

CHARGES

Police Officer Yvonne P. Danzy-Cooper, Star #14975, is charged with violating the following rules contained in Article V of the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department, which were in full force and effect on the date of the alleged violations:

- 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.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Police Officer Yvonne P. Danzy-Cooper, Star #14975, is charged with violating Rule 1, "Violation of any law or ordinance," in one or more of the following circumstances:

- Count I: On or about June 24, 2004, at or near 727 East 111th Street, Cook County Circuit Court Branch 38, Police Officer Yvonne P. Danzy-Cooper, while off duty, committed the offense of Official Misconduct, in that as a public employee and in her official capacity, she knowingly performed an act which she knew she was forbidden by law to perform, in that she committed the offense of Obstructing Justice, to wit: she falsely represented to Assistant State's Attorney Bronwyn Sears that she was the arresting officer on Pierre Cooper's case, in order to obtain possession of the Cook County State's Attorney's court file related to a charge against Mr. Cooper for retail theft, and/or she obtained control over Pierre Cooper's court file under false pretenses, and/or she removed Mr. Cooper's hand-written statement from the court file that she obtained from Assistant State's Attorney Bronwyn Sears, in violation of Chapter 720 ILCS 5/33-3(b).
- Count II: On or about June 24, 2004, at or near 727 East 111th Street, Cook County Circuit Court Branch 38, Police Officer Yvonne P. Danzy-Cooper, while off duty, committed the offense of Official Misconduct, in that as a public employee, in her official capacity and with an intent to obtain a personal advantage for herself or another, she performed an act in excess of her lawful authority, to wit: she falsely represented to Assistant State's Attorney Bronwyn Sears that she was the arresting officer on Pierre Cooper's case, in order to obtain possession of the Cook County State's Attorney's court file related to a charge against Mr. Cooper for retail theft, in violation of Chapter 720 ILCS 5/33-3(c).
- Count III: On or about June 24, 2004, at or near 727 East 111th Street, Cook County Circuit Court Branch 38, Police Officer Yvonne P. Danzy-Cooper, while off duty, committed the offense of Obstructing Justice, in that with an intent to obstruct the prosecution of Pierre Cooper for the offense of retail

theft, she knowingly furnished false information, to wit: she falsely represented to Assistant State's Attorney Bronwyn Sears that she was the arresting officer on Pierre Cooper's case, in order to obtain possession of the Cook County State's Attorney's court file related to a charge against Mr. Cooper for retail theft, and thereafter obtained control over the court file, in violation of Chapter 720 ILCS 5/31-4(a).

Count IV: On or about June 24, 2004, at or near 727 East 111th Street, Cook County Circuit Court Branch 38, Police Officer Yvonne P. Danzy-Cooper, while off duty, committed the offense of Obstructing Justice, in that with an intent to obstruct the prosecution of Pierre Cooper for the offense of retail theft, she knowingly concealed and/or disguised physical evidence, to wit: after obtaining possession of Pierre Cooper's court file under false pretenses, she removed Mr. Cooper's hand-written statement from the court file that she obtained from Assistant State's Attorney Bronwyn Sears and then returned the file without Mr. Cooper's hand-written statement, in violation of Chapter 720 ILCS 5/31-4(a).

2. Police Officer Yvonne P. Danzy-Cooper, Star #14975, is charged with violating 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 one or more of the following circumstances:

Count I: On or about June 24, 2004, at or near 727 East 111th Street, Cook County Circuit Court Branch 38, Police Officer Yvonne P. Danzy-Cooper, while off duty, falsely represented to Assistant State's Attorney Bronwyn Sears that she was the arresting officer on Pierre Cooper's case.

Count II: On or about June 24, 2004, at or near 727 East 111th Street, Cook County Circuit Court Branch 38, Police Officer Yvonne P. Danzy-Cooper, while off duty, obtained control over the Cook County State's Attorney's court file related to a charge against Pierre Cooper for retail theft, under false pretenses, and thereafter left the court room with the file.

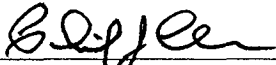
Count III: On or about June 24, 2004, at or near 727 East 111th Street, Cook County Circuit Court Branch 38, Police Officer Yvonne P. Danzy-Cooper, while off duty, obtained control over the Cook County State's Attorney's court file related to a charge against Pierre Cooper for retail theft, and later returned the file without the hand-written statement of Pierre Cooper, which the file contained when she obtained it from Assistant State's Attorney Bronwyn Sears.

3. Police Officer Yvonne P. Danzy-Cooper, Star #14975, is charged with violating Rule 4, "Any conduct or action taken to use the official position for personal gain or influence," in the following instance:

On or about June 24, 2004, at or near 727 East 111th Street, Cook County Circuit Court Branch 38, Police Officer Yvonne P. Danzy-Cooper, while off duty, appeared in her Chicago Police Department

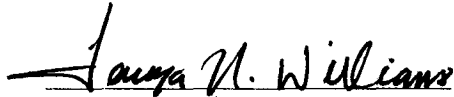
uniform, and falsely represented to Assistant State's Attorney Bronwyn Sears, that she was the arresting officer on Pierre Cooper's case, in order to obtain possession of the Cook County State's Attorney's court file related to a charge against Pierre Cooper for retail theft, and/or she obtained control over Pierre Cooper's court file and/or she removed Mr. Cooper's hand-written statement from the court file.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Yvonne P. Danzy-Cooper, Star #14975, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



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APPROVED AS TO FORM



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