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Recommendation to Reopen Chicago Police Department Disciplinary Investigation

CPD Log #2024-0003922

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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 Officers Juan Peralta, Star #3277, and Enrique Sepulveda Jr., Star #17266, while on-duty, traveled to the residence of a witness to investigate an off-duty incident. The incident involved the witness, who was the driver of a blue Chevrolet sedan, and Officer Peralta.

CPD brought allegations that Officers Peralta and Sepulveda failed to notify OEMC of their location, the circumstances of the investigation, and failed to activate their body worn camera (BWC). It was also alleged that Officer Peralta called Officer Ryan Luzin's, Star #17586, mother a "slob," improperly investigated an off-duty incident involving themselves, and while off-duty ran a license plate for unofficial investigatory purposes. Officer Peralta alleged that Officer Luzin called Officer Peralta's cellphone and threatened to batter them. Lastly, it was alleged that Sergeants Ryne Tobin, Star #2194, and Javier Alonso, Star #1717, failed to initiate a Log number on behalf of Officer Luzin's mother. BIA sustained the allegations against Officers Peralta, Luzin, Sepulveda, and Sergeant Alonso; the allegation against Sergeant Tobin was not sustained.

During its review, OIG identified that despite Officer Sepulveda's admission that they were present and observed Officer Peralta's improper conduct, BIA did not conduct an analysis of whether Officer Sepulveda violated Rule 22 that requires all CPD members to report misconduct. Further, BIA's investigative file did not contain a response from the Office of Public Safety Administration (OPSA) related to its request for information that may show Officer Luzin used CPD databases to obtain Officer Peralta's phone number.

OIG recommended that BIA reopen the investigation to consider all available evidence and conduct an analysis of whether the conduct at issue violated Rule 22 of CPD's Rules of Conduct and any other CPD directives.

In response to OIG's recommendations, BIA reopened its investigation. BIA determined that Officer Sepulveda violated Rule 22 by failing to report Officer Peralta's misconduct and recommended a 5-day suspension. BIA also included in its investigative file OPSA's response related to Officer Luzin's use of CPD databases to obtain Officer Peralta's phone number. The results did not reveal that Officer Luzin ran a name inquiry on Officer Peralta during the timeframe of the incident.

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 #2024-0003922

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 #2024-0003922. OIG recommends that BIA reopen the investigation to consider all available evidence and conduct an analysis of whether the conduct at issue violated Rule 22 of CPD's Rules of Conduct and other CPD directives. Log #2024-0003922 is currently in Command Channel Review.

Log #2024-0003922 concerns allegations that CPD Officer Juan Peralta, Star #3277, and Officer Enrique Sepulveda Jr., Star #17266, while on-duty, traveled to the residence of a witness to investigate an off-duty incident that occurred on May 7, 2024. The incident involved the witness, who was the driver of a blue Chevrolet sedan, and Officer Peralta. While at the witness's residence, it was alleged that Officers Peralta and Sepulveda failed to notify OEMC of their location and the circumstances of the investigation, and failed to activate their body worn camera (BWC). It was also alleged that Officer Peralta called Officer Ryan Luzin's, Star #17586, mother a "slob," investigated an off-duty incident involving themselves, and while off-duty ran a license plate for unofficial investigatory purposes.

It was further alleged that Officer Luzin called Officer Peralta on Officer Peralta's cellphone and threatened to batter them, and that Sergeants Ryne Tobin, Star #2194, and Javier Alonso, Star #1717, failed to initiate a Log number on behalf of Officer Luzin's mother. BIA sustained the allegations against Officers Peralta, Luzin, Sepulveda, and Sergeant Alonso; the allegation against Sergeant Tobin was not sustained.¹

¹ Attachment 33.

According to the Service Call Report for Event #2412802303, on May 7, 2024, at 6:54 a.m., Officer Peralta, while off-duty in their personal vehicle, called 911 to report that a blue Chevrolet sedan was driving recklessly-- in and out of traffic lanes.² Shortly after calling 911, Officer Peralta used a CPD-issued cellphone to run a LEADs inquiry of the vehicle's license plate and learned that the vehicle was registered to a woman.³

On that same day at approximately 11:45 p.m., Officer Peralta and Officer Sepulveda, while on-duty, drove to the address that Officer Peralta obtained from the LEADs inquiry of the vehicle to further investigate whether the vehicle was stolen.⁴ While at the residence of the vehicle's registered owner, Officer Peralta made contact with the witness who had been driving the vehicle earlier that day. The witness confirmed that their wife was the owner of the blue Chevrolet Impala, which was parked in front of their home.⁵ While Officers Peralta and Sepulveda questioned the witness, Officer Luzin's mother, who was a friend and landlord of the witness, stepped out of their home to ask that Officers Peralta and Sepulveda conduct their business elsewhere because they were too loud. As Officer Peralta and Officer Luzin's mother exchanged words, Officer Peralta called Officer Luzin's mother a "slob," at which point Officer Luzin's mother asked Officer Peralta for their name and Star number. Officer Peralta identified themselves and Officer Luzin's mother relayed that their son was also a CPD member. Officers Peralta and Sepulveda left the area.⁶ Officers Peralta and Sepulveda did not have their BWC activated throughout the entirety of the incident, and they never notified OEMC that they were at the location and interacted with the witness.

Shortly after leaving the residence, Officer Peralta received a phone call from an unrecognized number.⁷ Officer Peralta answered the call; Officer Luzin identified themselves and stated, "I'll beat your ass," then hung up before Officer Peralta could respond.⁸

That same night, on May 8, 2024, at 1:54 a.m., Sergeant Alonso responded to Officer Luzin's mother's home at their request for a supervisor. Officer Luzin's mother described the incident, including Officer Peralta calling them a "slob," the witness telling them that Officer Peralta came to the home to investigate a "road rage incident from earlier that morning," and that they told Officer Peralta their son is also a CPD member. Sergeant Alonso told Officer Luzin's mother that they were unaware of any officers in the area and that they were going to head back to the 9th District station to figure out who the officers were. Officer Luzin's mother told Sergeant Alonso, "I know who it is. It's Juan Peralta, if you know who that is... The driver was Sepulveda." Sergeant Alonso told Officer Luzin's mother, "There's another supervisor that was supposed to come here, he's going to the station, so I'll see what's going on."⁹

² Attachment 6; Attachment 7; The Event query does not indicate that Officer Peralta reported the vehicle as potentially stolen.

³ Attachment 7; Attachment 8.

⁴ Attachment 33; Attachment 4.

⁵ Attachment 33.

⁶ Attachment 16 at the 17:20 to 18:58 mark.

⁷ See attachment titled "image0 (1)"; Attachment 4.

⁸ Attachment 33; Officers Peralta and Sepulveda told BIA that Officer Peralta placed the call on speaker phone, which is how Officer Sepulveda heard Officer Luzin threaten Officer Peralta.

⁹ Attachment 9 at the 8:23 to 13:20; Attachment 33.

Neither Sergeant Alonso nor Sergeant Tobin initiated a Log number to document Officer Luzin's mother's complaint against Officer Peralta. In their statement to BIA, Sergeant Alonso told BIA that upon their arrival to the 9th District station, they spoke with Sergeant Tobin and Sergeant Tobin told them "Why the officers were there...it was some type of road rage" and that they would "handle all that," which Sergeant Alonso interpreted as Sergeant Tobin initiating a Log number.¹⁰ Conversely, during their BIA interview, Sergeant Tobin claimed that Sergeant Alonso spoke with Officer Luzin's mother and they related that "one of the officers called them a slob, but they didn't want to make a formal complaint on [Officer Peralta]...I never told [Sergeant Alonso] I was going to do a Log for them, especially because I didn't talk to [Officer Luzin's mother] and I wasn't the responding supervisor."¹¹

BIA interviewed Officer Peralta. Officer Peralta stated that on May 7, 2024, while off-duty, they called 911 to report that a blue Chevrolet sedan was driving recklessly. Officer Peralta stated that they believed the vehicle was stolen because the driver was "avoiding all traffic" and disregarding traffic lights.¹² The LEADs inquiry revealed that the vehicle was not reported stolen, however, Officer Peralta told BIA that they decided to conduct a "follow up" investigation because the driver was a man and the registered owner of the vehicle was a woman.¹³

In Officer Sepulveda's statement to BIA, they admitted that they and Officer Peralta drove to the witness's home, while on-duty in a marked patrol car and in full CPD uniform, without notifying OEMC and activating their BWC.¹⁴ Officer Sepulveda explained that Officer Peralta told them that the day prior, Officer Peralta called 911 to report a reckless driver. When pressed further, Officer Sepulveda told BIA that Officer Peralta related to them that the driver "cut [them] off in traffic or took [them] from the right side and then went onto the oncoming lane of traffic."¹⁵ When asked whether CPD members generally "follow up" on off-duty incidents they are involved in by initiating their own investigation, Officer Sepulveda responded, "No."¹⁶ BIA asked Officer Sepulveda whether they said anything to Officer Peralta when Officer Peralta explained why they were driving to the witness's home and Officer Sepulveda stated, "I don't recall."¹⁷ Officer Sepulveda told BIA that upon their arrival to the witness's home, Officer Peralta ran the vehicle's license plate before speaking with the witness to discuss what Officer Sepulveda described as "the road rage incident."¹⁸ BIA asked Officer Sepulveda, "When did [Officer Peralta] run the [witness'] plate? How did [Officer Peralta] come about the vehicle to run the plate? Did [Officer Peralta] have the plate from the night before from the road rage incident?" Officer Sepulveda told BIA that Officer Peralta "had the plate from the night before."¹⁹ As Officer Sepulveda describes the interaction between Officer Peralta and Officer Luzin's mother, they state, "[Officer Peralta] started getting upset and

¹⁰ Attachment 21 at the 6:12 to 7:05 mark.

¹¹ Attachment 22 at the 5:40 to 6:38 mark; Sergeant Tobin had no direct contact with Officer Luzin's mother regarding this incident.

¹² Attachment 16 at the 8:56 to 10:22 mark.

¹³ Attachment 16 at the 12:58 to 13:40 mark.

¹⁴ Attachment 14 at the 9:12 to 9:30 mark.

¹⁵ Attachment 14 at the 9:30 to 10:43 mark.

¹⁶ Attachment 14 at the 11:12 to 11:26 mark.

¹⁷ Attachment 14 at the 11:42 to 11:53 mark.

¹⁸ Attachment 14 at the 12:04 to 12:55 mark.

¹⁹ Attachment 14 at the 13:31 to 13:53 mark.

then I remember [they] looked at me and then [they're] like, [they] raised [their] voice a little bit and [they were] like, 'Oh [Officer Luzin's mother] is acting like a slob'." ²⁰

When BIA asked Officer Sepulveda whether Sergeant Tobin was notified of the incident that transpired between Officer Peralta, the witness, and Officer Luzin's mother prior to Officer Luzin making the phone threat, Officer Sepulveda stated that Officer Peralta told Sergeant Tobin about the "reckless driving incident," but Officer Sepulveda did not report any further information to Sergeant Tobin nor did they include it in the OCIR they generated. ²¹ BIA does not conduct any analysis of whether Officer Sepulveda violated Rule 22, which requires all CPD members to report misconduct, despite Officer Sepulveda's admission that they were present and observed Officer Peralta's improper conduct. ²²

During BIA's interview with Officer Luzin, Officer Luzin was asked how they obtained Officer Peralta's phone number and Officer Luzin stated, "I really don't remember that part." ²³ According to the PSA Action Request in the investigative file, BIA requested that the Office of Public Safety Administration (OPSA) conduct a "Log Scan," to determine whether Officer Luzin used any CPD databases to "run a name query" on Officer Peralta between May 6, 2024, and May 9, 2024. ²⁴ OPSA responded to the request with a Hot Desk Inquiry report that shows Officer Peralta requested information on Vehicle ID [license plate number omitted]. BIA's investigative file does not contain a response from OPSA related to Officer Luzin's use of CPD databases to obtain Officer Peralta's phone number. Therefore, it is unclear whether Officer Luzin potentially violated CPD General Order G09-01-01 "Access to Computerized Data, Dissemination and Retention of Computer Data." ²⁵

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 the investigation to consider whether Officer Sepulveda violated CPD's Rule 22 when they failed to report Officer Peralta for investigating an off-duty incident involving themselves, calling Officer Luzin's mother a "slob," failing to notify OEMC of their location and the circumstances of the investigation, failing to activate their BWC, and while off-duty running a license plate for unofficial investigatory purposes, and to determine whether Officer Luzin used department equipment to obtain Officer Peralta's personal phone number in violation of General Order G09-01-01.

²⁰ Attachment 14 at the 17:52 to 18:06 mark.

²¹ Attachment 14 at the 22:22 to 23:21 mark; Attachment 6.

²² Chicago Police Department, "Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department," April 16, 2015, accessed May 5, 2025, <https://directives.chicagopolice.org/#directive/public/6412>.

²³ Attachment 18 at the 8:38 to 8:43 mark.

²⁴ Attachment 8.

²⁵ Attachment 33; Chicago Police Department, "General Order G09-01-01 Access to Computerized Data, Dissemination and Retention of Computer Data," February 3, 2012, accessed May 7, 2025, <https://directives.chicagopolice.org/#directive/public/6777>.

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Respectfully,



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Appendix B | Department Response

Recommendation to Reopen Log #2024-0003922 (In CCR)

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BIA as reopened Log Number 2024-0003922 based upon the attached recommendation.

Thank you,

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Dear Deputy Director Moore:

On behalf of Deputy Inspector General Tobar Richardson, please find attached to this email a recommendation to reopen Log #2024-0003922. Log #2024-0003922 is currently in command channel review. Please acknowledge your receipt of this correspondence and let me know if you have any questions.

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