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Recommendation to Reopen Chicago Police Department Disciplinary Investigation

CPD Log #2025-0001116

OIG Case #C2026-0000000081

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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.¹

BIA investigated allegations that CPD Officers Fabian Arreola, Star #13343, Manuel Figueroa, Star #18366, Ali Ahmed, Star #11243, and Jesus Valencia, Star #11253, were involved in an unauthorized vehicle pursuit. BIA sustained allegations against Officers Arreola, Ahmed, Valencia and Figueroa for participating in an unauthorized vehicle pursuit and for neglect of duty. BIA recommended a five-day suspension for Officers Arreola, Ahmed, and Valencia, and a 25-day suspension for Officer Figueroa.

During its review, on Officer Arreola's body worn camera (BWC) video, OIG observed Officer Arreola point their firearm at the offender before placing the offender in handcuffs. BIA did not bring allegations against Officer Arreola for failing to make the appropriate notifications consistent with the procedures outlined in S03-22 – Firearm Pointing Incidents.

OIG recommended that BIA reopen the investigation to address whether Officer Arreola made the appropriate notifications consistent with the procedures outlined in S03-22 – Firearm Pointing Incidents.

In response to OIG's recommendations, BIA reopened the investigation and in the Supplemental Closing Report noted that at the 2:14 mark of Officer Areola's BWC, the firearm pointing incident occurs. At the 13:30 mark of Officer Arreola's BWC, Officer Arreola contacted OEMC via radio and stated, "Put me down for a pointing incident."

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

¹ 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.

Appendix A | OIG Letter



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Via Electronic Mail

April 7, 2026

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Re: Log #2025-0001116

Dear Chief 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 #2025-0001116. OIG recommends that the investigation be reopened to consider all available evidence and conduct an analysis of all potential violations. Log #2025-0001116 is currently in a Command Channel Review status.

Log #2025-0001116 concerns allegations that CPD Officers Fabian Arreola, Star #13343, Manuel Figueroa, Star #18366, Ali Ahmed, Star #11243, and Jesus Valencia, Star #11253, were involved in an unauthorized vehicle pursuit. BIA sustained allegations against Officers Arreola, Ahmed, and Valencia and Figueroa for participating in an unauthorized vehicle pursuit and for neglect of duty. BIA recommended a five-day suspension for Officers Arreola, Ahmed, and Valencia, and a 25-day suspension for Figueroa.

According to the complaint submitted by Sergeant David Moore, Star #1191, Officers Figueroa and Arreola were involved in an unauthorized vehicle pursuit where the offending vehicle struck at least two vehicles in traffic, potentially violating General Order G03-03-01 – Emergency Vehicle Operations – Eluding and Pursuing.¹

The Original Case Incident Report states that the reporting officers observed the offending vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign. After attempting to curb the offending vehicle, the vehicle fled. The officers initiated a vehicle pursuit and observed the offending vehicle hit a side mirror of a vehicle stopped in traffic. The offending vehicle came to a stop and "began to attempt to wedge in between two vehicles" causing minor damage. Officer Figueroa "quickly exited the vehicle and attempted to

¹ Attachment 4.

disabled [sic] the vehicle by puncturing the rear driverside [sic] tire in an attempt to prevent further escape.”² The offending vehicle fled, and officers lost visual of the vehicle. It is noted in the Traffic Pursuit Report that Officers never notified the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) of the pursuit, and “self-terminated” after losing sight of the vehicle.³

The Original Case Incident Report states that assisting Officers Ali Ahmed, Star #11243, and Jesus Valencia, Star #11253, who were assigned to Beat #761C, “observed the vehicle in the lot” and “further observed the [offender] exited [sic] the driver seat and retrieve two firearms from within the vehicle and proceed [sic] to flee” with “both guns” in hand. Officers Ahmed and Valencia “notified 761A⁴ of the location of the offenders and relocated to where they were observed fleeing.” Officers Arreola and Figueroa, “observed Beat 620A⁵ detained [sic] the co arrestee,” and announced that the other offender fled towards the rear of the building and was armed. Officers Arreola and Figueroa relocated to the back of the building and “observed [the offender] toss two firearms onto the roof.”⁶

Officer Arreola’s body worn camera (BWC) video, at the 2:14 mark, shows Officer Arreola point their firearm at the offender stating, “Get your ass on the ground. Get your ass on the ground, motherfucker. Get on the ground. Now. Get your ass on the ground before I shoot you.” The offender is seen throwing an object onto the roof of the building. The offender is placed into handcuffs by Officers Arreola and Figueroa.⁷ Officer Figueroa’s BWC video, at the 2:06 mark, shows Officer Arreola pointing their firearm at the offender before placing the offender into handcuffs.⁸

BIA did not bring allegations against Officer Arreola for failing to make the appropriate notifications consistent with the procedures outlined in S03-22 – Firearm Pointing Incidents. It is unclear whether Officer Arreola documented the firearm pointing incident as required by the directive.

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 determine if Officer Arreola violated S03-22 – Firearm Pointing Incidents and any other Department rules and directives.

² Attachment 8.

³ Attachment 6.

⁴ Officers Figueroa and Arreola were assigned to Beat #761A.

⁵ The Original Case Incident Report does not identify the officers assigned to Beat #620A.

⁶ Attachment 8.

⁷ Attachment 16.

⁸ Attachment 15.

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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Appendix B | Department Response



Re: Recommendation to Reopen Log #2025-000116 (In CCR)

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Good afternoon,

On behalf of Chief Timothy Moore, Log Number 2025-0001116 has been reopened for additional investigation.

Thank you,

Sgt. Connie Flores

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Subject: Recommendation to Reopen Log #2025-000116 (In CCR)

Dear Deputy Director Moore:

On behalf of Deputy Inspector General Tobar Richardson, please find attached to this email a recommendation to reopen Log #2025-000116. Log #2025-000116 is currently in CCR. Please acknowledge your receipt of this correspondence and let me know if you have any questions.

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