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Recommendation to Reopen Chicago Police Department Disciplinary Investigation

CPD Log #2024-0007686

OIG Case #C2026-0000000125

September 30, 2026

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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 recommend reopening an investigation to address a deficiency materially affecting its outcome.¹

COPA investigated allegations related to an unjustified traffic stop and subsequent arrest. COPA sustained allegations against Officers Juan Pintor, Jr., Star #6255, and Pedro Venegas, Star #9624, for conducting an unjustified traffic stop. However, OIG identified that body worn camera (BWC) footage shows Officers Pintor and Venegas acted as the assisting officers and did not initiate the stop.

OIG recommended that COPA reopen the investigation to fully account for the BWC footage showing that Officers Pintor, Jr., and Venegas did not conduct the traffic stop.

In response to OIG's recommendation, COPA declined to reopen the investigation but agreed with OIG that its sustained findings against Officers Pintor, Jr., and Venegas were incorrect. COPA corrected the sustained findings to unfounded in a supplemental report, resulting in no discipline recommendations for Officers Pintor, Jr., and Venegas.

OIG's letter to COPA containing its recommendations is attached as Appendix A. COPA's response is attached as 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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April 21, 2026

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Re: Log #2024-0007686

Dear Chief Administrator White:

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 Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) in Log #2024-0007686. OIG recommends that COPA reopen the investigation to fully account for all available evidence. Log #2024-0007686 is currently in a Command Channel Review status.

Log # 2024-0007686 concerns allegations against Chicago Police Department (CPD) Officers Antonio Ramirez, Star #19116, Juan Pintor, Jr., Star #6255, Pedro Venegas, Star #9624, and Shahrukh Ali, Star #14112, related to a traffic stop conducted on October 9, 2024. The allegations and COPA's findings against each officer were as follows:

Officers Shahrukh Ali and Antonio Ramirez:

1. Conducted a traffic stop on the complainant, without justification
Sustained, Violation of Rules 2, 3, and 6
2. Searched the complainant's vehicle, without justification
Not Sustained
3. Arrested the complainant, without justification
Not Sustained
4. Caused injury to the complainant's wrist through excessive tightening of their handcuffs
Not Sustained

Officers Juan Pintor Jr. and Pedro Venegas:

1. Conducted a traffic stop on the complainant, without justification
Sustained, Violation of Rules 2, 3, and 6

2. Searched the complainant's vehicle, without justification
Unfounded
3. Arrested the complainant, without justification
Not Sustained
4. Caused injury to the complainant's wrist through excessive tightening of their handcuffs
Not Sustained

For the sustained finding of conducting a traffic stop on the complainant without justification, COPA recommended a one to 10-day suspension for Officer Pintor, Jr. and Reprimands for Officers Ramirez, Venegas, and Ali. COPA also recommended retraining on CPD's Investigatory Stop policy for Officers Pintor Jr., Ramirez, Venegas, and Ali.

The Original Case Incident Report (OCIR), recorded under RD# JH461253, reported that Officers Ali and Ramirez observed the complainant walking towards a vehicle "with [their] left arm tucked close to [their] body bracing [their] front waist area and looked into R/O's [Reporting Officers] direction and quickly entered into the vehicle through the driver door."¹ The OCIR reported that Officers Ali and Ramirez "through experience had prior knowledge of such actions being consistent with a person concealing a firearm."² Officers Ali and Ramirez pulled directly in front of the vehicle the complainant entered and "observed [the complainant] who was seated in the driver seat and the sole occupant of the vehicle look into R/O's direction and begin to slightly lower [their] head towards the steering wheel."³

The body worn camera (BWC) footage of Officer Ramirez shows Officer Ramirez approach the passenger side of the complainant's vehicle and ask the complainant if they have a concealed carry license (CCL).⁴ At the 2:11 – 2:30 timestamp of Officer Ali's BWC footage, Officer Ali approaches the driver's side of the complainant's vehicle as the complainant repeatedly questions officers about probable cause and the reason for the stop. Officer Ramirez tells the complainant, "We're trying to investigate if you have concealed carry or not." While the complainant continues to question the officers, Officer Ramirez orders the complainant out of their vehicle.⁵ The complainant asks why they are being ordered out of their vehicle and requests a supervisor on scene.⁶ At the 2:35 – 2:41 timestamp of Officer Ramirez's BWC footage, Officer Ramirez tells the complainant that they will be arrested for obstruction if they do not exit their vehicle. The complainant again asks for a supervisor and Officer Ramirez requests a supervisor be dispatched through their police radio.⁷ As Officers Ali and Ramirez wait for a supervisor to arrive on scene, Officers Pintor, Jr. and Venegas arrive on scene in a separate CPD vehicle at the 4:50 – 5:15 timestamp of Officer Ramirez's BWC footage.⁸

At the 11:20 – 11:40 timestamp of Officer Ali's BWC footage, Sergeant Adrian Vivanco, Star #1769, arrives on scene and speaks with Officer Ali regarding the traffic stop. Sergeant Vivanco then

¹ Attachment 2, p. 2.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Attachment 6, at 1:48 – 2:02.

⁵ Attachment 9, at 2:30 – 2:39.

⁶ Ibid., at 2:40 – 2:57.

⁷ Attachment 6, at 2:44 – 3:03.

⁸ Attachment 6.

speaks with the complainant, who hands over their identification card and states they don't have anything. As Sergeant Vivanco unlocks the complainant's driver's side door and opens the driver's door, Sergeant Vivanco tells the complainant, "Why don't you do this, step out real quick so we can talk."⁹ Before the complainant is removed from their vehicle, Sergeant Vivanco conducts a protective pat down on the complainant's waist while they are sitting in the driver's seat.¹⁰ After the complainant is detained, Sergeant Vivanco tells the complainant they are placed in custody and will be transported for processing.¹¹

The complainant's Arrest Report, recorded under CB #30399008, listed seven charges for the complainant following the incident: Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer, Firefighter, or Correctional Institution Employee; Failure to Carry/Display a Driver's License; Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Broken or Cracked Glass Exceeding Six Inches; Parallel Parking Obstruction of Traffic; No Valid Registration; and Failure to Properly Display a Vehicle City Sticker.¹² The complainant's Arrest Report reported the Arresting Officers as Officers Ali and Ramirez, working Beat 4166E at the time of the incident, and Officers Pintor, Jr. and Venegas reported as Assisting Arresting Officers, working Beat 4166D at the time of the incident.¹³

In their statement to COPA, Officer Venegas stated they were on scene as an assisting officer and was not a primary officer of the traffic stop.¹⁴ Officer Venegas also told COPA that Officers Ali and Ramirez were the primary officers that initiated the traffic stop of the complainant and neither Officer Ali nor Ramirez explained to Officer Venegas the reason for the traffic stop.¹⁵

In their statement to COPA, Officer Pintor, Jr. stated they showed up on scene "to assist another unit on their traffic stop."¹⁶ In their statement, Officer Pintor, Jr. confirmed that they were not one of the primary officers of the traffic stop and was not aware of the original reason for the stop.¹⁷ The related BWC footage confirms the accounts of Officer Venegas and Officer Pintor, Jr. as arriving on scene after the initiation of the traffic stop.

Despite the BWC footage showing Officers Pintor, Jr. and Venegas arrive on scene after the initiation of the traffic stop, and Officers Venegas' and Pintor, Jr.'s statements to COPA that they were assisting officers, COPA sustained the allegation that Officers Venegas and Pintor, Jr., conducted a traffic stop of the complainant without justification.

Based on OIG's preliminary review, and without taking any position on any other aspect of the investigation or its findings, OIG recommends that COPA reopen the investigation to fully account for all available evidence, specifically Officer Ramirez's BWC footage showing the initiation of the traffic stop conducted by Officers Ramirez and Ali and the later arrival of Officers Pintor, Jr. and Venegas.

⁹ Attachment 9, at 13:09 – 13:15.

¹⁰ Ibid., at 13:16 – 13:40.

¹¹ Ibid., at 14:23 – 14:30.

¹² Attachment 1, p. 1.

¹³ Ibid., p. 3 - 5.

¹⁴ Attachment 16, p. 7.

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ Attachment 13, p. 6.

¹⁷ Ibid., at p. 8, 16.

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 COPA's response and recommends that COPA incorporate this letter and its response into the electronic case file to provide for a complete record.

Respectfully,



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Office of Inspector General

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Appendix B | Department Response



RE: Recommendation to Reopen Log #2024-0007687 (In CCR)

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Good morning, COPA does not agree to reopen this log at this time because doing so would jeopardize its findings with respect to Officers Ali and Ramirez (as the 18-month deadline has passed). However, COPA agrees its findings with respect to Officers Pintor, Jr. and Venegas are incorrect. COPA will correct those findings through a supplemental report to be uploaded at the conclusion of/or in connection with the non-concurrence process. Please let me know of any questions.

Best,

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Dear Chief Administrator White:

On behalf of Deputy Inspector General Tobar Richardson, please find attached to this email a recommendation to reopen Log #2024-0007686. Log #2024-0007686 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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