

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER CHARLIE G. WHITE) Case No. 01-2449
STAR NO. 4697, CR# 259856)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

On March 13, 2001, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago against Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent"), for violating the following rules:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance.

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.

Rule 4: Any conduct or action taken to use the official position for personal gain or influence.

Rule 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

The Police Board of the City of Chicago investigated these charges and caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, to be had before Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on November 9, 2001, and December 13, 2001.

Following the hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the certified transcription of the proceedings of the hearing. Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer, made an oral report and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered a decision.

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, as a result of its investigation of the charges, found and determined that:

1. The Respondent was at all times employed as a police officer by the Department of Police of the City of Chicago.

2. The charges were filed in writing and a Notice, stating the time, date and place, when and where a hearing of the charges was to be held, together with a copy of the original charges, was served upon the Respondent more than five (5) days prior to the hearing on the charges.

3. The hearing was conducted before Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on November 9, 2001, and December 13, 2001.

4. Throughout the hearing, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, was represented by counsel.

5. The Respondent Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, charged herein, contrary to the Rules and Regulations, is **guilty** of violating to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance, in that:

Count I: In or about November 1999 through February 2000, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, committed the offense of telephone harassment in that he harassed Theresa Rotondo by telephone by calling her residence numerous times, thereby violating 720 ILCS 135/1-1(2).

Count IV: On or about February 7, 2000, at approximately 1020 hours at 4047 N. Albany Ave., Chicago, Illinois, while off duty, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, committed the offense of criminal trespass to residence, in that he entered the residence of Theresa Rotondo without her permission, thereby violating 720 ILCS 5/19-4.

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department, in that:

Count I: In or about November 1999 through February 2000, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, harassed Theresa Rotondo by telephone by calling her residence numerous times, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count IV: On or about February 7, 2000, at approximately 1020 hours at 4047 N. Albany Ave., Chicago, Illinois, while off duty, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, entered the residence of Theresa Rotondo without her permission, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

By reason of the findings of fact, the Respondent is **guilty** of violating Counts I and IV of Rule 1, and Counts I and IV of Rule 2.

6. The Respondent Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, charged herein, contrary to the Rules and Regulations, is **not guilty** of violating to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance, in that the Superintendent did not sustain his burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that:

Count II: On or about January 25, 2000, at approximately 1220 hours at 4047 N. Albany Ave., Chicago, Illinois, while off duty, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, committed the offense of criminal trespass to residence, in that he entered the residence of Theresa Rotondo without her permission, thereby violating 720 ILCS 5/19-4.

Count III: On or about January 25, 2000, at approximately 1220 hours at 4047 N. Albany Ave., Chicago, Illinois, while off duty, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, committed the offense of public indecency, in that at the residence of Theresa Rotondo, he exposed his penis to Theresa Rotondo, thereby violating 720 ILCS 5/11-9.

Count V: On or about February 7, 2000, at approximately 1020 hours at 4047 N. Albany Ave., Chicago, Illinois, while off duty, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, committed the offense of criminal damage to property, in that he damaged the first floor rear lock and back alley gate while gaining entry to said property, thereby violating 720 ILCS 5/21-1(a).

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department, in that the Superintendent did not sustain his burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that:

Count II: On or about January 25, 2000, at approximately 1220 hours at 4047 N. Albany Ave., Chicago, Illinois, while off duty, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, entered the residence of Theresa Rotondo without her permission, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count III: On or about January 25, 2000, at approximately 1220 hours at 4047 N. Albany Ave., Chicago, Illinois, while off duty and at the residence of Theresa Rotondo, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, exposed his penis to Theresa Rotondo and grabbed Theresa Rotondo by her waist and began to hump her buttocks, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count V: On or about February 7, 2000, at approximately 1020 hours at 4047 N. Albany Ave., Chicago,

Illinois, while off duty, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, damaged the first floor rear lock and back alley gate while gaining entry to said property, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Rule 4: Any conduct or action taken to use the official position for personal gain or influence, in that the Superintendent did not sustain his burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that:

Count I: On or about November 13, 1999, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, used his official position as a police officer when he obtained personal information of Theresa Rotondo for his own personal use, thereby using the official position for personal gain or influence.

Count II: On or about January 8, 2000, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star No. 4697, used his official position as a police officer when he stopped Theresa Rotondo for an alleged traffic violation and reminded Theresa Rotondo that she owed him a drink for taking a traffic report, thereby using his official position for personal gain or influence.

Rule 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty, in that the Superintendent did not sustain his burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that:

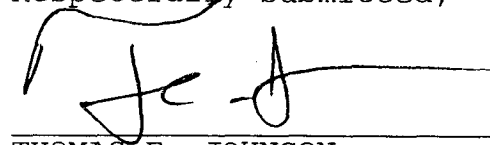
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By reason of the findings of fact, the Respondent is **not guilty** of violating Counts II, III and V of Rule 1, Counts II, III and V of Rule 2, and Rules 4 and 8.

Respectfully submitted,

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THOMAS E. JOHNSON
Hearing Officer

D E C I S I O N

The members of the Police Board, having read and reviewed the certified copy of the transcription of the hearing, having received the oral report of the Hearing Officer, Thomas A. Johnson, and having conferred with the Hearing Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopt all findings herein and, in reaching its decision as to the penalty imposed, the Board has taken into account not only the facts of this case but also the respondent's complimentary and disciplinary history, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the respondent, Police Officer Charlie G. White, Star # 4697, as a result of having been found guilty of the charges in Police Board Case 01-2449, is hereby suspended from his position as a Police Officer, and from the services of the City of Chicago, from March 15, 2001, to and including February 8, 2002.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 31ST
DAY OF JANUARY, 2002.

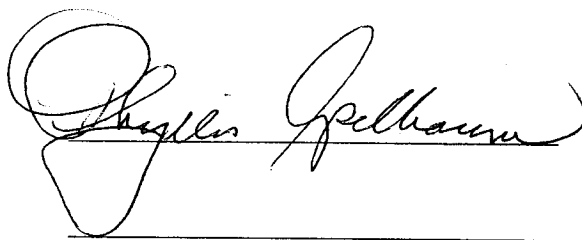
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Executive Director - Police Board

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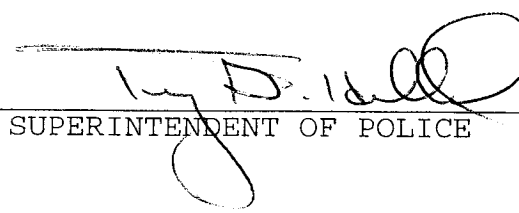
The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from the decision of the majority of the Board.



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THIS 4 DAY OF Feb., 2002



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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

Friday, September 22, 2000

INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
RECORDS SECTION

TO:

~~COMMANDING OFFICER OF UNIT 121~~

FROM:

RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

SUBJECT:

PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF:

WHITE	CHARLIE	4697	017
NAME	(LAST, FIRST, M.I.)	STAR	UNIT
M	B		
SEX	RACE	S.S.N.	

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REFERENCE:

COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER(S)

THE PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF THE SUBJECT ACCUSED HAS BEEN REQUESTED IN YOUR NAME BY:

SGT. GROSS

4696

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RANK	NAME	STAR	S.S.N.	UNIT
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RELATIVE TO A SUSTAINED FINDING IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER.

THE RECORDS SECTION, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, DISCLOSES THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTION(S) ADMINISTERED TO THE SUBJECT ACCUSED, FOR THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS.

VERIFIED/PREPARED BY:

SEE ATTACHED

P.O. ROBERT PAXTON

FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER
RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

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PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY ACTION SUMMARY

FUNCTION

NO MORE CLOSED - SUSTAINED CR'S (PAST 5 YEARS) OR SP'S (PAST 1 YEAR)

SSN [REDACTED] NAME: LAST WHITE

FIRST CHARLIE MI G

STAR 04697

UNIT 017 EMP NO 860730 SEX M RACE N DOB 16 JAN 57 DATE APPTD 17 NOV 86

R/ 9161 POLICE OFFICER

CASE NO	INCIDENT DATE	DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN	DATES SUSPENDED OR WORKED (FROM - TO)	OPTN/TD GRNT'D
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RECEIVED FOR USE IN CR #

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C. R.

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POLICE MEDAL	/	/	/	/	/	0
SUPT AWARD VALOR	/	/	/	/	/	0
SUPT AWARD MERIT	/	/	/	/	/	0
POLICE BLUE STAR	/	/	/	/	/	0
OFFICER OF THE MONTH	/	/	/	/	/	0
UNIT MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE	/	/	/	/	/	0
LAMBERT TREE	/	/	/	/	/	0
CARTER HARRISON	/	/	/	/	/	0
WGN AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	0
HONORED POLICE STAR	/	/	/	/	/	0
LIFE SAVING AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	0
HUNDRED CLUB MEDAL OF VALOR	/	/	/	/	/	0
FITNESS AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	0
APPEARANCE AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	0

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OTHER AWARDS									

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