerns, nor with Officers Briseno and Prado who initially responded to the scene.

Additionally, the electronic case file does not contain any additional Detective Supplemental Reports, recordings of the 911 calls placed by Officer West during the incident, nor an analysis of whether Officer West’s actions during the incident required completion of a Tactical Response Report (TRR). Per Sections (III)(A)(2)(a) and (b) of G03-02-02, a TRR is required for all incidents involving a Department member’s use of Level 1 and 2 reportable uses of force “including kicks, knee strikes, elbow strikes, closed hand strikes, or punches” whether or not the use of force resulted in an injury. Additionally, Sections (III)(A)(1)(d) and (e) of G03-02-02 require the completion of a TRR for all uses

⁴ Attachment 9, at 2:10 – 3:02.

⁵ Ibid., at 3:10 – 9:28.

⁶ Attachment 4, p. 2.

⁷ Detective Tina Sukalo was assigned to investigate the incident.

⁸ Attachment 10, p. 2.

of force incidents involving “(d) a subject whose actions are aggressively offensive, with or without weapons, or who is using or threatening the imminent use of force against the member that will likely cause physical injury, including an assault, aggravated assault, or threat of physical attack” and “(e) physical attacks against a Department member, including a murder, aggravated battery, or battery, regardless of whether or not the the [sic] subject made actual physical contact with the member or the member has sustained a physical injury.”⁹

Based on OIG’s preliminary review, and without taking any position on any other aspect of the investigation, OIG recommends that BIA reopen Log #2023-0000420 to fully investigate the allegation of engaging in a physical altercation while off-duty, conduct an analysis on whether the force used in the physical altercation required completion of a TRR, and fully account for all available evidence to determine whether Officer West’s conduct violated any applicable rule violations associated with the off-duty physical altercation.

Please contact Chief Investigative Analyst LaDonna Candia-Flanagan at lcandia-flanagan@igchicago.org or (773) 478-5614 with any questions. Please send your response to this recommendation before a final disciplinary decision is made with respect to this investigation and in no case later than the time allowed by MCC § 2-56-245. OIG will consider a failure to respond in the time permitted by ordinance to be a declination of our recommendation. 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,



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⁹ Chicago Police Department, “General Order G03-02-02: Incidents Requiring the Completion of a Tactical Response Report,” Effective April 15, 2021.

Appendix B | Department Response

BUREAU OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

09 OCTOBER 2055

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SUBJECT: OIG-Public Safety Production Request #OIG-PS2025-03884

The undersigned is providing the following response to request OIG-PS2025-03884:

1. Log Number 2023-0001846

- This case has been re-opened and is currently under investigation

2. Log Number 2023-0001464

- This case will not be re-opened. Police Officer Lori Davis #17412 has accepted her penalty, and Police Officer Lauren Lewis #18962 and Police Officer Brian Baety #11591 are grieving their penalties.

3. Log Number 2023-0000420

- The case was administratively closed in 2023, in part because Police Officer Larrick West #17947 was identified as a victim on the case report.

4. Log Number 2023-0004677

- This case will not be re-opened to address completing an Investigative Stop Report and removing the Reporting Party's cell phone from his pocket during a protective pat down search. The case is in Command Channel Review and near Closed Final.

5. Log Number 2023-0002418/2023-0002419

- These cases will not be re-opened as the investigation conducted in Log Number 2023-0002383 addressed the allegations in Log Number 2023-0002418/2023-0002419


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