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Recommendation to Reopen Chicago Police Department Disciplinary Investigation

CPD Log #2023-0004717

OIG Case #C2024-0000000476

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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 CPD Officer Korey Giles, Star #9350, committed a home invasion on September 25, 2023. Officer Korey Giles was arrested on October 12, 2023, and subsequently charged with Home Invasion and Non-consensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images. During BIA's preliminary investigation, Officer Korey Giles resigned from the Department, and BIA administratively closed its investigation.

During its review, OIG learned that Officer Korey Giles sent a nude photo of the victims to his sister, Officer Kayla Giles, Star #9680. Officer Kayla Giles provided a statement to the CPD Detective and confirmed that Officer Korey Giles sent them a nude photo of the victims lying in bed via text message. BIA did not document any potential rule violations against Officer Kayla Giles for failure to report to the Department Officer Korey Giles potential criminal activity or violation of CPD's Rules and Regulations, as required by Rules 21 and 22 of CPD's Rules of Conduct.

OIG recommended BIA reopen the investigation to consider all available evidence and investigate all applicable rule violations associated with Officer Kayla Giles.

In response to OIG's recommendations, BIA accepted OIG's recommendation and reopened the investigation. BIA sustained the allegation that Officer Kayla Giles "received a photo from [their] brother, Korey Giles, (who at the time was a Chicago Police Officer ...) on [their] cell phone on 25 Sep 2023 at approximately 0914 hours, of Korey Gile's [sic] girlfriend and a male both of whom were partially nude, and asleep, and that [Officer Kayla Giles] failed to notify the Chicago Police Department [they] had received the photo from [their] brother Korey Giles." Per a Mediation Agreement, Officer Kayla Giles agreed to serve a three-day suspension.

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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Via Electronic Mail

December 24, 2024

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Re: Log #2023-0004717

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 #2023-0004717. OIG recommends that the investigation be reopened to consider all available evidence and investigate all potential rule violations. Log #2023-0004717 is currently in an Administratively Closed status.

Log #2023-0004717 concerns allegations that CPD Officer Korey Giles, Star #9350, committed a home invasion on September 25, 2023. During BIA's preliminary investigation, Officer Korey Giles resigned from CPD effective October 12, 2023, and BIA administratively closed Log #2023-0004717.¹

BIA Sergeant Emmet Welch, Star #2087, initiated log #2023-0004717 after an Assistant Cook County State's Attorney informed Sergeant Welch that Officer Korey Giles broke into the residence of his former partner, which resulted in a physical altercation between Officer Korey Giles and an individual who was sleeping in the former partner's bed at that time.² The Original Case Incident Report completed under RD #JG437870 documented the incident and listed "Cory Jowels" as the offender who was not on scene at the time responding officers' arrived.³ Officer Korey Giles was arrested on October 12, 2023 and subsequently charged with Home Invasion and Non-consensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images.⁴

¹ Attachment 70, p. 13.

² Ibid., p. 11.

³ Attachment 31.

⁴ Attachment 36, p. 1.

The Case Supplementary Report completed for RD #JG437870 detailed that during the home invasion on September 25, 2023, Officer Korey Giles took a picture of the victims laying naked in bed while the victims were asleep and sent the picture to one of the victims via text message.⁵ Officer Korey Giles told CPD Detective Jeremy J. Balling, Star #20077, that he had taken and sent a naked photo to one of the victims via text message for two reasons: “being so [victim] could not lie to him about having relationships with different men, and the other to show [victim] how much more attractive” Officer Korey Giles is than one of the victims.”⁶

Detective Balling obtained Search Warrant 23SW9547 for the contents of a cellular device belonging to Officer Korey Giles.⁷ On October 19, 2023, during Detective Balling’s observation of the extraction from Officer Korey Giles’ cellular device, Detective Balling discovered Officer Korey Giles had sent a nude photo of the victims to his sister, Officer Kayla Giles, Star #9680, on September 25, 2023 at 9:14 a.m.⁸ Officer Kayla Giles provided a statement to Detective Balling at CPD’s 6th District on October 28, 2023, and confirmed Officer Korey Giles sent her a nude photo of the victims lying in bed via text message.⁹

CPD Rule 21 of CPD’s Rules of Conduct expressly prohibits the “failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action.” CPD Rule 22 obligates CPD members “to report to the Department any violation of Rules and Regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders or directives of the Department.” BIA did not document any analysis of these potential rule violations against Officer Kayla Giles before closing this investigation.

Based on its preliminary review, and without taking any position on any other aspect of the investigation, OIG recommends BIA reopen the investigation to consider all available evidence and investigate all applicable rule violations associated with Officer Kayla Giles.

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 within 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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cc: Deborah Witzburg, Inspector General, OIG

⁵ Attachment 66, p. 7.

⁶ Ibid., p. 9-10.

⁷ Ibid., p. 10.

⁸ Ibid., p. 11.

⁹ Ibid.

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Appendix B | Department Response



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 26, 2025

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RE: Log Number 2023-0004717

Dear Deputy Inspector General Richardson:

This correspondence addresses your letter of December 24, 2024, requesting the reopening of a Bureau of Internal Affairs (BIA) investigation recorded under Log Number 2023-0004717. The BIA concurs with the Office of the Inspector General and has re-opened the investigation.

The Bureau of Internal Affairs appreciates being contacted in respect to this investigation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Moore".

Timothy Moore

Deputy Director
Bureau of Internal Affairs

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Attachment

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